President's Report

Council Update
(a) CCTV on the Way
At Tuesday’s meeting, Council recommended and approved the installation of a CCTV system to assist in identifying vandals who damage and deface school property after hours.

(b) Picnic Area Upgrade
Council has asked the PFA to consider funding the installation of rubberised matting under the treed area between the Hub and D Block, as well as funding the improvement of the drainage in this area.

(c) New Verandas
The contractors installing the new Mod 10 building will replace the veranda in front of the far portable. Council will use PFA funds to install a veranda in front of the doors and bag hook area of the closer Mod 5 portable. This veranda won’t be as substantive as the far veranda as the middle Mod 5 may be replaced by yet another double storey building at the end of 2017.

Annual Implementation Plan 2016
This document sets out what the school will be doing in 2016 in four key areas: Curriculum, Productivity, Student Engagement and Student Well-being, in order to meet the priorities and targets in the School Strategic Plan. A copy is available on the school’s website.

Loan Market Support
PMPS has an arrangement with Loan Market which results in generous rebates back to our school on mortgages taken out by members of the school community. Throughout the course of 2015, this arrangement has resulted in Loan Market rebating over $5200 to PMPS.

To put this in context, this amount is third only to the Fete ($61k) and the Trivia Night ($42k) in locally raised funds. The School Council would like to thank Mortgage Broker Simon O’Kelly of Loan Market (and father of Oliver in Grade 4) for his ongoing support. We would also like to thank the parents and staff who have participated in this program. For those interested, Simon can be contacted on 0424 241 262 or simon.okelly@loanmarket.com.au

Annette Maloney

Principal's Report

Hoax Phone Calls
DET has advised that schools are still receiving these calls. If our school receives such a call, we will immediately notify the emergency services and implement our emergency management plan. Information will be distributed to parents via Konnective as soon as this occurs. It will also be posted on the school’s Facebook page.

In the event of a hoax call, parents/guardians will be requested NOT to come to the school until advised via Konnective, police and other emergency services will require unrestricted access to the school. In most schools where a hoax call has been received the all-clear has been received within an hour of the notification.

Excursion Procedures
This year there will be a number of excursions and incursions planned for each year level throughout the school. As teachers spend a lot of time organising these activities, we will be strictly enforcing the return dates for permission slips and payments. The cut-off dates will be 2 full days PRIOR to the excursion/incursion to enable effective organisation. We strongly encourage all parents to adhere to these dates as your child will miss out on the activity if you return the permission note after the cut-off date. Konnective reminders will be sent in the weeks leading up to the activity to remind you. Permission forms will be available on the school’s website.
Life Education Incursions
Our annual Life Education Program which addresses issues affecting a healthy lifestyle and which incorporates a Drug Education program commences next Friday. Please make sure that you have returned your consent forms and monies by Tuesday 16th Feb.

Council Elections 2016
Nomination forms for parent positions on School Council will be available from the office from Feb 12th, with the election timetable being:
- call for nominations: Friday Feb 12th
- nominations close: Friday Feb 19th
- ballot papers circulated: Friday Feb 26th
- ballot closes: March 5th at 4pm
- poll declared (5pm): Friday March 5th
The Annual Reporting Meeting of Council will be on Tuesday 8th March and the new Council will take office from that date.

Information Overload
Thank-you to the 400+ parents who attended our Curriculum Information Sessions this week, and to my staff for their very professional presentations. Copies of the presentations are available on the school website.

Approximately 100 Prep parents attended our Prep Family Picnic yesterday evening. Thank-you to the Prep team for organising a very pleasant evening.

School Photos
Our school photos will be taken on Friday 26th February. All students should be at school punctually in school uniform that day. If your child is a little “off colour”, you may wish to bring him/her along just for the photographs. Class teachers can advise you of the approximate time for your class photo closer to the event. Some members of the swimming team will have their photos taken before they go to the pool.

Athletics Support Required
All our Year 3 to 6 students will spend Wednesday 2nd March at the Lakeside Athletics Track, Albert Park for our School Athletics Carnival. We urgently need parents to assist particularly with field events such as high jump, long jump and shot put. Please notify Michael Snowden or myself if you can assist on the day.

Staffing Update
Congratulations to Elaine Burn on the arrival of Alexandra Louise (3.55kg) on January 30th.

Weekly Staff Profile
This week, we profile Karen Tozer and Rosie Binding who together teach Prep CD.

Karen grew up on a farm in rural NSW before moving to (what seemed at the time) the big city of Canberra to complete her Bachelor of Education at the University of Canberra. Since then Karen has been a classroom teacher for over 10 years in schools in the ACT, London and Melbourne before becoming a Leading Teacher at Giralang Primary. In that role she was a Literacy and Numeracy coach, reading intervention teacher and in charge of Assessment, Reporting and Curriculum. After 2 years in that role she missed having her own class so she joined our Year 1 team last year.

Most weekends you will find Karen either sipping a chai or coffee after a yoga session, running along the bay, picking up the weekly supplies at the farmer’s markets, playing with her niece and nephew or lazily basking in the afternoon sun enjoying a good book. She is also a fan of good food, shopping and travelling the world. Karen’s time in London allowed her to indulge in her passion for travelling and she has travelled extensively through Europe, Turkey, Egypt and China.

Rosie, originally from England, graduated from Cardiff University in 2010 having studied English Literature and History. She became interested in teaching after working as a
Teaching Assistant for a year and went on to do her PGCE in Bath. Rosie then taught in two primary schools around Bristol before deciding to move to Melbourne and experience teaching in Australia. Rosie moved out here in August 2015 with her boyfriend who works as a doctor. She is thoroughly enjoying Melbourne life and in her free time she enjoys socialising with friends and walking around the botanical gardens.

**Term 1 Dates**
Feb 19-Mar 4 ... Life Education Incursions
Feb 26............ District Swimming
.......................... School Photos
March 2 Senior School Athletics Sports
March 3 Jump Rope for Heart Launch
March 4 Cricket Gala Day (Year 5/6)
.......................... Family Fun Run (4.40pm)
March 8 School Council
March 11 Beachside Swimming
Mar 15-16....... Year 5 Swimming Program
Mar 22.......... Parent Teacher Interviews P -2
Mar 22-23....... Year 6 Swimming Program
Mar 23.......... Parent Teacher Interviews 3-6
Mar 24.......... Term 1 ends 1.30pm

**Words of Well-being**

This term our Kidsmatter action team has proudly organised a parent information session focused on Managing Anxiety on Tuesday 23rd February. The focus of the sessions are to help learn strategies to support your child to manage their emotions so they will be calm, confident, emotionally intelligent, resilient children.

To ensure we are reaching as many parents and families as possible; and considering the feedback from our community we are running two sessions. One in the afternoon from 2:00pm -3:30pm and another session that same evening from 6:30-8:00pm.

The presenter Kerrie Stuan is a qualified social worker, family therapist, teacher and parent. She has many years of experience in this area and is very passionate about helping and educating children and families about anxiety.

Please refer to the Student Wellbeing Page on the school website for more information or contact Milli or Mr C as the school’s student wellbeing coordinators.

Milli: lloyd.amelia.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or Mr C: crawcour.darren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Parents & Friends**

**PFA Meeting Tuesday 16th February at 7:30pm in the staff room**

The first meeting of the Parents & Friends Association (PFA) will be held on Tuesday 16th Feb, at 7.30 pm in the staff room at PMPS. All parents are welcome, especially those who are new to the school. This meeting will give you an understanding of how the PFA operates, and a brief outline of our calendar of events for 2016. Our AGM will be held on the 15th of March, when you will have the opportunity to nominate for roles on the PFA, if you choose to do so.

We encourage a representative of each family to take an active role in the PFA, as it gives you the opportunity to meet other school families outside your children’s class, and allows you to showcase your skills should you choose to manage or assist with one of our events.

Remember, we aim to keep it FUN, and there is absolutely no obligation.

**Family Fun Run Friday 4th March from 4:30pm – Murphy’s Reserve**

*Please keep the afternoon of Friday 4th March free for our Family Fun Run – get ready to get wet and be floured and exercised, all at once!* Heidi Tucker, the event organiser, is looking for excited parents to assist. Please contact Heidi directly at hutches@iprimus.com.au

**Easter Raffle**

We know, it’s ridiculous, but before we know it, Easter will be upon us.

Each year, the PMPS community runs a very successful Easter Raffle. We ask all families, if they can, to donate an egg or two, which allows us to provide many smaller prizes, and three major prizes to our raffle ticket purchasers. When you’re next at the supermarket, perhaps throw an egg or two in the basket, and pop them into the office when you’re around. Raffle tickets will come home with your child in the next few weeks.

Finally, if you are keen to assist with the raffle (creating the ticket books and/or putting together the prize packs), please contact the PFA at PMPSparentsandfriends@gmail.com

**Thea & Sim**

Thea: theakogler@bigpond.com; Ph: 0438 084 186
Sim: simone@iascend.com.au; Ph: 0419 559 410
Healthy Eating @ PMPS

It is the beginning of the school year again which means getting back into the swing of preparing school lunches! We know that it can be challenging to prepare healthy lunches that your kids will like.

In 2016, the Healthy Eating@PMPS Working Group will be looking at how the school can create a healthier eating environment that supports you in getting your kids to eat well. The results of the survey conducted at last year’s school fete gave us a good starting point to understanding how to do this. In total 68 surveys were completed and we found:

- Most of the survey respondents (93%) were ensuring their children had fruit and water in the lunch boxes all/most days and only about half (51%) were getting vegetables into their kids’ lunch box all/most days.
- Most of the survey respondents provided canteen lunches to their children either less than one day a week (50%) or never (31%).
- The biggest challenge survey respondents faced in ensuring their children had a healthy lunch box was their children’s food preferences, followed by lack of time to shop for and prepare lunches, and the influence of children’s peers.
- The most popular suggestions of support were an in-school fruit program, healthy tips in the school newsletter, information sessions on healthy lunch box ideas, healthy cooking program for kids and parents/carers, and increasing the number of healthy options at the school canteen.

Congratulations to Eleanor Nott who won the $100 Coles Vouchers and free nutrition consultation with Eat for Life.

If you would like to get involved in Healthy Eating @ PMPS please contact Marie Walters on 0416 188 246 or via mariewalters@live.com.au

That Sugar Film

Social Health & Inclusion Port (SHIP) in partnership with City of Port Phillip is hosting a screening of That Sugar Film as part of Gasworks Backyard Cinema. That Sugar Film details one man’s journey to discover the bitter truth about sugar. His experiment documents the effects of a high sugar diet on a healthy body, consuming only foods that are commonly perceived, or promoted to be ‘healthy’.

- Saturday 13th February 2016 (rescheduled date)

- Gates open 7pm and film starts at approximately 8.45pm
- Gasworks Arts Park, 21 Graham St, Albert Park
- Get your tickets online at www.gasworks.org.au or phone (03) 9699 3253

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Port Melbourne Netball Club was founded in 2014 by a group of volunteers (all parents at PMPS) after a huge surge in junior Netball participants.

We have teams for 10&Under, 11&Under, 13&Under and 15&Under all training in Port Melbourne (training times + days vary) and playing at Parkville Netball Centre on Saturdays. We also have a Monday nights Ladies team and we have a very successful Net Set Go program.

NetSetGO is Netball Australia’s junior entry netball program. It provides children from 5-10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball. NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment.

Please visit www.portmelbournenetball.com for more information and to register.

Whether you’re a first timer or an experienced player, now is the time to get in touch - registrations close on Monday 15th Feb

Family Community Day

The Port Colts Junior Football Club is holding a Family Community Day on Sunday Feb 21 at Murphy Reserve between 1pm and 6pm. The Colts are fielding mixed teams from Under 8 to Under 13 this season and well as an Under 15 Girls team. There is also an Auskick program for younger children.

City of Port Phillip Budget Consultation

Share your thoughts on Council’s Budget 2016/17.

Visit our pop-up stalls or go online to have your say or to find out more.


Dates & Venues

- South Melbourne Market Friday 12 February 10 am - 1 pm
- Gasworks Market, Albert Park Saturday 20 February 9 am - 12 noon
Try Rugby Union

Junior Registration, FREE Clinic & BBQ

DATE:  Sunday 14th February
TIME:  U6 – U10 2pm – 3pm, U11 – U18 3pm - 4pm
WHERE: Orrong Romanis Reserve, Orrong Rd, Armadale
New players welcome

Saturday morning competition starts 16th April 2016

MELBOURNE RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
melbournerugby.com.au