



Moonee Ponds Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

December 6

2023

Read the MPPS newsletter to stay up to date with the latest information, upcoming events and celebrations of learning.

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

The end of the year is nearly here. This will be our second last edition of the newsletter. We will publish our last edition to families on Monday 18 December.

A reminder that school finishes for the year on Wednesday 20 December at 1.20pm. There will be a final assembly in the SPC Gym at 9am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing families tomorrow night for our Art Show and End of Year Celebration on the oval. The evening starts with the opening of the art show at 6pm and concludes at 8pm. We encourage families to bring along some food and drink and then enjoy an evening of celebrating the year and socialising with our community on the school oval. Please check the Compass Newsfeed for finer details.

Year Six Graduation is scheduled for next Monday night 11 December; I know the students along with Candice, Paul, Steph and Erin are busy preparing for the evening. It's always a great night to celebrate the end of our students' primary school years as well as a significant time for teachers and parents, reflecting on how our children have grown up so quickly.

Well-done to our year 3/4 MVIMP percussion students who welcomed students and families to our assembly last week. A huge well done and thank you to Harriet and Spencer who stepped in and led the whole assembly while our Year 5/6 students were on camp. Both Harriet and Spencer volunteered for the role, spent time practising and spoke confidently in front of our community.

Well done and thank you to our students and staff in Year 5/6 who spent four days at Grantville Lodge for their annual camp last week. While the weather was a little challenging, our students' enthusiasm and the daily adventure activities were a highlight. Thank you also to our parents who volunteered to help on camp. Without this extra assistance, our camps program could not continue.

Our Foundation and Year 1/2 students thoroughly enjoyed their recent movie night, BBQ & games, and sleepover. Thank you to our teachers and education support staff for their organisation, preparation and running of the activities and sleepover. It was amazing that through the support of staff and our families we were able to make these events

2023 Term Dates:

Term 4 - 2 Oct to 20 Dec

Dates to Note:

December

7 - Art Show & End of Year Celebration

7 - Foundation & Year 6 Buddies Picnic

11 - Year 6 Graduation

12 - Gov. Schools Year 7 Orientation Day

13 - Italian Day

15 - PA End of Term Lunch

19 - Year 6 Picnic Lunch

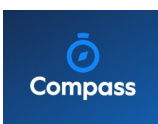
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Parent's Association Meetings

Next meeting in Feb 2024

Access the latest school newsletter through the Compass Newsfeed or through the School Website at:

<http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/newsletters/>



COMPASS

For attendance, excursions, camps, bookings, school payments, emails and school communication via the newsfeed.



SEESAW

Stay connected to your child's learning at school. See photos and videos of school learning experiences and talk to your child about this!



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Access School policies, procedures and resources for families. This includes the newsletter and parent downloads.

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Tomorrow, Thursday 7 December our year 2 students will be invited to join the MVIMP program in 2024. Students will hear the band and MVIMP tutors perform as part of a demonstration. Information will then be shared via Compass with instructions for parents and carers on how to register your intention to participate in 2024. The MVIMP program is open to all students in years 3 to 6. Further information about the MVIMP program can be found in this years MVIMP family handbook in the parent download section of the school website or at <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/MVIMP-Family-Handbook-2023.pdf>.

Up-Coming Events include:

Art Show & End of Year Celebration – Thursday 7 December (6-8pm)
Foundation and Year 6 Buddies Picnic – Friday 8 December
Year 6 Graduation – Monday 11 December
Italian Day – Wednesday 13 December
Parents Association End of Term Subway Lunch – Friday 15 December

First day of 2024

The first day back for all year 1 to year 6 students in 2024 is Wednesday 31 January at 9am. The prep/foundation students will begin on Wednesday 7 February after they have completed their Foundation assessments. All the teachers will be back at school on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January, which are both student free curriculum days.

Reports

Teachers have now completed reports and they are currently being collated. Families will receive student reports on Thursday 14 December via Compass. If your child is leaving MPPS at the end of the year (including all Year 6 students) please ensure you download your child's report before Compass access ceases (on 31 December). We encourage all families to complete the feedback sheet included in the Compass notification and return it to the school office via email or in person.

Staffing

Staffing has been finalised for 2024 and as always there are some small changes.

We welcome our new staff member – Zak Stewart. Zak will be part of the Specialist PLC, teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) in our new refurbished Art/STEM space.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge all our staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year.

All the best to Bec D as she transitions to a new working environment and role in 2024 at the Royal Children's Hospital.

We wish Georgia and Archie well as they both take a break away from teaching full time.

Thank you also to Shannon Cummings (ESS) who has amazingly supported our students in Year 1/2 this year.

We wish you all well for the future.

A big thank you to Lizzie Christian and Kaye Biedukiewicz who have supported us as part of the office team this year. Your contributions and willingness to help during this time has been much appreciated.

2023 Class lists have now been completed. Students will find out who their teacher is and attend their "Move-up #4 Meet the Teacher" session on Monday 11 December.

All students will bring home information about their class, teacher, and classmates to share with parents that evening. We look forward to this transition event and encourage families to support their children with optimism and a positive mindset.

2024 CLASS TEACHERS AND ROOMS:

Foundation

Nicola Scott - Rm 2
Mae Risson - Rm 4

Year 1/ 2

Christine Mizis - Rm 12
Libby Haigh - Rm 13
Jenny Clark (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)/
Antony Brock- Rm 15

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Year 3/ 4 (upstairs of newly refurbished Block A)

Erin Mullin – Rm 19

Rebekah Stone (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) & Nancy Berardone (Wed)– Rm 17

Lee Pregnell – Rm 20

Year 5/6 (downstairs of newly refurbished Block A)

Paul Luu – Rm 6

Stephanie Thompson – Rm 8

Candice Ryan – Rm 9

Specialists

PE - Matthew Feeley

Arts - Christine Caminiti

Italian - Nancy Berardone

STEM – Zak Stewart

Classroom support

Tutoring – Rachel Barrell (Mon, Wed)

Learning Specialist – Nicole Macrae will continue to lead/support PLC's and tutoring. There will be a focus on aspects of our AIP including continuing the work of Scaffolding Literacy and teaching writing, Disability Inclusion and Mental Health & Wellbeing. Nicole will also work in classrooms supporting coverage and teachers with tier 2 adjustment across the school.

TeamKids- Summer Holiday Program

Care over the holiday period will begin on Monday 8 January and will continue through to the Tuesday 30 January. Further details regarding activities provided by TeamKids is included in the coming pages.

eConnect Program - Students in Year 6 (2023) and students leaving the school

What do you want to do with your computer? Any students in years 3- 6 that are leaving MPPS have been asked (via Compass yesterday) to indicate your preferred option using this form <https://forms.office.com/r/3T8fJVfhyh> by Friday 8 December. If you would like to discuss these options, please do not hesitate to contact Matt.

They are:

Option 1- Restore device to its factory image.

Option 2- Device will be passed onto another MPPS student: Reimage with default school software.

Option 3- Other - please include information.

A reminder to all students to back up their data before handing the device to us. We will not transfer any data, documents, videos, music, photos etc. Your data is your responsibility. Please ensure that your child's device is left at school on Monday 11 December for re-imaging (on Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 20 December). Devices brought in after this date will not be able to be re-imaged until 2024.

If you have questions or are unsure, please contact Matt at school via phone or email.

eConnect (1:1 device program) – for Year 2 - 5 students

Students in Year 2 will have received details regarding this program through Compass. Students in Years 3-5 who do not currently participate are welcome to join in 2024.

Information: The eConnect program is a non-compulsory 1:1 mobile device program for all students currently in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Next year this will be available for your child as they are going into Year 3 or 4.

This program provides the opportunity to enhance student engagement and involvement in their learning by having their own mobile device to take to class and home each day. It also assists with teaching the students about safe online usage and Cyber Safety.

Details can be found at:

www.mpp.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/eConnect-note-and-details-for-2024.pdf

Booklists

These were sent home via Compass a few weeks ago. If you have not received them you can download them from the school website in the parent download section (<http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/community/> password: mpps) or contact the school office. We encourage families to complete the booklist order before the end of the year.

Please click on the link (<http://booklist.paperchase.com.au>) and enter the code (BTSMPPS) to purchase the recommended booklist through the preferred school supplier. Alternatively, parents can source items from a supplier of your choice.

Of course, if you have any queries or questions, please contact me at matthew.bott@education.vic.gov.au

Matthew Bott
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The November Council meeting took place in the staff room and was attended by most Council members. After the Welcome to Country, one apology was registered but did not affect a quorum being noted. There were no conflicts of interest registered.

We had some student visitors to our meeting also. This included the Green Team Leaders – Eliza, Clara, Maya and Georgia. They discussed their Green Team achievements in 2024 and provided some guidance about the sustainability work for 2024.

Correspondence.

Items discussed included the return to school dates for Preps, School performance reports and other Policy updates.

Finance.

All financial reports were tabled including the Balance Sheet, Operating Statement and cash payments/receipts.

All reports were ratified by Council and I'm pleased to report once again that the School is financially sound.

Principals Report.

Council discussed the response to the recent MVRC visit and the change in management within that organization.

We discussed the Capital Works program and progress being made. We're looking forward to some notable stages in the project, namely the furniture delivery in January and finishing touches to the cabinetry.

Student Free Curriculum days in 2024 were discussed and agreed to.

Parents Association.

Great report from PA, the much loved Trivia Night is planned for 2024 as well as other activities.

The Fruit Mince pies was a success last year and will be run again this year.

Leadership positions will be available next year and we thank the outgoing leadership panel.

The PA does an amazing job in delivering funds to the school. Your participation is very much welcome.

General Business.

Our next meeting is on the 13th December.

Questions are always welcome.

Scott Siega
President – School Council



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Moonee Valley City Council is updating its Open Space Strategy and wants to hear feedback from the community. The new Moonee Valley Open Space Strategy will guide Moonee Valley's open spaces for the next 10 years.

Moonee Valley's hosts a range of diverse open spaces from conservation reserves along our waterways, large garden style parks and mixed use sporting reserves through to smaller open spaces and urban plazas. Various challenges impact our open space such as population growth and density, climate change, the biodiversity crisis and competing demands for available open space. The draft Strategy includes ways to address these impacts to provide a healthy, vibrant and resilient open space network now and into the future.

A draft Open Space Strategy has now been prepared which includes a vision, strategic directions, objectives and prioritisation criteria. These will guide how Council selects and prioritises investment in open space over the next 10 years.

A set of Key Actions have also been prepared. The Key Actions are significant initiatives Council will take for the Strategy. They are not an exhaustive list, but provide examples of what kind of actions will be implemented once the final Strategy is endorsed by Council

You can view the draft strategy and Key Actions and provide your feedback here: <https://yoursay.mvcc.vic.gov.au/openspace> or at any Moonee Valley library. Consultation is open for feedback until 17 December.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

at Moonee Ponds Primary

**ENROL
ONLINE
NOW!**

CODING

- ✓ Mon, 1:30 - 2:20 pm
- ✓ Starts on 5 Feb
- ✓ \$170.63 for 7 sessions
- ✓ For Years 3-6
- ✓ Room: Library
- ✓ Devices: BYOD

While many jobs of the future are yet to be even imagined the future of work undoubtedly points in the direction of the technology space. This coding course using the Scratch application will introduce students to the world of coding in a fun and engaging way. Experienced coaches will guide students through a series of hands-on lessons with real world applications.

SOCCER

- ✓ Mon, 1:30 - 2:20 pm
- ✓ Starts on 5 Feb
- ✓ \$153.13 for 7 sessions
- ✓ For Years 1-2
- ✓ Room: Gym
- ✓ To Bring: hat and water bottle

Why try out one of the fast growing sports in Australia? Football or soccer is truly a world sport loved by fans all over the globe. Coaches will take the time to introduce students to the sport or provide drills and skills to improve established players, all in a supportive environment.

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Moonee Ponds Primary School: Term 1, 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1:30-2:20pm + Add Coding Mon, 1:30pm Soccer Mon, 1:30pm				

Direct Enrolment Link to Soccer and Coding Club

https://ku.zone/management/programs/program_timetable/2522?collapse=1&frame=weekday

FOR ENROLMENTS AND TRIALS CONTACT US:

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MPPS Art Show – Save the Date!

Come and join us for an evening of art, community and celebration at the

MPPS bi-annual Art Show.

There will be a showcase of the amazing Arts learning from students from Foundation to Year 6. Each student will have an artwork displayed in the art show. You can expect lots of fantastic art, performances by our choir and MVIMP students, an art auction (of collaborative class artwork) and the unveiling of our SRC & Arts Installation near the main entrance on Wilson Street. All funds raised will go back into our Arts Program.

Date & Time:

Thursday 7 December at 6- 7pm
(the same night as the Parent's Association End of Year celebration)
Additional opening time Friday 8th December 8.45 am-9 am.

Where:

in the Sports and Performance Centre (SPC) gym
Enter from the gym door near the oval.
More information to be revealed in the coming weeks.

Helpers: We need your help to set up and pack up the art show:

- ♦ *Wednesday the 6 of December (throughout the day) to assist with the set-up of the show.*
- ♦ *Friday 8 December (9am -11am) to assist with pack up.*

If you could spare a few hours please email me with the times you might be able to come down, at Christine.caminiti@education.vic.gov.au.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at our Art Show!

We'd also like to announce our poster artwork competition winners!



Ewan Gardiner



Theodore Wu



Kivi Upadhyay



Freddie McDonald

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THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER
AT 6-7PM IN THE SPC

ART SHOW



**LIVE
MUSIC**

**ART
AUCTION**

**SRC
ART
PROJECT**

COME AND CELEBRATE THE
ARTWORKS OF STUDENTS
FROM FOUNDATION- GRADE 6.

Just a reminder that our **Art Show & End of Year function** is being held THIS Thursday night!

MPPS Art Show and End of Year Celebration

This combined event will be held on **Thursday 7th December 2023**.

Art Show: Come and join us for an evening of art, community and celebration at the MPPS bi-annual Art Show. Featuring: a display of art from students in Foundation to Year 6, performance by the Choir and MVIMP students, art auction of artwork from each of the classes (Foundation to Year 6), and unveiling of our SRC & arts installation near the main entrance on Wilson Street.

All funds raised will go back into our Arts Program.

We will have a **Silent Art Auction** to raise some money for our arts department. Each class has collaborated on a unique artwork that could be yours to own for the highest price.

Check out the artworks below. You can place your bids at the Art Show, starting bids from \$30.

Auction winners will be announced on the night.



CHECK OUT SOME OF THE ARTWORK FOR AUCTION!



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ITALIAN DAY 2023

Ciao a tutti,

I am happy to announce that our annual **Italian Day** this year will be held on:

Wednesday, 13th December 2023.

Eviva! (Hooray!) It's a highlight on the MPPS calendar and our students really look forward to it.

The aim of the day is to celebrate the students' learning of the Italian language and culture.

To make the day more colourful and fun for all, students are encouraged to **dress up**. They can dress in an appropriate costume for the day or simply wear the Italian colours of green, white and red. I have listed some costume suggestions below but feel free to come up with your own too.

- Carnevale clowns or characters: Arlecchino, Pulcinella, Pantalone or Colombina
- Artists: Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, Donatello, Raffaello
- Singers: Luciano Pavarotti, Andrea Bocelli, Frank Sinatra
- Scientists: Archimedes, Galileo Galilei, Alessandro Volta, Guglielmo Marconi
- Actors: Sofia Loren, Gina Lollobrigida, Marcello Mastroianni, Marlon Brando, Robert DeNiro
- Directors: Federico Fellini, Franco Zeffereilli
- Fashion Designers: Giorgio Armani, Domenico Dolce or Stefano Gabbana, Gianni Versace
- Racing car drivers: Valentino Rossi, Enzo Ferrari
- Romans gods: Giove (Jupiter), Venere (Venus), Marte (Mars)
- Roman emperors or gladiators: Julius Caesar, Augustus Caesar, Nero.
- A famous Italian character: Pinocchio, the Blue Fairy in Pinocchio, Mona Lisa, Dante Alighieri, la Befana
- Something relevant to Italian culture eg. pizza, pasta, gelato, Ferrari, calcio (soccer), ciclismo (cycling), gondoliere
- Food – Pizza Box, gelato etc

Students will be placed in **multi- age groupings** and will be involved in various **activities** throughout the day.

An incursion will be held on the day and will be one of the activities students will participate in.

An incursion notice will be posted on compass in the weeks to come with more information about the workshop.

Saluti e grazie (Regards and thankyou),

Nancy
Italian Teacher



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HALTS

It doesn't matter if you have just one child or six, there is one thing that you're guaranteed to have to handle: big emotions in your child.

It doesn't matter how good of a parent you are, you can even be a parenting expert, and your children will STILL have big emotions. It's just a fact of life when you're parenting a 1-year-old or a 12 year old. Teens have their big emotions, and if we're honest, so do parents! Everyone feels sad, cranky, scared, or stressed from time to time.

Big emotions are simply unavoidable in family life. And so we all need effective strategies for dealing with them.

First, however, we need to know what triggers them. If we can focus on prevention, we can spend less time on the cure.

Where do big emotions come from?

Big emotions arise for many reasons. I like the acronym HALTS to help me consider why my child might be emotionally triggered:

H is for Hungry. **A** is for Angry. **L** is for Lonely. **T** is for Tired. And **S** is for Stressed.

Sometimes our child is one of these. Sometimes our child is all of them. Perhaps they've eaten, but their meal was lacking in nutritional value. Maybe they're angry about something that we think is silly but it matters to them. Perhaps they're in a room full of people but they feel disconnected and lonely. It could be that last night's TV show went late, their mind was buzzing, and they haven't slept. Or maybe school, family life, our explosive moods, or a friendship drama is creating stress in their life.

Spending time reducing the likelihood of these triggers means we experience fewer big emotions at home. But try as you might, you can't (and shouldn't) eliminate all stress for your kids. After all, stress creates opportunities for growth.

Regulating big emotions

When those big emotions strike, we must remember that high emotions = low intelligence. Our kids act a bit crazy when emotions are high. And because emotions are contagious, we often catch our children's crazy, cranky, and chaos and become less intelligent as well. Two or three emotional and unintelligent people in a power struggle never works out well.

Since big emotions happen, here are some simple ways that we can respond to our children when they're feeling sad, cranky, scared, or stressed.

1. **Be Intentional**

If you think back to the HALTS acronym, there are a handful of simple and intentional things we can do to reduce the likelihood of emotional blow-ups. For example, you could:

- ♦ Bring a snack for your child to eat while you do the shopping
- ♦ Don't demand that chores be done alone, or right before bed
- ♦ Take five minutes for cuddles and connection before moving into the bedtime routine or once they're in bed
- ♦ Consider your timing when you make simple requests of them.

2. **Remember that emotions are contagious**

When our children are feeling chaotic, there's two ways we can go. We can catch their cranky and join them in an escalating cycle of chaos. Or we can stay calm. Easier said than done, but realistically we can't parent anybody if we can't parent ourselves first. Do your best to hold it together.

3. **Don't try to fix things in the moment**

Have you ever been angry, had someone say, "Just calm down!", and responded "Good point, I needed that logic, I will just calm down."? Of course not! When emotions are big, don't try to fix things. Instead...

4. **Focus on connection or space**

Some kids want a hug when they're feeling mad. Other kids want space. Most of the time, they want space first, then connection. If it's possible, move your child to a private area. Say to them, "I can see you're having a tough time. Do you want a hug or do you want me to give you some space?" They'll probably tell you to go away. Give them some space, but let them know that you'll be just around the corner ready to give them a hug when they're ready. Then once they're regulated again you can move onto problem solving.

5. **Problem solve collaboratively**

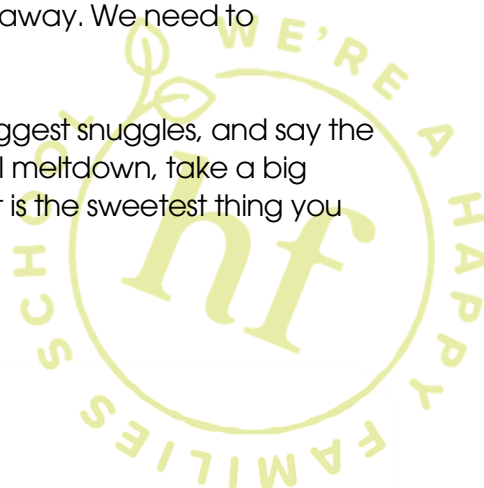
When things are calm – whether it takes ten minutes or ten hours – sit with your child and ask if you can discuss what happened, and problem-solve so that things go better next time. Then listen. Remember, too, that sometimes these conversations work best when your child is drinking a milkshake or enjoying another treat you picked up for them.

Big emotions in our children aren't an indication that we're lousy parents. Every single child and teen on the planet cries, stomps their feet, and pushes their parents away. We need to normalise this as part of being human!

Fortunately for us, our children also have the best laughs, give the biggest snuggles, and say the funniest things. So next time you're in the midst of a child's emotional meltdown, take a big breath and remind yourself that on the other side of this big moment is the sweetest thing you can experience with your child – the opportunity for growth.

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Dr Justin Coulson



MPPS Parents Association Newsletter



Dear Parents &

Saved to this PC

End of Year Party - This event will be held on

Thursday 7 December. In previous years, we have organized Food Trucks to come to the School Oval; however, due to markedly increased food costs and minimum spend levels this is not possible in 2024. We ask that parents bring their own food for this event and celebrate the end of the year with other families.

We have been able to source a gelato truck from a school family, **Mia Shack** in year 5's family. Their business is called **Stardust Generation**. Gelato's will be \$6 for a single scoop and \$9 for a double.

Year 6 Graduation - As you may be aware we have a tradition on Year 5 parent and carers assisting with Year 6 graduation. Thank you to Year 5 parents **Lainie Terbogt** and **Steph Wards** and their group of helpers for coordinating the graduation this year.

Trivia Night - Save the Date! - The PA are arranging a Trivia night to be held on **Friday 15 March 2024**. This will be held in the SPC. We will be holding a raffle as well - if you have any items to donate to a raffle, please let someone on the PA know.

Fruit Mince Pies - Celebrate the Festive season with Fruit Mince Pies from Tonys Pies. Tony's Fruit Mince Pies are made with buttery shortbread and fruit soaked in Bundaberg Rum. They are available in packs of **6 for \$8.00 or 12 for \$15.00** with proceeds raised going to the PA. **Collection is Thursday 14 December**, after school near the SPC. If orders are not collected on that day, they will be frozen in the SPC freezer and can be collected at another time.

PA Leadership Positions 2024 - As we draw towards the end of 2023, we wanted to highlight the process of positions for 2024. **All leadership positions will become vacant at the March AGM 2024** as per the Constitution. Please consider whether you could be able to be involved next. If you would like any more information about any of the roles, please speak to one of the current leadership team.



Thank you – our events cannot run without your support!

The PA Team

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Wed & Fri - All Term Icy Poles
Monday - 11 Dec Year 6 Graduation
Friday - 15 Dec End of Term Lunch

The PA held its last meeting for 2023 in November. The Next PA Meeting will be February 2024

If you would like to be a member of the PA or continue your membership in 2024, you will need to register for 2024

SIGN UP

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER
SOME TIME?

The Parents Association **only** runs with the help of Volunteers.
More Info.

www.mpps.vic.edu.au/school-council/parent-association/

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[Parents Association
Registration Structure 2023](#)

MPPS Parents Association

presents the 2024

TRIVIA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

2024

March 15th

7:00pm

MPPS
Sports &
Performance Centre

All money raised will go to
the MPPS PA to purchase
STEM equipment for our new
STEM centre

PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!

**Please look out for Trivia Night
Tickets and Raffle Tickets**

MOONEE PONDS TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We have been enjoying creating things at TeamKids the past few weeks, with the children enjoying painting, making loom bands and using our building blocks daily to make towers, artwork and all sorts of jewellery. The children have been helping with keeping the garden watered and organised, constantly asking to be outside in the sun and helping with the environment.

As the year comes to a close, we are gearing up to celebrate Christmas at TeamKids with crafts that we can use to decorate our room with and maybe a visit from the Elf on the Shelf!

Bookings are now open for Vacation Care! You can see the planner on our TeamKids website and on our lovely display board in house, decorated by the children themselves. We will be visiting the zoo, making potions, having a smoothie party and much much more! Be sure to secure your spot!

We hope you enjoy the rest of your year and hope to see you at TeamKids ☺

IMPORTANT DATES

 **WED 13TH DECEMBER**

Lunchtime Legends Program

 **WED 20TH DECEMBER**

Last Day of School – TeamKids open from 2:20pm

 **23RD DECEMBER – 3RD JANUARY**

TeamKids Closed



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7:00 AM START
6:15 PM END

PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9AM
ON EXCURSION DAYS



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THU - 21st DEC

Microscope Madness



Attention, young explorers! Get ready to peer through microscopes and witness tiny wonders magnified into giant marvels. If you've ever been curious about the world of small things, today is your chance to satisfy your curiosity.

Base Fee \$73.14
Exp Fee** \$21.00
Daily Total \$94.14

After Max CCS* \$9.41

FRI - 22nd DEC

A White Christmas



We're dreaming of a white Christmas... Today TeamKids is super excited for Christmas craft! We're going to make awesome fake snow, snow globes and snowball shooters! Get ready for a jingly good time!

Base Fee \$73.14
Exp Fee** \$8.00
Daily Total \$81.14

After Max CCS* \$8.11



*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available.

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Learning Star Awards



LEARNING Star...	Name	Reason
Foundation A—Mae Anders	Dylan Icme	For working hard on his story writing about Steve to add detail and include a beginning, middle and end. Well done!
Foundation B - Nicola Scott	William Rodrigues	For working hard on his writing, taking his time and trying his best! Well done William!
1/2 A Archie Singh	Eva Smith	For your fantastic creative writing this semester! It is wonderful to see you use inspiration and writing styles from your favourite books and authors to create such descriptive writing. Your stories build plot suspense and character traits and let your audience visualise with great detail. They are a delight to read! Keep up the great work, Eva!
1/2 C Libby Haigh	Otto Buchlak	Fantastic focus and achievement in your work on money in maths. Well done, Otto!
1/2 D Jenny Clark	Eliana Rizzas	For your amazing work on place value and expanding numbers. You have developed some excellent work habits this year!
3/4 A Georgia Marks	Lily Cull	For always doing your very best work. Especially with your maths – you've been working so hard (even when we're all exhausted)! Well done, Lily!
3/4 B Chris Mizis	Evie Grozos Wishart	For working so hard on her passion project, I am sure we will learn a lot about Greece, can't wait for your presentation.
3/4 C Rebekah S & Rebecca D	Ky Minh Doan	For engaging beautifully with our reading comprehension strategies. You hold yourself accountable to always including evidence to justify your thinking. Well done Ky Minh!
3/4 D Lee Pregnell	Evangaline Skapetis	For her well-crafted fantasy story. Well done Evangaline!
Italian Nancy Berardone	Matvei Kholiavskii	For being an enthusiastic and passionate learner. Ottimo, Matvei!
Physical Education Matt Feeley	Eva Giannarakis 1/2C	For showing growth and improvement in all PE lessons this year.



ROCC Star Awards



ROCC Star...	Name	Reason
Foundation A Mae Anders	Liam Heffer	For completing his work with optimism and being a friendly classmate. Well done!
Foundation B Nicola Scott	Xavier Devereux	For showing optimism with all his learning tasks and collaborating with his friends when packing up. Thanks Xavier!
1/2A Archie Singh	Sofia Caldo	For displaying the school values at all times.
1/2 C Libby Haigh	Walter Wooldridge	For demonstrating a growth mindset and challenging himself with his learning. Well done, Walter!
1/2 D Jenny Clark	Jona Mankir	For being aware of others distracting you and taking yourself to a different space to focus better during work time. Well done, Jona!
3/4 A Georgia Marks	Michael Alves	For being such a thoughtful and caring part of our classroom. You are always thinking of others around you. We're lucky to have you, Michael – thank you!
3/4 B Chris Mizis	Lottie Smith	For displaying a caring nature around others and always willing to help others when the need help. Well done Lottie
3/4 C Rebekah S & Rebecca D	Ginny Reid	For showing commendable optimism when approaching fractions this term. Your efforts resulted in fantastic growth in charting fractions on a number line. Well done Ginny!
3/4 D Lee Pregnell	Henry Stivala	For the consistently positive energy he has brought to classroom throughout the year.
Italian Nancy Berardone	Theodore Wu 1/2B	For consistently showing attentive listening and for always doing his best work. Ottimo, Theodore!
Physical Education Matt Feeley	Zarah Bider 1/2C	For showing outstanding sportsmanship qualities during all PE lessons.



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TERM 4 2023 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 4 Year 5/6 Economic Incursion	December 5	December 6 Year 5/6 Fire Ed.	December 7 Art Show End of Year Celebration	December 8 Buddies Picnic
December 11 Meet the Teacher Year 6 Graduation	December 12 Year 7 2024 Orientation Government Secondary Schools	December 13 Italian Day School Council	December 14 Reports sent home	December 15
December 18 Student First Aid	December 19 Year 6 Picnic	December 20 End of Term 4 1.20 pm finish		

TERM 1 2024 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
January 29 Curriculum day	January 30 Curriculum day	January 31 Students commence	February 1	February 2
February 5	February 6 Staff Meeting	February 7 Foundation 9am-1.30pm	February 8 Foundation 9am-1.30pm Parents Association Meeting	February 9 Foundation Full day
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16 School Swim Sports
February 19	February 20 Parent Teacher Exchange	February 21	February 22	February 23 Back up School Swim Sports
February 26	February 27	February 28 District Swimming School Council	February 29	March 1

Newsletter

The newsletter will be published fortnightly all year. 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/>