



## PRINCIPAL REPORT

With the cold weather starting we are noticing a few more student absences relating to colds and flu. We ask that parents keep students who have symptoms at home to minimise the spread. At school we will be reminding students about hand hygiene, coughing into their elbows and minimising contact with each other.

In line with the COVIDSafe guidelines the school will continue to provide Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits for students for the remainder of term two. We ask that students test on Mondays and Thursdays and contact the school if your child receives a positive test. Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. It is required that household contacts undertake daily rapid antigen testing five times within the seven days of exposure.

Students from Year 3 and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school. This does not apply to students who have a valid exemption.

This week is National Volunteers Week. We would like to thank all our parents and community members that assist through volunteering their time to support our students and classes... You help make our school the collaborative community that it is! If you are interested in helping out, there are many areas of the school that you can assist - School Council, Parents Association, in the classroom and on excursions or camps. Please contact your child's teacher about ways you can get involved.

National Sorry Day is tomorrow (26 May), and National Reconciliation week begins on 27 May – 3 June. This is a chance for all schools to reflect on and learn about our shared histories in Australia.

This year's theme is 'Be Brave. Make Change.' The theme challenges us all to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation for the benefit of all Australians.

To do this, Reconciliation Australia is asking everyone to make change, beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work and socialise. Classes will be discussing and completing activities to support these significant events. Further information can be located at: <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 5 students who completed the NAPLAN testing over the past few weeks. Results will be forwarded to families later in the year.

Congratulations to all that participated at the school athletics day. From all accounts it was a fantastic day. We thank Stef Modesti and the F-2 team leaders Jenny Clark and Mae Risson for their leadership and organisation. Thanks also to the amazing teachers and hardworking parents who assisted on the day. Congratulations to the winning house - Banks and the individual house champions. Well done to the 36 students who attended the district cross country event yesterday. Good luck to Hannah, Avery, Harry and Grace who have qualified for divisional cross country later this term.

All our students participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> National Simultaneous Storytime this morning, where over one million students from schools around Australia and New Zealand all read the same book together.

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### 2022 Term Dates:

Term 2 - 27th Apr to 24th Jun

Term 3 - 11th Jul to 16th Sep

Term 4 - 3rd Oct to 20th Dec

### Dates to Note:

#### May

25th - School Council Meeting

29th - Working Bee

#### June

13th - Queen's Birthday Holiday

17th - School Disco

22nd - School Council Meeting

23rd - Reports available via Compass

24th - End of Term 2 - 2:20pm dismissal

#### July

11th - Student Free Curriculum Day

#### August

14th - Working Bee

15th-19th - Year 5/6 Camp

17th-19th - Year 3/4 Camp

#### November

14th - Student Free Curriculum Day

### Parent's Association Meetings

2022 - 9th June

- 11th August

Access the latest school newsletter through the Compass Newsfeed or through the School Website at: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>

## PRINCIPAL REPORT (Continued)

This year's book is 'Family Tree' written by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh. You can hear Gabrielle Wang, Australian Children's Laureate read Family Tree for NSS 2022 [here](#).



Don't forget today is the last day to order for the Pie Drive. Purchase details can be found via the Compass Newsfeed.

### Working Bee

Our next working bee will be held at school this Sunday 29th May at 10am. The job list is growing, and we would love to see you there to assist with ensuring our school grounds are in great condition. If available, parents attending are encouraged to bring garden utensils and a wheelbarrow labelled with your family name. Alternatively, families can opt to contribute to the Working Bee Levy (\$50 per family) by contacting the office.

### Birthday celebrations

At MPPS we believe in celebrating students as individuals, and this may or may not include the acknowledgement of birthdays. With our COVID Safe restrictions easing classes may choose to acknowledge this in their own way, such as singing happy birthday or wearing a birthday badge/hat in the early years. At times, parents may also wish to provide a special treat for their child's class on this day.

If you choose to send birthday 'treats' for your child's class, we ask parents to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please discuss this with the class teacher BEFORE the birthday.
- Bring the items to your child's classroom before 9:00am, to be left with the teacher to hand out at a time of their choosing. This may vary depending on the classes learning time and most convenient time for the class on that day.
- Please provide only small, individually portioned items (e.g. cupcakes, Freddo Frog)
- No nut or nut products (as we are a 'nut aware' school).
- If home-made please include a list of ingredients.

We appreciate your support with this.

Many thanks,

Matthew Bott  
Principal



# THE ARTS NEWS

## Mini Steam Punk Sculptures on display!

Please take a look at a selection of the steam punk sculptures year 5/6 students made in term one.

You can find this display outside the 5/6 area.

Students explored texture using a variety of recycled materials. Then they painted them and applied metallic paint to accentuate the details in the artworks.

They look fantastic! Students are currently working on robot sculptures in the same steam punk style.



# SPORTS NEWS

## House Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the house athletics event. It was a great day where students demonstrated our school values and sportsmanship. Our house captains and house vice captains did a great job organising the teams and getting them ready for each event. It was great to see students volunteer for different events and step up for the team. Thanks to all the staff for their help on the day along with a big thank you to all of our parent helpers for helping make the day a success.

## Winter Sports

Good luck to students who are playing in the first round of Winter sports on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Parents are welcome to come and support the students play. Spectators at school games need to adhere to the schools COVID safe protocols. Round 6 MPPS have a bye and will be practicing their skills back at school.

### Round 5

**Away Game - St Vincent's PS Vs MPPS**

**Time: 1:30**

**Venue:**

**Soccer** - Aberfeldie Park (East Oval - Soccer pitch)

**Netball** - St Vincent's PS

**AFL** - Aberfeldie Park (West Oval - Soccer pitch)

**T-Ball** - Aberfeldie Park



### Moonee Valley Football Club - Scholarship for AFL Community Football

We are one of your local football clubs based at Ormond Park – Moonee Ponds. Please contact Brad Young – Junior President MVFC 0407 196 808 or email Stef Modesti on stefanie-marie.modesti@education.vic.gov.au for more information.



**COME & TRY!**  
**UNDER 10's BOYS FOOTY**



**WHEN:** Wednesday's 5.30pm-6.30pm and Friday's 5pm-6pm

**WHERE:** Moonee Valley Football Club, Ormond Park Oval  
Corner Ormond Rd & Pattison St, Moonee Ponds (see map)

**WIN PRIZES**

**1ST PRIZE** 1x Free Membership  
**2ND PRIZE** Club Uniform Package



For more information call: Under 8's: Paul 0424 980 072. Under 10's: Clint on 0400 180 809 or Tom on 0407 269 065

## District Cross Country

Congratulations to those students who represented our school at District Cross Country on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks to Candice Ryan and Steph Thompson for attending with the students.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school and district at the Divisional Cross Country later this term: Hannah Ristig, Avery Hutchison, Harry Keenan and Grace Salter.

## National Walk to School Day

Congratulations to all of those students who walked to school or walked part of the way on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The class with the most active walkers was 3/4 A. Congratulations!



# SPORTS NEWS

## Athletics Champions 2022



Category	House
Prep, 1/2	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Lawson
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Macarthur and Banks
Age Group 8/9/10	<b>Winners</b> - Chisholm
	4 <sup>th</sup> - Macarthur
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Chisholm 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Lawson
Age Group 11/12/13	<b>Winners</b> - Banks
	4 <sup>th</sup> - Macarthur
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Banks 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Chisholm
Best Overall Girl	Avery Hutchison
Overall Winner	<b>Banks</b>

House	Girl Overall Winner	Boy Overall Winner
Banks	Hannah Ristig	Evan Deprisco
Chisholm	Avery Hutchison	Eli Megalla
Macarthur	Grace Salter Josie Arnott	Joel Italia Leo Stivala
Lawson	Anna Jancovski	Owen Smith



## Cross Country Champions 2022

Position	House
4th	Chisholm
3rd	Lawson
2nd	Macarthur
<b>Winners!</b>	<b>Banks</b>



GRADE P-2 WINNERS	Macarthur
AGE GROUP 8/9/10	Banks
AGE GROUP 11/12/13	Banks
OVERALL WINNERS	Banks
BEST OVERALL GIRL WINNER	Hannah Ristig
BEST OVERALL BOY WINNER	Harry Keenan



# MPPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Term 2 – Newsletter 3



**MY QUESTION: How can the PA get more parents involved?**



It's NEVER too late, sign up. Get involved!

[www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/parent-association/](http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/school-council/parent-association/)

Scan the barcode for easy sign up.

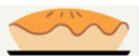
Hello Everyone,

School has been a busy place with Prep through grade 4 having swimming lessons and athletics just last week. There is always something going on and only more events to follow.

**What does it mean to Join the PA?** It's not about being pulled into helping at each event. The PA would like parents and carers to feel included in what we are planning, a space to share ideas to provide experiences and fun.

When you sign up you will automatically receive minutes from each meeting and hear first-hand what is happening at the school and when. Being a member does not commit you to donate your time. We are always looking for volunteers and we cannot run, events without help. Your help can be small, maybe you just want to help a little bit when you can, that's all good. In any way that you can contribute – we would be so thrilled to get you involved.

The **Bush Dance** that was held back in Term 1 was a wonderful success. The final numbers are in, and we raised \$11,000.00. WOW right – this will all be allocated towards the new playground equipment. We are nearly there! The chosen playground will cost \$33,000 dollars to buy and get installed. We are two thirds of the way there.



The PA has the **Pie Drive** orders due this week either via compass on your paper copy to the office and delivery will be next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Collection time will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June between 3 and 3.40pm. Depending on need, more collection times will be provided.

The BIG social event of year – **THE SCHOOL DISCO** is happening on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

It's going to be EPIC! There will be two sessions running on the evening.

The first group will be the Preps to Grade 2 will run from 5.30-7pm and the second group will be Grade 3 to 6 and will run from 7.30-9pm. The PA team will be looking for volunteers – there will be an opportunity to sign up on Compass in the coming weeks.



**THANKS** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, the PA hosted a Mother's Day Stall at school a very BIG thanks to the dads Nigel, Jason, Andrew and Felix who came along and volunteered to help on the stall.

Join us at the NEXT PA meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

Take Care Sally and Team.

Respect Optimism Care Collaboration

**TERM 2 EVENT SCHEDULE** 26<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> June

FUNDRAISER	DATE	COORDINATOR
Pie Drive	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Sally Siega – 6 helpers
School Disco – All Years	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Lisa Houatchanthara – 30 helpers
End term lunch - Toasty Truck	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	6 helpers needed

**TERM 3** 11<sup>th</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> September

FUNDRAISER	DATE	COORDINATOR
Parent Social Night	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Kate Mikkelsen
Father's Day Stall	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Karyn and Kate Baker
End of term lunch	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Position to be filled



## INSIGHTS

### Do's and don'ts of discipline



Season one of *Parental Guidance*, a reality TV program that aired in November 2021 on Channel Nine, brought several parenting controversies to the fore. One of these was a challenging conversation around discipline.

During the show some parents were aghast when a mum and dad from Newcastle, NSW, disclosed that their discipline included smacking. A couple from South Australia's Barossa Valley divulged the occasional washing of their boys' mouths with soap if they lied or swore. Meanwhile, our "attachment" parents from Melbourne were unwilling to countenance any form of punishment when their children had meltdowns or behaved in an oppositional way.

Discipline is one of the most confusing – and challenging – topics that parents grapple with. Unfortunately we have inherited centuries of unhelpful ideas, and they continue to interfere with what science is showing works best.

#### What is discipline?

The first definition of "discipline" in the dictionary is "punishment". But this is a relatively new way of understanding the word. Until a couple of hundred years ago, to be disciplined meant to be shown a way to follow. Discipline literally means to teach, guide, and instruct; or to show the right way.

#### Why traditional discipline doesn't work

Most parents think of traditional discipline as punishments to administer to their children when they misbehave. These punishments can take the form of smacking, time out, grounding, withdrawal of privileges, and so on. In the lead up to these punishments, many parents try bribing, threatening, and yelling. Eventually they crack.

While there may be, from time to time, a need for these discipline approaches (that is, for punishment), the reality is that science has shown us there are better ways. When we punish, we teach our kids all the wrong lessons:

- Might is right. If you're big, you can make the little people do what you want
- Power gets you what you want
- Other people's reasons don't matter
- Mistakes are bad

Perhaps most important, punishing our kids makes them more selfish. They sit in their room and hate us and their siblings. They blame others rather than taking responsibility. Traditional discipline ruptures the relationship between parent and child.

Traditional discipline lacks compassion, empathy, understanding, and perspective. It leaves our kids feeling unworthy. The real reason for this is simple: punishment is about making someone pay a price; exacting retribution. Punishment is about hurting others.

# parenting \* ideas

## The secret to perfect discipline

Real discipline is not about hurting. Real discipline is about helping. When we teach, guide, and instruct, we show a better way for a child who is struggling. The following ideas will help you get your discipline aligned with the best outcomes:

### Children are people too

Sometimes we forget that children are people. They seem like impediments in our otherwise well-ordered life! But they have feelings, hopes, dreams, and challenges. Seeing them as people helps us to respond to them with kindness, even when they're being challenging.

### Understand Development

We forget that our children are wearing "L" plates while they learn how to do life. They don't quite know how to behave yet. But if it takes 5 years before they can tie a shoelace, it will take even longer before they can regulate emotions and behaviours. Some adults still struggle. Be patient while they develop.

### Don't confuse motivation with ability

We sometimes get mad at our children when they're not playing by the rules. But often it's not because they don't want to be good. It's because they don't know how. They're too tired, they're hungry, they're stressed. Or maybe they're all of the above. We discipline best when we recognise their capability in the context.

### Get curious, not furious

When a child is being challenging it's tempting to explode. It's better to explore. It's tempting to reprimand. It's better to understand. It's tempting to be furious. Instead, get curious. When we take the time to understand their perspective, problem solving gets easier.

As we focus on teaching and guiding our children, the data points to better outcomes in behaviour, both now and in the long term. Kids with parents who practice childrearing in this way are more likely to do well in school, with peers, and make better choices. It's a hard way to parent, but when we invest for the long-term, the results are worth it.

## Dr Just in Coulson presents: Encouraging good behaviour

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas. As part of this membership, you can attend the upcoming webinar 'Encouraging good behaviour' at no cost.

**About:** In this webinar, Dr Justin Coulson explores the concept of discipline and how parents can encourage good behaviour in children.

**When:** Wednesday 8 June 2022 8:00pm AEST,

### To redeem

1. Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-encouraging-good-behaviour>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
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6. Fill in your account details including our school's name to verify your eligibility. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your webinar and resources
7. Click 'Place Order'

This offer is valid until 8 September 2022. If you're unable to make the broadcast time, just register anyway and you will get access to the recording.



# Learning Star Awards



LEARNING Star...	Name	Reason
Foundation A Mae Risson	Sami Bider	For working really hard in all areas of his learning and always trying his best.
Foundation B Nicola Scott	Chloe Toseland	For putting in her best effort with all her learning tasks and having a positive attitude! Well done Chloe!
1/2 A Taylor Reid	Bowen Qiu	For always putting in his best effort in tasks and seeking ways to extend his learning.
1/2 B Antony Brock	Angus Gardiner	For the amazing narratives you have been writing, thinking about what we have been learning about characters and perspective.
1/2 C Shannon Radford	Eva Smith	For always completing her work to a high standard, working hard within every aspect of her learning and challenging herself. Well done Eva!
1/2 D Jenny Clark	Edan Joseph	For having a good go at practising a new addition strategy in maths!
1/2 E Libby Haigh	Matilda Um	For quietly and confidently completing all learning tasks. Well done!
3/4 A Georgia Marks/Nicole Macrae	Zaid Khan	For being such an enthusiastic Maths student, and adding like a whizz! Well done!
3/4 B Chris Mizis	Mia Ristig	For working hard in maths to show her knowledge of addition strategies. Well Done.
3/4 C Paul Luu	Amelia Pafumi	For always showing a positive attitude in class. You always try your best and it is great to see you take on board feedback.
3/4 D Lee Pregnell	Dilan Senkaya	For his focused approach to his learning in recent small group work.
5/6 A Stephanie Thompson	Khan Susler	For challenging himself with his learning and applying a lot of effort. Well done Khan!
5/6 B Candice Ryan	Harry Keenan	For using strong leads in his writing to engage and entertain his audience. Well done!
5/6 C Holly Coleman	Mckenzie Walker	For using fragments to add description to her writing. Well done!
5/6 D Ryan Lynch	Sina Michael	For giving her best in all subject areas.
Arts Christine Caminiti	Thomas Keenan	For taking on board feedback and using it to make his artwork look fantastic.
Italian (LOTE) Nancy Berardone	Toni Andison	For being such a dedicated and interested learner. Ottimo!
PE Stef Modesti	Lucie Arnott	For her growth mindset when participating in all PE activities.



# ROCC Star Awards



ROCC Star...	Name	Reason
Foundation A Mae Risson	Henry McIvor	For using his manners and showing care and respect to his class, teachers and peers.
Foundation B Nicola Scott	Christopher Spyropoulos	For showing care in the classroom and making sure the classroom is always looking great! Thanks Christopher!
1/2 A Taylor Reid	Sonny Dance	For showing he is a collaborative class mate and always participating well in group and partner tasks.
1/2 B Antony Brock	Ryan Zhang	For being so optimistic about everything and always trying to improve and practise new learning.
1/2 C Shannon Radford	Zarah Bider	For being a kind friend who is always willing to help and include peers during class and playtime. Well done Zarah!
1/2 D Jenny Clark	Aiden Cristiano	For always being so optimistic about your learning and practising new strategies so willingly!
1/2 E Libby Haigh	Primrose Salter	For working respectfully and collaboratively when working in a group. Well done!
3/4 A Georgia Marks/Nicole Macrae	Akshaj Sheela	For being such a considerate and thoughtful addition to our classroom. We are all lucky to have you!
3/4 B Chris Mizis	Lily Cull	For being an excellent role model to her peers, by always being respectful and helpful.
3/4 C Paul Luu	Amira Bider	For always being a respectful, caring, and helpful member of the class. It is fantastic to see, Amira.
3/4 D Lee Pregnell	Sadie Gilbert	For her consistently positive and respectful approach to all aspects of the classroom.
5/6 A Stephanie Thompson	Pippa Burgess	For always being a positive and respectful member of the class and our netball team. Well done for being a wonderful team player!
5/6 B Candice Ryan	Ella Stewart	For showing collaboration, positivity and great sportsmanship during Winter Sports. Well done!
5/6 C Holly Coleman	John Giannarakis	For trying his best and being a great team player during winter sports. Great work!
5/6 D Ryan Lynch	Ayden Senkaya	For displaying optimism towards his learning and collaborating effectively.
Arts Christine Caminiti	Caitlin Yeow	For taking care of our art room and helping to tidy up without even being asked to.
Italian (LOTE) Nancy Berardone	Neva Barnes	For always trying her best and for her fantastic listening. Ottimo!
PE Stef Modesti	Harry Keenan	For being a great role model for his peers and demonstrating ROCC in all PE lessons.

## TERM 2 2022 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>May 23</b> Student Free Curriculum Day	<b>May 24</b> District Cross Country	<b>May 25</b> School Council Meeting  Newsletter	<b>May 26</b>	<b>May 27</b> 5/6 Sport St. Vin. vs MPPS <b>May 29 (Sunday)</b> Working Bee
<b>May 30</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2</b> Assembly	<b>June 3</b> 5/6 Sport BYE for MPPS
<b>June 6</b>	<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 8</b> Divisional Cross Country  Newsletter	<b>June 9</b>	<b>June 10</b> 5/6 Sport MPPS vs EPS
<b>June 13</b> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>June 16</b> Assembly	<b>June 17</b> 5/6 Sport MPPS vs SPS  School Disco
<b>June 20</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>June 22</b> School Council Meeting  Newsletter	<b>June 23</b> Reports available via Compass	<b>June 24</b> 5/6 Sport MPPS vs NPS Assembly End of Term 2 2:20pm Dismissal

## TERM 3 2022 CALENDAR

<b>July 11</b> Student Free Curriculum Day	<b>July 12</b> First Day of Term 3 for Students	<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>July 15</b>
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### Newsletter

The newsletter will be published for the first two weeks in February and then published fortnightly thereafter. The newsletter is the main source of communication from the school and I urge everyone to read it! The newsletter will be sent out to all families via Compass. Families will be able to access the newsletter via Compass and on the school website.

How to access the school newsletter:

1. View it on the COMPASS Newsfeed: <https://mpp-vic.compass.education/>
2. Visit the school website: <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>