Acting Principal at MMPS

As you are aware our current Principal Mrs Judy Beckworth has taken Long Service Leave for the remainder of the 2013 year. Expressions of interest were sought from suitably qualified and experienced DEECD personnel to act in the role of Principal at MMPS during Judy’s absence. The process of finding that person has now been completed and I am able to announce that Mrs Pamela Anderson, the Assistant Principal at Mount Eliza Primary School, will be the Acting Principal at MMPS for Terms 2 & 3. Pamela has taken on the role of Acting Principal at her school on numerous occasions and comes with a wealth of experience. Pamela will commence in this role at MMPS on Monday 29 April. I am sure you will join me and the staff at MMPS in welcoming Pamela to MMPS.

New IT Lab Opens

On Wednesday 17 April our students commenced ICT classes in the new IT lab that is part of the library area. The new lab has been fitted out with 32 Lenovo all in one desk top computers arranged at 4 oval tables that allows for more collaboration between students. Mrs Sarah Forward our IT teacher played a key role in the design of the lab and is extremely pleased with the final configuration of this dynamic learning area. We have also purchased 32 new iPads with Bluetooth keyboards that will allow Mrs Forward to begin teaching our students more about this alternative learning tool during IT lessons.

Like all our classrooms at MMPS the IT lab has an interactive whiteboard to assist with teaching and learning. The old IT lab in the Melrose building will now be used by senior classes for a range of learning tasks.

Hugh O’Brien
Assistant Principal

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. Last year we collected 82190 points. With these points we were able to purchase a large number of books for our classroom reading programs. We were also able to purchase maths games, counters, stopwatches, puzzles, toy cash registers, money kits and materials that support our literacy programs. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Last year we were fortunate enough to have our school families collecting points as well as other people in our local community.

One of the three deliveries of items from last year’s points

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school and post it in the green collection box at the school office. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new teaching and learning resources! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at the school office.

Karen Walker
Assistant Principal
Punctuality for school

The school received this letter just prior to the end of Term 1. The author of the letter has consented to this correspondence being published in the Banksia Bulletin to raise the level of parent awareness about the impact of students arriving late for school.

To Mrs Beckworth and staff,

I am writing this email as a concerned parent of my Year 2 daughter. I write with regards to the continued disruption to my daughters learning time as her teacher is frequently interrupted by late comers to class. I have not addressed this issue with the class teacher, as I am of the opinion that the problem is far more wide spread than the late comers to my child’s class.

I have a younger child who enjoys a quick play after the school bell, therefore I am usually leaving the school grounds at around 9.15am. I am astonished to witness the amount of late comers dragging their heels to class on a regular basis as I see their parents driving away from the kiss and go zone, without even bothering to report to the office for a late pass! I am constantly telling these students in my - frustrated yet friendly voice - to "hurry off to class as the bell has already gone"! They are not my kids and this should not be something that bothers me, but it does! Not only does it appear to be the same students each time, but what is more shocking to know is that they are usually students of lower primary age! Now, that is something that does not sit well with me, as I can only assume that those children are not being taught punctuality at home! Something that I feel is as important as common manners!

After raising this issue with my sister in law, who is a teacher of primary school children in NSW, she discussed her view on the matter, from a teachers perspective. She raised things like the ongoing interruptions of 3 to 4 students into class over a period of 15 minutes would be one of the most frustrating situations to deal with at the beginning of the day. Especially if she needs to repeat the same thing 4 times. So lets just say for example, that if four students arrived late into my daughters class over a 15 minute period, how am I to assume that my daughters concentration won't be broken and the entire class be disrupted by those four students? How and why any teacher is expected to give such precious time to the lazy and disrespectful late comers! What is being done to the repeat offenders? What's the school policy? Are they given a note home? Friendly reminder?

I realise that every school, in every state would have those who are constantly late to school, and those who are very rarely late. I guess I did not realise the impact that it had on the class environment until my sister in law highlighted it to me. Since speaking with her about this I have been acutely aware of the morning routine in my home and have made great efforts to get my daughter to school, with time to spare! I cannot remember the last time I was running late, it's not something that I do!

I was wondering if it would be a good idea to put something in the Banksia Bulletin to highlight to parents the true impact on their child being late to class. Sure I've seen things written in the past about tips to get to school on time, like making lunch the night before and laying the clothes out ready the night before. I've also read about Rodney not being at the crossing after 9am. But never have I read about the precious amount of time a teacher is wasting with class interruptions from a late comer. I think if it were put to the parent in a different context it may change the thought process of a repeat offending parent and educate them on why it is so important to arrive on time, if not before.

Children of this era need as much help as they can with such basic things as manners and punctuality. More emphasis needs to be placed on the parents role to get their child to school on time. It shouldn't have to come from the teacher constantly reminding the child to try and arrive on time tomorrow! I would really appreciate a special column in the BB with statements from the teachers on the true impact of late comers to class. I believe a new approach is needed to highlight the problem to those parents who don't have the respect and courtesy to get their child to school on time. It's not hard to do! Surely you’d think all busy parents allow a 10 minute buffer on there leave time each morning to cater for a last minute shoe lace or lost toy, surely?

Mt Martha Primary School is a school to be proud of. A school with a great reputation and a wonderful community of people willing to support it. I am always proud to say that my child is a student at MMPS!

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I look forward to possibly reading something in the BB relating to "punctuality" in the near future.

Regards

Concerned Parent
**Family Solutions**

**Keeping Kids In School**


Come along to Keeping Kids In School

Mondays 22nd April - 27th May (6 weeks) at 10.30am - 12.30pm
Frankston South Community Recreation Centre, 55 Towerhill Rd, Frankston South.

This is free but bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

Contact Skye on 03 9781 6722 or 0458 500 867
Skye.sutherland-healey@anglicarevic.org.au

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**Parents Building Solutions**

**“Parents Seeking Solutions”**

Come & share a cuppa with other parents, as well as tips, tools & strategies for parenting....

When: Wednesdays 24th April, 22nd May, 5th June, 19th June.

Where: Seawinds Community Hub, Multi-purpose room. Allambi Ave, Rosebud West (enclosed playground).

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am Light morning tea provided.

Cost: Free! Bookings essential!

Toddlers: are welcome - please let us know they are coming so we can arrange care & supervision for them.

To book please contact Sue Weatherill on 0447 500 380 or email susan.weatherill@anglicarevic.org.au

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**Dromana College Open Night**

Responsibility - Respect - Personal Best - Integrity

**Wednesday May 1 at 7.00pm.**

For further information please contact the college on 5987 2805.

**E:** Dromana.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au  **W:** www.dsc.vic.edu.au

110 Harrisons Rd, Dromana (Entry via Old White Hill Road)

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**FOUND:** During the recent school holidays one of our families found a skateboard near the school grounds. Please contact the school office for further information.
Family Maths Problems

Here are some ways you can enjoy Maths with your family.

**Domino House** (Prep – Year 2)

You will need:
- dominoes or cards or matchboxes or any blocks which don’t interlock.
- paper and a pencil

What to do:
1. Build a domino house using 8 dominoes.
2. Build one using 12 dominoes.
3. Build a log house.
4. Build a tall house (3 storeys or more).
5. How high did you go?
6. Draw your house.

**Dice Madness** (Year 3 & 4)

What you will need:
- 2 dice
- pencil and paper

What to do:
- This is a game for 2 or more people.
- The aim of the game is to reach 100, by rolling the 2 dice and adding the 2 numbers. Once it is your turn, you can keep going for as long or as short a time as you like. BUT there are some rules you need to know:
  1. If you throw ‘1’ on one die, you score nothing for that turn.
  2. And even worse – if you throw ‘1’ on both dice, your score goes back to ZERO.
  3. Keep a record of the number of times a single or double ‘1’ comes up.

After the game:
- How often did single ‘1’ come up?
- Could you predict when they were coming up?
- How often did the double ‘1’ come up?
- Was it better to keep rolling the dice or to take turns? Why?

**Family Height** (Year 5 & 6)

You will need:
- lengths of streamer or string
- sticky tape and scissors
- tape measure
- calculator (optional)
- all the family

What to do:
Let’s find out the average height of your family – but only using some streamers or string and some sticky tape. Don’t worry – it can be done!

**CLUE** – try to find someone or something in the house you actually know the length or height of.

Before attempting this everyone should have a guess at the answer.

When you eventually come up with the answer, using the streamers or string use a tape measure to obtain an accurate answer.

How close was each person’s guess to the correct answer?

Was there anyone in particular who brought the average up or down?

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader
Welcome back from what was hopefully a relaxing two week break.

We have some great activities and events planned for Term 2.

**Parent's Morning Tea** - Join new and old MMPS parents on Thursday 2nd May after school drop off in the Staff Centre for a cuppa and treat. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**The Mother’s Day Stall** - **Wednesday 8th May 9-1pm.** What will the kids bring home this year? The children love to make a special Mother’s Day gift selection just for ‘their mum or special someone’. There will be a range of new goodies on offer for the children to select from. On the day we ask that the children bring no more than $10 to school (prices range from $1-$5 for each item), they will be given the opportunity to make their purchases with their class at an allocated time. If you are able to help on the day, please fill out the form and return to the office by 2nd May. The parents who have helped in previous years have had a great time assisting with all the selections and keeping secrets! Items available to purchase will be on display in the glass cabinet at the front office from 29th April.

**Mother's Day Raffle** - Hey Kids, would you like to win mum a hamper of prizes valued over $500? Mum’s, would you like to receive a hamper filled with prizes worth over $500? Raffle tickets will be sold in the classroom to the students for $2 each in the week commencing the 6th of May (6th/7th/8th/9th May). The prize will be drawn on Friday 10th - ready to be given on Sunday 12th. Bring $2 to school on any of these days to purchase a ticket and go into the draw to win !!!!

Are you proud to be a local? Do you like to support our school? Well this fundraiser is for you! Order forms in this newsletter to purchase a sticker that you can put on your car that will represent where you live. The sticker will be $4.50 to purchase, the Setches family are kindly donating $2 for every sticker sold back to the school. Final day to order - Friday 3rd May!

**Book Fair** - More details to follow.

Well done MMPS Community! With everyone’s help and support the Carnivalé has raised approximately $18,000.00. Also a belated thank you to Micah at Southern Buoy Picture Framer for his help at the Carnivalé.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 24th April, 7pm** in the staff centre – we would love to see you there.

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

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**PTA MOTHER’S DAY STALL HELP**

**Yes I would like to help at the Mother’s Day Stall** -

Name: ................................................................................................................................................................................

Mobile: .................................................................................................................................................................

Email: .................................................................................................................................................................

Times preferred (please circle):

8.30am-9.30am  9.30am-10.30am  10.30am-11.30am  11.30-1pm
MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
Mornington Peninsula Stickers

ORDER FORM

Only $4.50 each – $2.00 of which comes back to the school.
Show your local pride with these high quality, locally designed and Australian made
stickers. Perfect for your car, boat, caravan or school bag, these stickers are ideal
for locals, holiday makers and anyone who loves the Mornington Peninsula.

Sticker size: Oval 150mm x 100mm. Sample of sticker on view at school office.
Materials: PVC Vinyl, UV resistant, colourfast and waterproof.

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Please place your order with correct money in a sealed envelope
(cash or chq payable to Mt Martha Primary School)
and hand into the office. The stickers will be delivered to your child.

Thank you for your support!

Name of child: ___________________________  Class: ___________________________

Parents name: ___________________________  Ph: ___________________________

Total Number of Stickers required @ $4.50 each: ___________________________

Total: $ ___________________________
PSW NEW STORE HOURS TERM 2 & 3

From Monday 29th April PSW Frankston’s trading hours will be as follows:

Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday - 8.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday - 8.30am - 2.30pm
Sunday - CLOSED

PSW FRANKSTON
21 Playne St, Frankston Vic 3199
PH: 03 9769 6510

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### Community Notices

#### Mornington Farmers’ Market
Second Saturday of every month 8.30am - 1.00pm, Mornington Park Schnapper Point Dve Mornington. $2 entry for adults, children are free. **Next market May 11.** For further information contact 0401 026 687 or email info@morningtonfarmersmarket.org.au or visit morningtonfarmersmarket.org.au

#### Mt Martha Fire Brigade Car Boot Sale
Sunday 21st April, 10am - 2pm. 24 Latrobe Dve, Mt Martha. Stall Holders $10 per car. Set up from 9.30am. BYO table etc. For more information contact Pam 5975 3710 or Pat 5974 3554. Sausage sizzle & drinks available to purchase.

#### Mother’s Day Classic 2013
Sunday May 12 - Coolart Wetlands & Homestead, Lord Somers Rd, Somers – Mel Ref:193 J9. All proceeds donated to breast cancer research. This event provides an important community focus for those touched by breast cancer. Register online at mothersdayclassic.com.au/event/vic/balnarring-somers or on the day at Coolart. For more information contact Michelle on 0400 753 531. The event will be followed by a BYO BBQ and tea/ coffee, flowers & merchandise will be available. Hastings Scouts will be holding a Sausage Sizzle. *Parks Victoria, “Healthy Parks, Healthy People.”*

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Please contact the school office 03 5974 2800 for more information.