1.0 ENROLMENT & STAFFING
1.1 Our current enrolment is 265
1.2 Elliott Lamberton will be taking a year’s leave without pay to travel in 2010
1.3 Sarah Linton will fill the vacancy created by Elliott’s leave

2.0 CURRICULUM
2.1 The zoo trip was a great success.
2.2 Our Prep grades have won an award for their orangatang writing and art work. Part of the award is that they will foster three orangatangs during 2010.
2.3 The online English testing which replaces our normal assessment collection for the department has been completed. Teachers worked through an online assessment with every student in Prep to grade 2 one-to-one which took 40 minutes per student. It has been a huge task. Region supported teacher release with $2000
2.4 Our grade 6 children have been actively planning their graduation this year. They are working out costs etc and have organised a fund raising BBQ to buy graduation T-Shirts.
2.5 Next week the grade 6 children go to their Melbourne Camp.
2.6 Teachers are currently writing reports and these will go home on Wednesday 16th December

3.0 RESOURCES
3.1 Our budget is in deficit
3.2 We have applied to region for consideration for Workforce Bridging in 2010.

4.0 ENVIRONMENT
4.1 Rooms 2, 3 and 4 have been painted and the grades are moving back to them. Rooms 1, 5 and the ICT lab are currently being painted. This painting is part of our National School Pride money.
4.2 The drain outside the art room and MPR has been cleared by the plumber to hopefully stop the water going in under the school.
4.3 Facilities at region have sent an assessor out to review our art room floor which we suspect will need replacing. His report will indicate the scope of the work required and there may be some assistance from region.
4.4 Our BER building is out to tender presently and we are expecting that the portable will be removed soon. APP (program managers) are still talking a December start. The building may need to be moved slightly to miss a water main.
4.5 Bunnings have donated some paint, potting mix and seedlings for our clean up the bins project organised by Chris Brans.
4.6 Our Solar Panels have been installed and are now operating. We should see a reduction to our electricity bill on the shared facilities.

5.0 OTHER
5.1 The Getaway film crew were here on Tuesday to film out bit for their show next week. The children enjoyed seeing how a television shoot was structured.
5.2 Our website is live and we are getting some positive feedback and great suggestions from parents and community. The address is www.mnps.vic.edu.au
5.3 The Chaplaincy Auction is to be held on Nov 28th and we are hoping for great support. Norm has agreed to attend our next meeting to give his report

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