Moonee Ponds Primary School

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## Newsletter, May 22nd, 2013

### PRINCIPAL REPORT

#### <u>Reports</u>

Our teachers have been busy across this term familiarising themselves with the new Australian/Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS). These new standards reflect the national curriculum and it is mandated that Victorian schools use these standards for assessment in English and Mathematics this year.

All staff meetings have been dedicated to professional learning in the new curriculum and standards as well as many hours in grade teams and individually. This work will continue across the next few weeks including the student free (curriculum) day on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> to ensure our reports accurately reflect the standards.

I would like to acknowledge the professional way our teachers have approached this work since the lifting of the work bans. They have moderated student work samples to ensure we have a collective understanding of the standards and that our collective judgements are accurate.



Athletics Carnival

The athletics carnival (May 31<sup>st</sup>) is fast approaching and will involve students Prep to 6. I know students and teachers are getting excited about this annual event and the prospects of a successful day for their House.

Events like these are important in developing school and house spirit as well as growing our culture of participation and personal best. To that end, the whole school will be involved on the day at the same facility. I would like to thank Karisse, Matt and Nicole, in advance, for their organisation and planning.

I also met with a group of parents last week who have formed a committee (under the auspices of the School Council) to support student participation in sport. With the athletics carnival so close, it has become this committee's first focus. Liaising with Karisse they are looking for parent volunteers to assist at the carnival.

## Reminders:

### Working Bee:

This **Sunday - (26/5 at 10 am)** Come along and help out.

## **Curriculum Day:**

Next Monday, 27th May No students at school.

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### **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Can you give up some time on 31<sup>st</sup> May to help set up or pack up, marshal a track or filed event, hand out ribbons, rake a long jump pit or measure a discus throw? If you can we could use your assistance. Karisse and the committee will assist in teaching you a role if you have never been involved before.

To get involved on the day all you need do is sign up on the sheets (just ask at the front office) for an hour or more across the day.



Good luck to everyone!



#### <u>ACMA visit and presentations at the</u> <u>school on May 30<sup>th</sup></u>

The ACMA Cyber-Safety presentations will involve grade 3 – 6 students. Parents are also invited to attend the afternoon (5.30pm) session. This invitation is extended to parents across prep to grade 6 because it is never too early to get advice for cyber-safety in the home. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

# cyber(smart:)

There will be three sessions:

Session 1: Student presentation

(years 3 & 4) @ 12.30pm

Session 2: Student presentation

(years 5 & 6) @ 2.20pm

Session 3: Parent presentation

@ 5.30pm all welcome – put it in your diary

#### Library News

Our sophisticated students already knew how to ask someone to search the computer for a title, or an author, or a subject. Many were even trained in borrowing processes. Thanks to Vicki and Kim and Vincent, all will be celebrating the news that the stand alone computers now have the library files installed. This means that our students can now independently search and find a book in the Library for themselves. In recent weeks six Moonee Ponds Primary School students joined nearly 2000 students representing over 190 schools from across Australia in providing advice to the government on a range of priority topics.

Established in 2009, under the Australian Government's Cybersafety Plan, the Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety (YAG) allows young Australians aged 8-17 to provide advice to the federal government on cybersafety issues.

The students were able to provide advice directly to government via the secure YAG online consultation website and may have the opportunity to attend face-to-face forums later this year. They took part in discussions on a range of cybersafety topics including digital citizenship, cyberbullying, mobile phone safety, privacy, social networking sites and online computer games. They were also able to generate their own discussion topics. Angus Kelly, in grade 5, took advantage of this feature by creating the thread, "Why do people go on social network sites when they know there is a risk?"

Advice from previous years has led to the development of several government cybersafety resources including the Cybersafety Help Button and the Easy Guide to Socialising Online. The Help Button provides internet users, particularly children and young people, with easy online access to counselling, reporting and information resources to assist in

dealing with cybersafety issues. The *Easy Guide* provides cybersafety information about 27 different social networking sites, search engines and online games. This includes general tips on how to stay safe when using any social media site.

Following advice from YAG members the government has also established the Teachers and Parents Advisory Group on Cybersafety (TAP). Parents

and teachers who wish to know more can register their interest by completing the membership form found at:

http://www.dbcde.gov.au/ funding\_and\_programs/ cybersafety\_plan/ youth\_advisory\_group

"Overall I thought that YAG was set out well and the way that they got the kids involved was really smart. The kids had to comment on topics and opinions. I also really liked the survey part because it is a different way to express your opinion. I think that this is a good way for the government to collect all the information they need. Personally I would like to know all the information that they gathered and I would like to know the way kids think about cyber bullying and the way that we can stop it happening.

The off topic area was also fun and I think that it got kids involved to get them on there more often.

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Maybe next time they should make the amount of time we get to do it for longer. I absolutely loved joining YAG and I would love to take part in this again."

#### Amelia Fuhr

"On my first day of YAG I was presented with some very interesting topics such as how can cyber bullies be stopped and is it safe to use social sites. I think the YAG moderators have good sense, because they create interesting topics! In YAG we talked about how we should stop cyber bullies and how we can make social sites safer. The people receiving the information are the Australian Government. Sometimes, we get visits online from Senator Steven Conroy, Head of the Digital Economy.

YAG can help others be safer in the social world. Overall I think YAG was a great experience with getting to discuss with students from all around Australia! Since YAG has ended I talk with my friends, family and people who visit my blog! I would like to thank everyone who participated in YAG, because of their brilliant ideas. My dad, David Kelly, helped me with my comments, so I would also like to thank him."

Angus Kelly

"Over all I think that it was good. I think it could have gone for a bit longer because it went for two weeks. I hope that all the information will help the government. YAG had a variety of different ways of expressing your opinion. I think that it could have been a bit more organized. Over all I think that it was great."

#### Ella Byrne

"Overall YAG was a great website that got kids involved in all of the different aspects of cyber safety. YAG allowed students from all around Australia to comment on different topics relating to cyber safety and express their personal opinions. YAG collects information from surveys and discussion forums which is very useful when comparing different data and opinions. Another great thing that YAG has done was to put in the `off topic' section. This is where students can start up their own topics and other yagsters can join the discussion."

#### Julian Lekakis

## LEARNING STAR AWARDS

## MPPS-STUDENT STARS

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CLASS LEARNING STAR		REASON		
Prep A Rebecca	Zachary Al Mosawi	For thinking like a mathematician when working out numbers that add to ten.		
Prep B Nicole	Callum Cahoon	For showing more confidence in himself when reading alo		
Prep C Jenny	Joshua Holtz	For really trying to do his very best work and focusing on completing activities with care. Well done Josh!		
1/2 A Andrea	Quinn Digney	For his fabulous work on place value.		
1/2 B Leigh	Heidi Golden	For comprehensive and outstanding retell for Koala Lou		
1/2 C Senada	Juliet Golden	For her self-confident approach to all literacy activities		
1/2 D David	George Mitchell	For showing determination and efficiency when working on his personal writing!		
3/4 A Beth	Grace Pizzey	For showing enthusiasm and always sharing ideas when working in groups and learning about endangered animals Well done!		
3/4 B Jude	Marley Baldwin	The use of excellent vocabulary and sophisticated passages in her writing.		
3/4 C Antony	Max Stewart	Working on your Habits of Mind goal to "Make it Right" by remaining focussed on your work and creating great writing.		
5/6 A Jess	Bailey Pregden	For being helpful during maths.		
5/6 B Lee	James Trembath	For always being on top of his homework and completing it on time.		
5/6 C Liz (Bronwyn)	Lilli Blade	For helping her group with their projects.		
Italian Nancy	Jess Xue 5/6C	For her fantastic pronunciation and reading skills in Italian and for her excellent stand of work. Bravissimo!		
PE Karisse	Jack McLeod	For being attentive during PE class and executing excellent technique in the skill of high jump		
Arts Fiona	Just Wu	For participating enthusiastically and sharing his fantastic musical knowledge.		

## ROCC STAR AWARDS

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CLASS	ROCC STAR	REASON	
Prep A Rebecca	Max Hooker	For showing care and being a good friend when someone was hurt at lunchtime.	
Prep B Nicole	Sean Sinclair	Showing RESPECT by always keeping our classroom belongings neat and organised.	
Prep C Jenny	Jack Hooker	For being happy and optimistic in his approach to all that he does, showing a positive attitude towards have a go at anything and doing his best at every opportunity	
1/2 A Andrea	Ziggy Christofides	For his willingness to work with new people and his positive attitude towards his learning.	
1/2 B Leigh	Jack Moss	For always considering the needs of others	
1/2 C Senada	Jack Kilpatrick	For always showing respect to his teacher and peers	
1/2 D David	Rowan Francis	For his collaborative spirit and willingness to help others in the classroom	
3/4 A Beth	Jared Haigh	For his collaborative spirit and willingness to help others in the classroom	
3/4 B Jude	Abaan Mohammad	For consistently showing optimism when learning new skills	
3/4 C Antony	Atticus Frost	For being caring and helpful to all class members and for being respectful and thoughtful to our student teacher Danni	
5/6 A Jess	Tommy Bowden	For demonstrating optimism and compassion toward young students in the playground	
5/6 B Lee	Gavin Francis	For the care and respect he demonstrates when helping his team mates work on their skills during teeball training sessions	
5/6 C Liz (Bronwyn)	Lilli Coulsen	For always demonstrating good sportsmanship at PE	
Italian Nancy	Finn Musgrave Prep B	For doing his best when counting in Italian. Bravissimo!	
PE Karisse	Alexxandra Heywood	For always showing respect to the teacher and the equipment in PE	
Arts	Jack Kilpatrick (1/2C)	For focusing brilliantly and putting care into his work	



#### **NEWS FROM MOONEE VALLEY COUNCIL**

We're looking for people from all over Moonee Valley to provide comments on walking, cycling, road safety and other transport projects and help us develop good strategies to make it easier to get around Moonee Valley and become less reliant on cars.

The Integrated Transport Committee provides a forum to engage with and obtain feedback from key stakeholders in the delivery of Moonee Valley's Integrated Transport Plan, Walking and Cycling Strategy, Municipal Parking Strategy and Road Safety Plan (including Better Moves Around Schools) and assist in the development of other relevant Council strategies.

Our meetings are held from 6 to 8 pm on Mondays at the Civic Centre, Moonee Ponds. Proposed dates are 17 June, 12 August, 21 October and 2 December 2013. We typically have a short presentation on a current project, updates on strategic issues and current projects. In addition if you are interested you might participate in a safety audit of a shared path or visit to a location in your neighbourhood where a project is planned.

You are not expected to know all the strategies but may wish to have a look at them on Moonee Valley's website.

For further information and the terms of reference.

Please contact Lisa Bagnati <u>Ibagnati@mvcc.vic.gov.au</u> 9243 8762 or Kathleen Kemp <u>kkemp@mvcc.vic.gov.au</u> 9243 9172.

Moonee Valley City Council

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS / WALK TO SCHOOL









This Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May is National Walk Safely to School Day!!

If you already walk on Friday's that is fantastic! If not try to think of a way you can incorporate some walking into your trip to school. Maybe you could drive some of the way and walk some of the way? Perhaps you could organize a starting point with a group of friends? You could join the Friday morning Walking School Bus from the corner of Dean/Stuart streets, Moonee Ponds at 8.20am?

## Walking School Bus Routes

#### \*WEDNESDAYS AM

#### START: Meet on Melville Rd, opposite Jacobs Reserve at 8:10 am.

Travel along Albion Street, Bent Street and Hope Street Brunswick West; continue along Evans Street and Bent Street Moonee Ponds to reach school.

#### **\*WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS AM**

#### START: Meet outside 75 McPherson Street, Moonee Ponds at 8.35am.

This group will be temporarily out of action but can start up again with help from parent volunteers – please contact Clare if you are interested in helping out.

#### **\*TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AM**

START: Meet corner of Dean Street & Stuart Street, Moonee Ponds at 8.20am.

Travel along McPherson Street, Thomas Street and Wilson Street to reach school.

**JOIN IN!!** To participate in the WSB program all children/parents must have filled out a 'parent consent form' and a 'child behavior agreement form' which are available on the counter at the school office or from the MVCC website <u>http://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/for-residents/parking-and-transport/walking-school-bus.aspx</u>.

MORE INFO? Contact one of the WSB Coordinators anytime!

CLARE WALKER (Mum to Aaliyah in Grade 1) 0403341702 or <u>clare.walker@live.com</u>

### SRC REPORT

This week the SRC had a look at the blog which has been completed. The link will soon be on all your class blogs. It will be a great way for us to communicate with you so please leave us a comment! Our homework was to put a comment on before our next meeting. Next we had a look at our Survey Monkey. The Survey Monkey site will ask all members of our school community to vote on what we should raise funds for, what activities we could have and what clubs we might run. Hopefully this site will be up and running by next week so you can give us your ideas- Your SRC rep will be giving you this address really soon, and perhaps your class could do it all together with help from your teacher. The address will also be published in the newsletter and on our blog.

Once that was completed we talked about club options. We are still not sure if we will be able to run clubs, but we thought we should start thinking about it anyway. We listed all the ideas and broke it down into a few about what ones we can do and what we can not do. We also based it around different age groups like 5 \6, 3\4 and 1\2 and preps. Our reps came up with great ideas and we hope you like them.

### WINTER SPORTS

#### Netball - Team A

For the last couple of weeks 12 girls from Moonee Ponds. All stars, have been competing against other schools. Their names are: Paris, Serena, Grace, Lauren, Isabel, Lilly, zoe Eleanor, Kaitlin B, Kaitlyn H, Eden

#### and Amelia.

We have been; Training, Working hard....and having lots of fun.

We have won 1 game and lost 3. We played two games at school where we won 1 and lost 2 away games. The away games we played at Niddrie & Aberfeldie. The home games teams we played were Essendon North Primary and St. Vincents (we won against).

By Lilly Tye

### 2014 ENROLMENTS

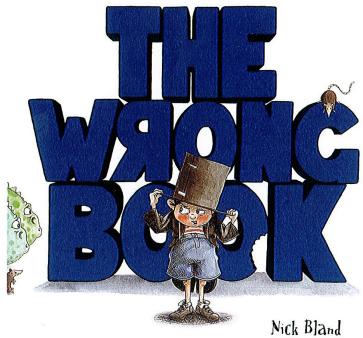
Forms can now be collected from the office. Enrolments are now being taken for next year. If you know of anybody, ie: neighbours, family, friends etc. Please advise them we have begun the enrolment process and tours are available by contacting the school.



## EDUCATION WEEK

Simultaneous Reading today:

## We would like you to join us!



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2013 11am Wednesday 22 May



## LIBRARY NEWS

#### **READING CHALLENGE UPDATE**

It is great to see a large number of students participating in the reading challenge. Students are enjoying the new bean bags and open reading spaces in the library. There is still plenty of time to add to your list of books, so keep up the good work. As there are new books arriving all the time, please don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

### Happy Reading Everyone.

## Kim and Vicki





The new welcoming reading area in the Library



## PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION DATES 2013**

## TERM 2- 15<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> June

Event	Date
Sausage sizzle	28 <sup>th</sup> June

## <u>TERM 3 - 15<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> September</u>

Event	Date
School Ball	August 2nd
Disco	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> of August
Prep cake stall	Wednesday 21 <sup>s</sup> August
Fathers Day stall	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
5c Frenzy	Beginning of Term 3
Sausage sizzle	20 <sup>th</sup> September

## TERM 4 - 7<sup>th</sup> October- 20<sup>th</sup> December

Event	Date	
Icy Poles	Wed & Fridays	
1/2 Cake stall	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	
Art Show	Date TBC	
End of Year	December	
Celebration		

Meeting Dates: All meetings are at 7.30pm in the SPC.All welcome

Parents Association can be contacted via email on:

mppsparentsassociation@gmail.com

or by phone: 0434 511 671

## DATES TO NOTE TERM 2



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20 May Education Week	21 May Education Week	22 May Education Week: • Whole School Simultaneous Reading • School Council • 5/6 Family Planning	23 May Education Week	24 May Education Week 1/2C+B Rippon Lea 3/4 Parents Invite for Reading Session and Morning Tea
27 May Curriculum Day	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May P-6 School Athletics Aberfeldie
3 June	4 June	5 June Science Competition Years 3-8	6 June Year 3/4 Excursion to Werribee Zoo	7 June Year 7 Transition Forms due back
10 June Queens Birthday Holiday	11 June	12 June	13 June Whole School Assembly	14 June
17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June Prep 2014 Familiarisation
24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June Reports go home	28 June End Term Assembly 2.00pm Dismissal 2.20 pm

