President's Report

Opening Ceremony
Our local MP, Martin Foley will officially open our new double storey building at 9am tomorrow. Community members are welcome to attend the ceremony which will be held in front of the new building.

Family Fun Run Friday 4th March
Please support the PFA’s Family Fun Run to be conducted at Murphy Reserve in the late afternoon/early evening on Friday 4th March. This will be the PFA’s first major fundraiser for 2016, and it is hoped that the funds will be used for projects such as providing a passive play area near the new double storey building, shade cloth over parts of our playground, and purchasing additional ICT equipment for the school.

Managing Children’s Anxiety
Over 120 parents attended the two parent information sessions run here by DET Social Worker Kerrie Staun and chaired by Milli Lloyd last Tuesday. I thank Kerrie and Milli for organising the sessions and congratulate all the parents who gave up 90 minutes of their time to attend.

Annette Maloney

Principal’s Report

School Council Elections
There are eight candidates for three positions as parent nominees on School Council. They are: Rohan Cresp, Edwina Hanlon, Anna Heerey, Thea Kogler, Alexander Levashov, Annette Maloney, Paul Spotteswood and Elizabeth Zamanis-Robinson. A short resume for each candidate is attached to this Newsletter.

You will receive your ballot paper(s) this week. Please return it to school in a plain envelope, which itself is enclosed in a second envelope marked with your name and address by 4pm on Friday March 8. You can mark UP TO THREE squares on the ballot paper. If you mark more than three squares, your vote will be informal.

If you did not receive a ballot paper, please contact the school office.

There were only two candidates for the two DET nominee positions; I declare Kym Hall and Neil Scott elected to Council for two year terms.

The Annual Reporting Meeting of Council will be on Tuesday 8th March and the new Council will take office from that date.

Avoiding the Measles
Given the recent outbreak of measles in Brunswick, I remind you that the school must be informed of the immunisation status of enrolled children and requesting that, if you have not already done so, you should provide a copy of your child’s immunisation status certificate to the school.

School Photographs
Our school photos take place tomorrow morning. Please make sure that your children are here on time and in school uniform tomorrow, so that they do not miss out on a photo.

In the Swim
Best of luck to our twenty-five swimmers who will represent us tomorrow morning at the District Swimming Sports at the Prahran Pool. They will be travelling by car to the pool as soon as their class photos are taken.

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. Ensure you’ve paid and provided the permission form before 29th February.
Jump Rope For Heart
We are again participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program, with lots of skipping going on in the yard. We will launch the program at a short assembly at 2.30pm next Thursday.

Please help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online at www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart
It’s easy, safe and secure. Please ask family and friends to help by sponsoring your child in the program.

Weekly Staff Profile
This week, we profile our Assistant Principals, Kym Hall, who has responsibility for Years 3 to 6 and Neil Scott who has responsibility for Years Prep to 2.

Kym has had a long and successful teaching career gaining experience at Cranbourne North PS, Nar Nar Goon PS and Courtney Gardens PS, before being appointed as a Leading Teacher at Pakenham Hills PS. She then moved to Hastings Westpark PS where she was Assistant Principal for four years before being promoted to our Assistant Principal position in 2012. Raised in Melbourne’s south eastern suburbs, Kym’s interests outside education have included shopping, and jet skiing with her partner, Dave.

Neil joined us from St Kilda Park PS in 2013 as leading Teacher (Teaching & Learning) before taking on the Assistant Principal role here this year. Originally from Sheffield, Yorkshire, Neil commenced his teaching career in London before moving to Australia in 2009 with his partner, Chantel, who this week is Acting Principal at St Kilda Park PS. Outside school, Neil is a passionate St Kilda and Sheffield Wednesday fan, and successfully completed his first marathon last year.

Term 1 Dates
Feb 19-Mar 4...Life Education Incursions
Feb 26 .............District Swimming
..........................School Photos

March 1 Andrew Fuller Session at Elwood College
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) at Murphy’s Reserve
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

Professional Learning Communities
In 2014, an external reviewer facilitated a major review of the school’s curriculum and welfare programs. As a result of the reviewer’s recommendations, the school developed its 2015-2018 School Strategic Plan, with six key goals for the next four years. Two of the goals are: To improve student learning growth for all students in English and Mathematics and To implement a more distributive model of leadership.

To attain the targets set for these goals, the new School Strategic Plan places considerable emphasis on our teachers working together as a Professional Learning Community (PLC), with the teachers at each level forming a Collaborative Team. These teams work collaboratively to ensure that our students have every opportunity to maximise their learning outcomes.

The move towards a PLC culture has involved many hours of research and planning. This PLC culture’ is backed by the Education Department and is supported by copious amount of research from around the world. As its implementation is still in its early stages here at PMPS, leaders and staff will be provided with ongoing support to further enhance team productivity and build upon our teachers’ repertoire of skills.

Classes are presently working collaboratively across the school, with no physical barriers between shared classrooms so that our teaching teams can group students flexibly in their shared learning spaces allowing the teachers to better target the learning needs of either individual or targeted groups of students.
Our timetable has been restructured so that all teachers at a particular year level are able to meet in a Collaborative Team for two hours each week, to analyse the data collected from student assessments and work together to design specific programs for students working towards different learning outcomes across the year levels. Each Collaborative Team has a team leader who is provided with an additional two hours of non-teaching time to ensure that his/her team is meeting each student's particular learning needs. Our Assistant Principals are available to attend each Collaborative Team meeting to assist the team members in their analysis of student data and in ensuring that the curriculum addresses the learning needs of every student.

At our Parent/Teacher interviews on March 22nd and 23rd, you will meet with one of the teachers who work with your child but he/she will also share with you the assessment data and any relevant advice from any other Collaborative Team members who have been working with your child. If another Collaborative Team member also wishes to see you, you will be contacted about a possible second P/T meeting.

Our Team Leaders are:
Prep: Kate Lewis
Year 1: Susannah Smith
Year 2: Lisa Kendall
Year 3: Alex McLeod
Year 4: Sarah Tyo
Year 5: Jessica McPherson
Year 6: Haylee Horn
Specialists: Darren Crawcour

Neil Scott

Circle Time

Circle Time is a one of many initiatives and programs that we at PMPS incorporate into our program to support students’ anxiety. Each class will participate in at least one circle time per week. Circle Time builds and develops relationships whilst allowing teachers to check in with the students discussing any concerns, worries and successes. The students thoroughly enjoy this time.

Try a circle time around the dinner table. It’s really simple, but first there are some expectations...

- One person at a time talks
- We look at the person talking
- Think about what they are saying
- & We care about each person’s thoughts and feelings

Now take turns around the dinner table to finish these sentences.

Something you didn’t know about me is....
I would rather be...
My favourite food is...
Two things I would take to a deserted island would be...
When I feel happy I...
Blue makes me think of...
If I could be a cartoon character I would be...

Milli Lloyd

Parents & Friends

PFA Annual General Meeting 15th March
School Staff Room

Please join us for our AGM on March 15th. We will be presenting a summary of the past year which includes a full financial summary. All positions within the PFA will be declared open for election and we welcome everyone to come along.

Simone and Thea have thoroughly enjoyed the past 3 years as co-presidents and have no intention of abandoning the PFA but we feel it is time for some new ideas and fresh faces!

Please don’t be scared off by the prospect of being roped into something you are not up for, but many hands do make light work.

If you have any questions regarding any of the roles within the PFA please contact Simone or Thea

Words of Well-being

Managing Children's Anxiety

We are very pleased and excited at the large turn out for our parent session on anxiety. Thank you to all those that made the effort on a very hot day to come and listen to some very valuable information and strategies to help you children manage anxiety. If you missed the session the handouts and presentation have been uploaded to the website on the ‘Student Wellbeing’ page. Please feel free to email Darren (Mr C) crawcour.darren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or Miss Milli lloyd.amelia.j@edumail.vic.gov.au with any ideas or suggestions for our next parenting, social and emotional wellbeing information session in Term 2.
Family Fun Run/Walk: Water, Flour, Fun!
The Family Fun Run is on Friday 4th March 4.30 at Murphy Reserve.
Purchase $10 Student & Guest entry ticket via Qr!
The course is designed to go via water, flour stations and the obstacle course. The option to avoid these is always available.
You can choose to run 1 lap or all the races on the day, it is up to you. We will be breaking them into age groups on the day to give the kids the joy of being race leaders. The Family Fun Run means you run with your family or child, we are not responsible for your child on the day.

Best of luck with your sponsorship collecting and house costume designing.

The PMPS Annual Easter Raffle
Each year the PFA holds an Easter Raffle, which is drawn on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March.

To ensure the raffle is a huge success we ask a few things from you.
1. **Raffle books** are coming home with your child very soon. Each child will receive a book of 10 tickets, valued at $2 each. Please encourage your child to sell the tickets to family, friends and neighbours, and don’t forget to ensure names and mobile numbers are clearly written on the ticket stub. Please return money and tickets to your classroom teacher;

2. **Donations of Easter Eggs**, we need as many as possible, the more eggs the more winners - last year we handed out over 130 prizes! Egg donations can be made to the office.

3. Please return all egg donations, tickets and money by **Monday 21st March**.

Garden Club
The PFA funds the operation of our Garden Club which looks after our boutique fruit and veggie garden behind B Block. We need volunteers to assist in maintaining the garden and to work with our students in the garden at lunchtimes. If you can help with either of these activities, please let us know at PMPSparentsandfriends@gmail.com

Thea & Sim

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Community Announcements

**Fisherman’s Bend Community Forum**
The community is invited to join the Hon. Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Planning to launch the consultation program for Fisherman’s Bend at the North Port Oval at 6.30pm on Monday 29th February.

This is your chance to:
- Meet with the Hon. Richard Wynne Minister for Planning, and local MP in Albert Park Martin Foley and the Fisherman’s Bend project team
- Get an update on the project, including the Minister’s response to the Advisory Committee’s first report
- Hear more about the planning process
- Understand how you can get involved in Australia’s largest urban renewal project

You are invited to attend the first of a program of consultation sessions that will draw the community voice into the planning of Fisherman’s Bend.

At this first session, the Minister for Planning will reflect on the progress made so far on the recast, and his response to the report of the Ministerial Advisory Committee. Local Member and Minister for Housing Martin Foley will reflect on the challenges facing the project, and confirm the Government’s intention to consult with the community on the future of the area.

Please enter via Ingles Street, Port Melbourne.

For further information email fishermansbend@delwp.vic.gov.au

**Soccer Players Wanted**
The Port Melbourne Sharks Soccer Club welcomes boys and girls interested in playing soccer this season. Registrations for Mini-Roos (U5 - U11) are now open and training has commenced on Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7pm at Murphy Reserve, Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne. All welcome. For further information, visit the club website https://portmelbournesc.com.au/miniroos/ or drop into the club during training.
School Council Election Statements

Candidates have been requested to provide a short (150 word) statement providing background information about their candidacy. The 4 statements are presented in alphabetical order, although the order on the ballot paper was determined by lot.

Rohan Cresp
I have served on school council for several years. My daughter Hannah, has left now after 6 years, and my son Nicholas has around 4 years to go.

A Fitter & Turner by trade, with a Business Degree, Graduate Diploma in Marketing and a Masters Training & Development, I am committed to life-long learning for all.

Since Hannah began in 2009, I have assisted PMPS in many ways, including the Fete committee and with training. Suppling the School with Coffee & Hospitality equipment which has not only helped make functions great, but also making many thousands of dollars in the process.

As CEO of IAscend Polytechnic, providing National and International Vocational training, I have donated First Aid, Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Traffic Control, RSA, RSF & First Aid training to staff and volunteers, assisting the school with compliance, and saving a substantial amount on their training budget.

Previously served as a Committee member and "Responsible Person" (nominated Licensee) of Ada Mary A’Beckett Childcare, over 7 years.

A Port resident for 23 years, I am passionate about our community, our children and their environment, and welcome the opportunity to contribute further to PMPS.

Edwina Hanlon
I am EDWINA HANLON. My daughter is ELIZABETH HOLLAND (1B). My nominator is Mark Fuller.

Education is essential. With the increase of students expected. I believe I have the capacity and knowledge to assist this great school. And I love the community spirit in Port Melbourne.

Qualifications:
B.A. (Art History/Urban Geography)
Diploma (Interior/Graphic Design)
UK certified investment banker
AMusA – violin

Employment:
Human Resources sector
Banking Equities sector
Graphic Designer
I know a spreadsheet, contracts like I know Port Melbourne.

I have lived here since 1995. Also in Egypt and London.

Volunteer work:
Recipe books - Clarke Street Childcare & Galilee Primary
PM Cricket Club & Soccer Club
Asylum seekers
Public Housing Associations
If I didn’t have a decent education – I couldn’t be writing this. That’s the important part.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.
Any questions? 9646 0099 or edwina.hanlon@gmail.com

Anna Heerey
My family & I enjoy being active members of the rapidly growing PMPS community. Over the last 4 years I have happily turned sausages, swept, painted, been a classroom helper, Class Parent Representative, a PFA committee member and have co-ordinated marketing, communications & planning for the School Fete. Outside school we are also very involved in the various sporting clubs at which our son and his PMPS mates play.

I enjoy the camaraderie that comes with involvement and love that my son is proud - that his mum is doing stuff for his school.

For the last 2 years, I have been the co-opted PFA Member of the School Council, this year I am running as a stand-alone parent representative.

I am a practising Architect and an enthusiastic & involved parent. I’d be grateful to be elected to School Council to continue to assist Peter and his talented team.

Thea Kogler
Hi I’m Thea. I currently have three children at the school in grades 6, 4 and 1 and a prep starting next year.

I am a registered nurse working for the Royal District Nursing Service part time doing home visits within the Port Phillip area.

I am the current co-president of the PMPS PFA and have been involved in all fundraising activities within the school over the past seven years. I plan to continue my involvement with the PFA for the duration of my time at PMPS. I have been on school council for the past three years and believe I have a thorough knowledge of PMPS and its growing needs and development. I am dedicated to the schools continued improvement.
Alexander Levashov
I am the father of Daniel (grade 2) and Eva (grade 5) and have no previous involvement in school council.

Main reason for standing for election is that I am not 100% happy with the way information technologies are used in the school.

As a parent I am especially frustrated the way iPad program was launched. In my opinion it should be much more inclusive and allow use of different devices, not just Apple.

I have over 20 years of work experience in Information Technologies and finances. For last 2 years I have run my own boutique eCommerce consulting business.

My education includes undergraduate university degree and MBA from Melbourne Business School.

I believe my skills and experience in IT/digital, finances and management will be useful in dealing with IT related initiatives, I am also happy to participate in ongoing digital activities and in other areas where my assistance can add value.

Annette Maloney
As the Acting School Council President and a member of school council since 2010, I’ve implemented a school marketing and major events strategy which involved organising fetes, Markets, our 125 years celebrations, overhauling the school’s website and introducing and managing a school community Facebook page.

I have strong relationships with local government and local and national media which have benefited the school.

In my professional career I was a primary school teacher for 15 years, published a Dining Guide to Melbourne and managed & developed content for News Limited.

My current role is Director of Social Media Ready, specialising in social media strategy for business.

The key skills I bring to School Council are:
- professional knowledge of educational issues
- management and leadership
- marketing and communication

I have a daughter Tess in Year 2 and believe that an integral part of our school’s success is parent involvement.

Paul Spottiswood “Spotters”
I’m a very proud dad of two amazing girls, Eve (Grade 1B) and Leila (kinder), and husband to the most patient woman in the world, Karryn. I spend my days (and nights) working at 333 Capital, buying and selling companies and raising capital for growing businesses. Previously a lawyer (please don’t hold that against me), I will assist the council using my strategic, financial and legal experience, but most importantly through the connections I have with businesses and individuals who can assist the school financially.

In my spare time, I can be found over-using my whistle as an age manager at the local Nippers, socialising with our crazy PMPS friends and watching the Blues (desperately hoping we win more games this year). Recently coerced into the role of coach of the PMPS Dads Footy Team, my ambition is to host the first PMPS Dads Pre-Season Training Camp in 2016!

Elizabeth Zamanis-Robinson
My name is Elizabeth Zamanis-Robinson, mother to Olivia in Grade 2 and Sophia in Grade 4 and members of our wonderful school community for over 4 years.

My children are my passion and helping them and others to enhance their educational experience is my priority.

I have experienced many leadership roles from a young age, and much of my career was spent as Head of Retail for some of Australia’s leading brands

I am running for a position on School council to help make a difference. Student wellbeing is paramount. The environment we provide our children to learn in must be a stimulating, safe, nurturing and happy one. My degree in Psychology feeds this passion and provides me with the relevant sound knowledge.

I have a strong desire to work in partnership with others to help present and future students and assist in shaping the school’s future.

Let’s work together to give our children the very best education we can in the best environment possible.
Hello Port Melbourne,

This week at Port Melbourne we have been having fun with the theme of Chinese New Year! We have been making all sorts of Chinese New Year animals, Chinese lanterns and watching Kung Fu Panda. We have also been playing lots of sports outside including cricket, netball and basketball. Next week we are going to be doing an underwater theme. We already can't wait!

HOLIDAY LCUB IS COMING! Just a quick reminder that in less than 5 weeks our holiday club begins! Attached is the program and days we will be running our program for the Easter holidays. Some activities we will be doing include 3D puzzle making, Bundoora Park and Farm, a disco jungle, the movies and many more! We can't wait to see you all at the holidays!

As a reminder, I would really appreciate it if you could let me know if you will be picking up your child from school when they are booked in for after care.

Our open times for the year are from 7am to start of school for before care and end of school to 6:15pm for after care. My number is 0431 682 747, you can reach me anytime between 7am and 6:15pm every weekday. Alternatively, you can email me at portmelb@oshccampaustralia.com.au

Ben and the OSHC Team.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

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You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

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Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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## Holiday Fun

**Port Melbourne Primary School**
Graham Street Port Melbourne VIC 3207
0431 682 747 (07:00-18:15)

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<td>There are so many special treasures hidden in the jungle. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td>3D Animal Puzzles - Today we’ll be the ones getting puzzled, building and decorating our own iconic animal puzzles.</td>
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<td>Bundoora Park and Farm - We’re visiting Coopers Settlement where we’ll get to experience lots of park and farm life fun!</td>
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<td>Basket Weaving - Learn the art of basket weaving and culture and language.</td>
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<td><strong>Monday 4 April 2016</strong></td>
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<td>Ready for a Jungle Quest - An awesomely WILD workshop full of fun games, imaginary exoloration, adventure games and music!</td>
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<td>Make a Mandala - Create a hidden treasure inspired by the beautiful (wild) world around us.</td>
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<td>Disco Jungle Yoga - You’ll have to be a part of it to believe it! Disco Jungle Yoga exists and it’s great!</td>
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**Website:** www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun

Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for and active and sunsmart day. An afternoon snack will be provided.
IMBIBE
wine bar

CRAFT BEER, CIDER & COCKTAILS

We have made some additions to our lovely little bar that I want to tell you about.

- We now have a local chef cooking up lovely Spanish style tapas every Friday night.

So come in and try some of her beautiful food and enjoy a wine or two.

- We have a new local artist whose exhibition is starting this Saturday night for the next month in

our gallery. (check our Facebook for more info)

- We are still hosting the best functions in Port Melbourne (just check out our reviews on Facebook)

So if you have something coming up give us a call and have a chat.

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