President’s Report

A Great Community
I have again been overwhelmed by the community spirit at our school this year, particularly in recent weeks, as evidenced by the massive attendance at our Christmas Concert two weeks ago (not to mention the many “footy dads” who worked tirelessly on the food stall).

Our PFA has organised many successful fundraising/social events including our largest ever Fete and an even larger Trivia Night, as well as assisting our dads in staging the annual Dads Footy Carnival. The PFA led the community raising over $100,000 for the school this year. Much of this has been used to fund the new Year 1/2 playground, the balance of the funds to upgrade our oval, the soundproofing of the C Block classrooms and the purchase of iPad class sets and trolleys for student use.

School Council has already approved a range of community activities for 2016 including another Dads Footy Carnival in term 3, a Trivia Night in term 2 and our major event for 2016, the Fete to be held on Sunday 27th November.

Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations again to all our graduating Year 6 students and especially to our award winners:

- Dux of the School: Katia Dossis
- Excellence in Literacy: Jayden Norman & Charlie Fortunaso-McKay
- Excellence in Numeracy: Paul Anderson
- Excellence in Sport: Mack Burdett
- District Sports Association Award: Nina Cowley-Mousinho
- Excellence in LOTE: Charlie Fortunaso-McKay
- Excellence in Art: Alia McIntosh
- Excellence in Music: Lucy Adam
- Leadership and Accomplishment award: Oscar Roberts
- Rotary Club of Albert Park Award Winners: Alex Du, Nathanael Lilomaiva, Tai Stone

I was represented last night by our Mayor Bernadene Voss, who was very impressed by their performance at their graduation ceremony yesterday; they displayed a great level of poise and maturity, and Council wishes them all the best in secondary school next year. I would like to thank all the teachers who have fostered these students during their time at PMPS, but a special thanks must go to our Year 6 teachers, Meerah Gill, Teagan Barrack and Sarah Tyo, who have helped these students polish and refine the skills and confidence they need for what awaits them in the future.

Goodbye to Some of our Families

The sad part of the end of year is that some of our families will be leaving us, either because their youngest child has graduated or because the families are moving on. I would like to extend my thanks to the many families who have contributed so much to PMPS over the years and wish them all well in the future. We are also farewelling Tim Boylan who is transferring to Williamstown North PS, Tara Chambers (to Wodonga PS), Sam Crigan (to Solway PS), Emily Fenn (travelling around Australia and New Zealand), Dervla Murtagh (to CBC St Kilda), James O’Raw (returning to WA), Natalie Rose (returning to McKinnon PS), Allira Somerville (Epping Views PS) and Alex Watson. Meerah Gill is taking 12 months leave and will be working in a summer camp in the USA, while Craig Harrison will act as Assistant Principal of Keilor Heights PS for term 1.

Some Thank You’s

Thank you to everyone in our school community – your efforts have ensured that 2015 has been a very successful year.
I thank all of our 2015 School Councillors for their efforts. I thank Simone Cresp, Thea Kogler and their wonderful team of PFA volunteers for all of their efforts on behalf of the school, and, in particular, the very successful November Fete and our always successful Trivia Night.

I thank Peter and all his staff for the dedication they bring in ensuring that our children are able to reach their full potential.

And finally, I thank all of our students, and especially our Year 6 students for all of their contributions during 2015.

Best Wishes for the Holidays
I would like to wish all our families and staff a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season. I have enjoyed my six years on School Council and five years as president and wish the school community all the best for the coming years.

As many of you are aware my family is leaving Port Melbourne Primary School but we will continue to live in Port Melbourne and I have offered to continue to help the school in whatever way I can. We have very much enjoyed being a part of the Port Melbourne Primary School community and, whilst we will no longer be at the school, will continue to feel a part of it.

Michele Williams

Vice-President's Report
On behalf of School Council, I acknowledge Michele Williams’ outstanding contribution to our school community as School Council President for the past five years. In addition to all the usual presidential roles, including being a very positive public face for the school, Michele has played a major role in upgrading our facilities since 2010 and, in 2015 in assisting in the co-ordination of the fete. I wish Michele, Marcus and their family every success in the coming years.

Annette Maloney

Principal's Report
Staffing 2016
Next year we will have approximately 770 students arranged in seventeen class pairs. Our class structure will most likely be as follows:

3 Prep pairs
3 Year 1 pairs
2 Year 2 pairs
2 Year 3 pairs
2 Year 4 pairs
2 Year 5 pairs
2 Year 6 pairs

The teachers at each year level are:
Year Prep: Kate Lewis (team leader), Rosie Binding, Kristen Cutting, Shauna Donnelly, Sophie Gero and Karen Tozer
Year 1: Susannah Smith (team leader), Zoe Doland, Caroline Farrant, Beth Jones, Melinda Keenan and Sinead O’Mahony*
Year 2: Lisa Kendall (team leader), Emma Hockey, Georgina McKinnon*, Claire Raymond*, Maddy Reid and Jessica Steele*
Year 3: Alex McLeod (team leader), Peter Fleming, Amy Midson* and Poppy Sandillon
Year 4: Sarah Tyo (team leader), Louise Flourentzou, Jackie Rawnsley* and Jo Ritson*
Year 5: Jessica McPherson (team leader), Lucas Dredge*, Sasha Goss and Candy Patamisi
Year 6: Haylee Brooks (team leader), Teagan Barrack, Caitlin Green and Kim Nickels*

Maria Chadwick will teach Performing Arts, Darren Crawcour, Milli Lloyd and Michael Snowden will teach Phys Ed, Emily Burkimsher* and Trisha Wheeler will teach French, Deb O’Donnell and Kate Thompson will teach Visual Arts, while Chris Toner will be the Literacy Support teacher.

The asterisk (*) indicates that the staff member is new to the school.

Our Leadership Team will consist of myself, our Assistant Principals, Kym Hall and Neil Scott and three Leading Teachers: Darren Crawcour (Senior School Student Welfare team leader), Milli Lloyd (Junior School Student Welfare leader and Craig Harrison (Director of Teaching and Learning)
Milli Lloyd will co-ordinate the Program for Students with Disabilities, and Kirsty Vincent continues as our Speech Therapist.

The children met with their 2016 provisional class groups and their 2016 class teachers on Tuesday. We are hopeful that we will not need to change the class groupings in the new year, but, if there are significant enrolments in a particular year level, some alterations may be necessary.

**Wedding Bells**  
Congratulations to Haylee Horn on her marriage to Steve Brooks last Saturday.

**2015 Farewells**  
We will farewell our Year 6 students at our final assembly at 1pm tomorrow. They are an excellent group of young people and I have been fortunate to have known many of them since Prep. I hope that they retain a link with their “old” primary school. We will also be farewelling a number of Year 6 families from the school, Many of whom have been major contributors to the life of our school.

**Student Leadership Team 2015**  
I thank our out-going school captains, Oscar Roberts and Lucinda Lederman, and our Vice Captains Jayden Norman and Hannah Cresp for their outstanding leadership during 2015.

I also acknowledge the efforts of our House Captains:  
**Beacon:** Jessica Crease, Jacqueline Dynon, Matthew Robinson and Krish Sablock  
**Hobson:** Zac Climpson, Charlie McIntosh, Liza Orlovskaya and Paddy Ryan  
**Lagoon:** Mack Burdett, Charlie Fortunaso-Mackay, Montanna Gunn and Grace Chappell  
**Liardet:** Iceman Cocu, Nina Cowley-Mousinho, Jordan Maloney and Molly Walker

At assembly tomorrow, we will introduce our 2016 student leaders to our school community.

**Buildings & Grounds Update**  
Half of our oval will be out of action for most of the holidays due to the installation of our new two storey relocatable classroom.

If you are able to assist in shifting furniture between our Mod 5 classrooms tomorrow, please meet at the office at 9am.

**2016 Booklists**  
Please pay your 2016 Booklist charge (preferably on-line) by tomorrow to ensure that we have your child’s classroom requisites available on day 1 next year!

**PFA Thank-you**  
Thank-you to all the PFA parents who provided lunch to a very grateful staff last Thursday, and who supported the end of year staff function.

**Swimming Sports Training**  
Thank you to Simon Magasanik and all his helpers at our recent trials. With the interschool swimming scheduled for February 26th, potential team members may wish to do some training over the holidays. Any student who broke 60 seconds for his/her selected stroke at our recent trials is invited to continue with the squad for further training sessions and a final selection trial in early February.

**Towards 2017**  
Over the holidays, our new double storey relocatable will be installed in place of a Mod 5. If further classrooms are required for 2017, we hope that another double story building will replace another Mod 5. If the new Ferrars St primary school is opened in February 2018, we hope that our enrolments will start to decline, our remaining oval space may remain untouched for the foreseeable future.

I thank Kym Hall and Natalie Rose for their efforts as Assistant Principals, and all the School Councillors, staff, parents, volunteers and even the Crossing Supervisors who have worked so hard to make our school community what it is. I wish all members of our school community a happy and safe Christmas break and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

**End of Term Arrangements**  
School will finish at 1:30pm tomorrow after a short farewell assembly. There will be NO lunch orders on that day, and you are advised to pack a larger than usual snack for your child. Recess will be from 11.15am to 11.45am.
After School Care will operate from **1.30pm** onwards. If your child is attending After Care, you are requested to provide a cut lunch. Please notify Ben on **0431 682 747** if your child will be using the program on that afternoon.

Camp Australia will run a School Holiday program here from Monday 4th January to Thursday 28th January. Again, please contact Ben for further information.

School resumes for Years 1-6 on Friday 29th January. 2016 Preps will commence on Monday 1st February.

**Term 1 2016 Dates**
Jan 25............. School Office Opens  
Jan 27............. Teachers return  
Jan 29............. Years 1-6 commence  
Feb 1 ............. Preps commence  
...........................(starting times to be advised)  
Feb 26............. District Swimming  
.......................... School Photos  
March 2 .......... Senior School Athletics Sports  
March 4 .......... Cricket Gala Day (Year 5/6)  
March 11 ........ Beachside Swimming  
Mar 15-16 ...... Year 5 Swimming Program  
Mar 22-23 ...... Year 6 Swimming Program  
Mar 24 .......... Term 1 ends 1.30pm

**Peter Martin**

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**Premiers Reading Challenge**
Premiers’ Reading Challenge certificates have arrived at school and are being distributed by classroom teachers. The 2015 Honour Roll is now available online. It celebrates the achievements of all students who have completed the Challenge this year. You can also watch a special video message from some of Australia’s favourite authors congratulating students on taking part in the PRC. It includes some words and barks of encouragement from Morris Gleitzman, Graeme Base, Eoin Colfer and Ursula Dubosarsky – among others – as well as Lachlan the Reading Dog. To view the video and read the Honour Roll, go to [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/2015honourroll.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/2015honourroll.aspx) Don’t forget the Challenge starts again in February next year.

The Department of Education and Training is conducting research into the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge to understand parents’ experiences and needs, as well as any improvements that could be made to the program. Parents are invited to participate in a survey if your child was registered for the 2015 PRC. Please copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:  
[https://qau1.au.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Rd7MoKOiVVAM3r](https://qau1.au.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Rd7MoKOiVVAM3r) or click on the link on the Reading Challenge page of the school’s website.

**Debbie O’Donnell**

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**Parents & Friends**

**Wow. Another Year Over!**
It has been a huge one for PMPS and the PFA. We have raised a wonderful amount of money that is being out towards many projects to improve our school. There have been many laughs and new friendships made along the way.

We would like to say a very big thank you to all of our parent community who have supported the PFA and school in so many different ways.

There are too many people to thank individually. You know who you are and you are a valued and integral part of our school and community. We thank you for your hard work and dedication.

**Just one last bit of business...**
The PFA will be hosting a morning tea on Monday 1st Feb 2016 to welcome our new prep families.

It would be great if you could pop in for half an hour to lend a hand and say hi. If you are able to assist in baking/purchasing a small offering for morning tea please email the pmps PFA email address.

We wish all PMPS families a safe and relaxing break. Enjoy and we look forward to 2016.

Happy holidays!
Thea: 0438 084 186  
Simone: 0419 559 410  
Email: PMPSparentsandfriends.com

**Community News**

**Holiday Football Clinics**
South Melbourne FC will be delivering specialised pre-season football clinics over the extended January school holiday period.

Each recipient will receive expert coaching from SMFC Senior Men and Women players, SMFC Shirt provided by BLK and a soccer ball.

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We wish you all a merry Xmas and a safe and happy new year.

If you're thinking about some Xmas drinks with friends, keep us in mind.

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