Welcome to the new term everyone.

Welcome to the following students who commenced this term: Desiree in Prep, Charles in Year 1, Claire in Year 2, Jack in Year 3, Hannah in Year 4 and Alexandra in Year 6. We wish them and their families a happy and rewarding time at Mt Martha Primary School.

School Photographs 2012

Class, individual and family photos went home this week. This has been the second year we have used a more informal grouping of students for our class photographs. We are seeking some feedback from the school community about this initiative. As you may remember the older style of class photographs had the students arranged in rows. It was quite regimented ie. Feet together, hands by the side, tallest in the middle etc. Using the more informal approach the photographer arranges the children in more casual seating arrangement and in a variety of poses eg. Kneeling, sitting or leaning etc.

This year we introduced the photographs being presented in a folder/booklet rather than as a series of individual sheets. Your thoughts or ideas about that initiative would also be welcomed.

We have noticed in reviewing the photographs of each class that a number of students are not wearing correct school uniform. This is particularly evident when looking at footwear. Brightly coloured laces and runners are not part of our school uniform. Could parents/caregivers please consider our Uniform policy (see attached) when purchasing shoes for use at school. Hair ties and scrunchies should also be in school colours when worn to school.

We would appreciate your feedback. So, if you would like to make a comment about the school photographs please do so in the box provided below. Tear off the slip and return to the school office by Friday 4th May.

Thank you

Judy Beckworth and Hugh O’Brien.

Instrumental Music

The school is seeking suitably qualified teachers of drums, trumpet and trombone. Please contact the school office.

Family Feedback - Mt Martha Primary School

Class and Individual photos:

Name: ___________________________ Student/s class/es ____________

Student Absence Line: 5973 7700

If your child/ren are absent please leave a message on the Absence Line to ensure the school is notified.
Physical Education News

JOGGING CLUB
It is great to see more students involved in Jogging Club and encouraging friends and siblings to join in too. Jogging Club is run by the Sports Leaders every Tuesday – Friday, unless the weather is unpleasant. Whenever Jogging Club is cancelled an announcement will be made. Starting time is 8.35am and Jogging Club ends at 8.55am (when the music starts). Certificates for students who reach milestones will be presented at their year level assemblies.

Hope to see more people out and about more regularly on our Jogging club track!!

ST KILDA FOOTBALL CLUB
On Tuesday next week, some players from the St. Kilda Football club will conduct a skills clinic and then discuss leadership with some of our lucky Year 4 students for a small clinic and a leadership talk. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our school and I hope the students selected enjoy the experience. We will have a full report in next week’s newsletter.

DISTRICT SELECTION TRIALS
A number of students will be trying out for the Mornington District Teams next week. These teams play off against other Divisions from the peninsula area. Students selected from the Division competition are considered for selection for the State team in each sport. We wish our students all the best for the trials.

NETBALL: Nicole & Chaise.
BASKETBALL: Ben, Kyle, Brodie, Sophie & Molly.
FOOTBALL: Joel, Will & Brayden.
SOCCER: Kailyn, Racheal, Jo & Harry.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.

ANZAC Day
Commemorative Services will be held at Memorial Park, Barkly Street Mornington next Wednesday.

The Dawn Service commences at 6.00am and is followed by a breakfast.

Families wishing to join the march need to assemble at 9.30am in Main Street near the Mornington Shire Office to walk to the Morning Service commencing at 10.00am. A morning tea follows this service.

Both the breakfast and morning tea are offered at the Mornington RSL at 27 Virginia Street Mornington and require a gold coin donation.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for $1 and the winner must be attendance. Everyone is welcome to participate in all activities.

Contacting Teachers
The best way to contact a teacher is through the school office. Teachers are busy with preparations before school and have team and staff meetings after school each Tuesday and Wednesday. With notice, teachers can arrange to be available to meet with, or phone parents during the school day and at student drop off and pick up times. Remember there is a lot of information on the school website available to parents 24/7.
Accident Insurance

Parents/guardians are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers.

Student accident insurance policies are available for individual students from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Creating a database of volunteers’ for PTA and School Council events.

Throughout the year a number of events and working bees are held at the school and we are often looking for volunteers to help with these. Due to the busy lives you all lead we realise there are times you are available to help and share your talents and there are other times when it is not possible.

Therefore, it has been brought to our attention that the easiest way to ask for help is to create a database of willing parents whose contact details can be shared by the PTA and School Council.

If you decide to be part of the database the process will be very simple.

For example the PTA will soon need help on the Mother’s Day Stall and will send out an email asking for helpers. The email will tell you what time and day the event is on and whether it is suitable to bring along toddlers (some events will be toddler friendly and others may not). All you have to do is email back saying if you can help, and state the times you are available or reply ‘No, sorry I have other commitments that day’.

What this means for you is that it gives you time to think about the event and check your diary. You can say yes to one event a year or you can help out with as many events as you wish. You are under no pressure to commit yourself to too many things.

What it means for the school is that we have a list of people who have already expressed interest in helping and this will make creating rosters a lot easier as we can email them directly back to you.

Your contact details will be used solely by Jaala Mayer (PTA), Amy Chinnick (PTA) and Judy Beckworth for the above purposes only.

We hope you will consider putting your name in the volunteers’ database because as the saying goes…

“Many hands make light work”

Mount Martha Primary School Volunteer Database

Please complete the details below and return to the Mount Martha Primary School Administration Office by Friday 27th April

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<th>Child’s name:</th>
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I hope that all the MMPS families had a wonderful relaxing break.

**What is happening in Term 2 !**

**Sausage sizzle lunch** – this is to be held on **Tuesday April 24**. The children will have the opportunity to join in a fun lunch day. A notice has been sent home and is to be returned by **tomorrow Friday April 20**. Children can have a sausage in bread and/or an icy pole tube.

**Parents Morning tea** will be held in the staff centre after school drop off – **Wednesday May 2 from 9am**. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat. This gives parents an opportunity to meet and catch up. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Mother’s Day Stall** – What will the kids bring home this year????

This is scheduled for **Wednesday May 9**. Information will be in the up and coming Banksia Bulletins – If you can help on the stall please fill in the notice and return to the school. The parents who helped last year had a great time watching all the selections and keeping secrets!

**Contact List** – If you would like to help with certain events being held at the school then this is a fantastic way to get involved. It gives you the opportunity and flexibility to be involved in events that are being organised and that you would like to be involved with (that suit your home and work situation). A notice will be coming home (see this edition of the Banksia Bulletin) and all you need to do is fill in your details and you will be placed on the list and contacted when events are happening. Contact details will only be available to the office bearers of the PTA and Judy Beckworth.

**Book Fair** - This is a fantastic opportunity to look at and perhaps purchase some new books. To be held in Education Week (**21st – 25th May**) – more details to follow.

**Year 3/4 Movie Night** – Tentative date June 22, more details to follow.

PTA are looking forward to a fun Term 2 with lots of events for the school community to get involved in. The Next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 15. We would love to see you there.

**Jaala Mayer – PTA President**
“MOTHER’S DAY STALL” – Wednesday 9th May 2012

Dear Parents,

Due to the overwhelming response last year, the Mount Martha Primary School PTA will again hold a Mother’s Day Stall.

The children will be given the opportunity to attend (with their class teacher) and purchase a gift or gifts for their Mum and other special people in their lives on Wednesday 9th May. We have sourced a great variety of beautiful gifts with prices ranging from $1 to $6 each.

We ask that you send no more than $10.00 for your child to spend.

We hope everyone will find one or more treasures they know their Mum or other special people in their lives will just love!!!

WHAT TO DO: Just send your child/ren to school on Wednesday 9th May with money to spend at the stall.

WHAT WE WILL DO: Help your child make their purchases and send them home with their gifts in a special Mother’s Day Bag.

We are seeking extra helpers for the day. If you have an hour to spare between 9am and 1pm to help on the stall, we would love to hear from you. (Dads would be especially welcome to help in order to keep the surprise from Mum!). Just fill in the slip below and return it to the school office by Monday 30th April. (We will be in contact to confirm a time to attend).

We hope you and your child/ren get a lot of pleasure from this special event.

With our best wishes to your family for a lovely Mother's Day,

The Mount Martha Primary School PTA Team

HELPERS FOR MOTHER’S DAY STALL – WEDNESDAY 9th MAY

Name: ..........................................................Child’s Name: ..........................................................

Contact No: ..........................................................Child’s Class: ..........................................................

I’d love to help on the day! I am available:

(Please circle) 9 -10am, 10 -11am, 11am -12pm, 12 -1pm.
Rationale:
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:
To promote equality amongst all students.
To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:
After consultation with the school community School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
Summer and winter uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Hair ties/bands are to be navy, white or red.

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Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
The only headwear that is acceptable is a navy Sunsmart hat (bearing school logo or plain) consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats are not to be worn inside.
The only school bag/backpack is a Mt Martha bag bearing the school logo.
The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

Discretion:
Support for families may be available through the school’s wellbeing contact.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

13th November 2008

References: Exec Memo 95/022 - Student Dress Codes
UNIFORM ITEMS

School back-pack bearing the Mt Martha logo

Girls Summer Uniform:
- Red and white gingham dress
- Ink navy windcheater or fleecy vest or jacket
- Red, white or ink navy Polo shirt
- Ink navy shorts or skorts
- Socks white, ink navy or red
- Sturdy school shoes, sneakers or closed toe and heal sandals
- Navy slouch/bucket hat
- Red, white or ink navy hair ties and head bands

Girls Winter Uniform:
- Red long sleeve crew-neck Tee-shirt
- Ink navy, red or white long sleeve polo shirts
- Winter tartan pinafore or skirt
- Socks white, ink navy or red
- Ink navy windcheater
- Ink navy tracksuit pants.
- Ink navy boot-leg pants.
- Red or ink navy fleecy beanies
- Red, white or ink navy hair ties and head bands

Boys Summer Uniform:
- Red, white or ink navy Polo shirt
- Ink navy shorts or trousers
- Ink navy windcheater or fleecy vest or jacket
- Socks ink navy, white or red
- Sturdy school shoes, sneakers or closed toe and heal sandals
- Navy slouch /bucket hat

Boys Winter Uniform:
- Red long sleeve crew-neck Tee-shirt
- Ink navy, red or white long sleeve polo shirts
- Ink navy tracksuit pants or gaberdine trousers
- Ink navy windcheater or fleecy vest or jacket
- Socks ink navy, white or red
- Sturdy school shoes or sneakers
- Red or ink navy fleecy beanies

Shoes: The colour of the shoes is to be black or as close as possible to the school colours of navy or white. Laces are to match the shoe colour. Sports shoes are to be worn for all P.E. lessons.

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Mt Martha 3934
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E-mail: mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
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Office Hours 8.30am-4.15pm Monday—Friday

A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve. is reserved for STAFF PARKING.

Mt Martha Primary School strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please alert the office to any hazards.

SCHOOL TERMS 2012
TERM 1  3rd February to 30th March
TERM 2  16th April to 29th June
TERM 3  16th July to 21st September
TERM 4  8th October to 21st December

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19 Melrose Drive Mt Martha (1 min walk from MMPS)
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