From the Principal
This term is already showing just how much Mount Martha Primary School has to offer to students and families. Yesterday our Year 6 Peer Support Leaders ran a free lunchtime disco for students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. This week Year 3 visited Healesville Sanctuary, Year 2 walked to the Balcombe Estuary and Year 5 went to the Balmarring wetlands.

Welcomed this week are two additional teachers who have joined our team to support student learning. Ms Judy Rigby is working across the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes and Ms Nicole Van Den Acker is supporting numeracy and literacy learning in Year 6. Significant whole school events this term include our celebration of learning during Education Week and the mid-year Reporting to Parents Program. Next month our Year 3 and 5 students will undertake specific assessments through the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

I have pleasure in inviting all families to the School Council 2011 Annual Reporting Meeting on Thursday 10th May. Please mark your diary with this important date and encourage others to join you so you can hear first hand the school's successes and future challenges. Share holders and families are also encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Mount Marthar Primary School Cooperative on Wednesday 9th May at 5pm in the Staff Centre. Remember it is through the efforts of this cooperative that all our students have access to the oval recreational and jogging track recreational area.

The recent change in weather will have families bringing the warmer uniform items out of the back of the wardrobe. Remember to choose only from the items listed in the school's Uniform Policy. A copy of this policy was attached to last week's Banksia Bulletin and can be accessed through the school website www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au Please note Mount Martha Primary School backpacks are part of the compulsory uniform. Parents experiencing difficulty with students challenging this aspect of the policy are able to borrow a school backpack through the school office.

Hope families are able to join the students at their whole school assembly in the Gym at 2.45pm next Monday.

Cheers

Judy

Family Feedback—Mt Martha Primary School

Class and Individual photos:

Name: ___________________________ Student/s class/es _________

Please return by Friday 4th May.
**Physical Education News**

**WINTER DAYS/SAFETY**

As we are now having a few colder days, students need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for PE lessons. The School Gym is not heated and can be cold during the day. Wearing a jumper/jacket is advisable as they can always be removed as students warm up. Appropriate footwear is an essential part of the PE program. Wet footpaths and rain on concrete surfaces makes the need for footwear with good grip important.

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

On Thursday 10th May, we are holding our School Cross Country at school. Students will be running in their age group which is determined by what age they are on December 31st. If they turn 9 on 27th December 2012, they will run in the 9/10 race. If they turn 9 on January 2nd 2013, they will run in the 8yr old race. After the school cross country is over, the top 10 children from each event will be selected to represent our School in the District Cross Country which will be held at Penbank School on Thursday 31st May.

The program is as follows:

8Yr old at 9:10 running 1 km (1 lap)
9/10Yr old at 10:00 running 2km (2 laps)
11Yr old at 11:30 running 3km (3 laps)
12/13Yr old at 12:15 running 3 km (3 laps)

The track directions are as follows: Start next to Gym on track, running around the track, out back gate and down Melrose drive. They then run along Normanby onto Glenisla Drive. Up the hill and into the staff carpark back onto the oval to finish or start 2nd or 3rd lap.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support children as well as offer assistance with certificates and marshalling. The sports leaders will act as ‘Hares’ for each race so the children know the route to follow.

Of course, the weather will determine if we cancel or proceed with the event. I will make that call at 8:45 in the morning.

**TRICK STAR PANNA SOCCER**

Last week, Years 5/6 students were involved in a Panna Soccer session with Paul from Somerville Soccer Academy. The students had to play soccer one-on-one and score the most goals in two minutes. This all took part in a small caged enclosure! All students had a turn and everyone had a wonderful time. Most couldn’t wait to see if they could play again. Thank you to all the staff that changed lesson times to allow the students to participate.

**JOGATHON**

On Thursday 14th June, the whole school will be involved in the Jog-a-thon. This is a major fundraiser with all the money raised going towards shade shelters and improving our play equipment. All students will receive a tally card to carry around the track for collecting ticks from the teachers at the check points.

Students seek sponsorship from parents, relatives and close friends. Sponsorship can be in the form of a donation per lap or a lump sum. Everyone that raises money from our Jog-a-thon will go into a large raffle to win some amazing brand new sport equipment. Equipment that can be won are a tennis racquet, basketballs, skipping ropes, vortex howlers, a bocce set, AFL footballs, netballs plus a lot more. These will be drawn after the holidays at a special assembly so that all sponsorship money can be collected over the break.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.

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**Instrumental Music**

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

**Mornington Secondary College** is offering scholarships to students entering Year 7 for 2013.

Scholarships will be awarded in the fields of Academic Achievement, Instrumental Music, Sport - Swimming and ICT- Notebook Program. Further details are available from our Year 6 teachers and also Mornington Secondary College on 5970 0209.
Blogging at MMPS

All Year Levels now have a blog site that parents can access. Please visit our school website and click on the tab titled “Students”. From the drop down menu please select the Year level your child/ren are in and visit that webpage. On the webpage you will find a link to the Year level blog site. By using this form of social media we are able to provide you with greater insight into what is occurring in classrooms. Our web site is more about providing a general range of information for parents and prospective families.

The blog sites even allow you to respond in the form of a comment to the blogs that have been posted by teachers. All comments will be moderated by our teachers before being published on the blog site. The children would love to hear from parents so please take the time to visit these new sites and post a comment. As the year progresses teachers will be increasing the amount of information available on the blog sites. Eventually it is our goal to replace the Year Level Term newsletters with the information available on the blogs.

Don’t forget that you can already subscribe to receive our weekly school newsletter the Banksia Bulleting electronically rather than as a paper copy. If you have already taken up that option and are still receiving a hard copy please contact the Office Staff and notify them that you do not require a paper copy of the newsletter.

Hugh O’Brien

Sausage Sizzle

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA mums who cooked our lovely Sausage Sizzle Lunch on Tuesday. So ‘thank you’ to Jalla, Amy, Jan, Tanya, Simone, Hannah, Amanda, Jill and Tanya. It was delicious and we appreciate all the hard work involved!

Woolworths Earn & Learn 9th May to 1st July 2012

Parents and staff who shop at Woolworths can collect a sticker for every $10 spent (excludes liquor, tobacco and gift cards) from the checkout. Completed sticker cards will be collected at school and traded for resources our teachers select to support the children's learning.

SUGGESTION BOX

Your suggestions are welcome. Please let us know by jotting it on the slip below and popping it in the bright spotty box on the school office counter. Anonymous suggestions are okay but only suggestions with contact details will be mentioned in the Banksia Bulletin.

Please post in the orange Suggestion Box at the office

MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL  SUGGESTION SLIP  DATE: .........................

My suggestion for our school is

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Hello MMPS families

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. If you can help on the stall please fill in the notice in the Banksia Bulletin and return it to the school. The parents who helped last year had a great time watching all the selections and keeping secrets! There is a display in the glass cabinet in the office foyer if you would like to have a sneak peak at the treasures on offer to purchase.

Contact List – If you are interested in being a part of this volunteer data base please fill in the form in the Banksia Bulletin. Remember this list allows you the opportunity to be informed with what the PTA and school council are organising and running and the flexibility to be involved in any particular event.

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.

Thank you to the dedicated PTA team and parents who helped with the sausage sizzle – despite the rain all went well - not too many soggy sausages! Thank you also to the office staff who helped with the collection and collation of the orders.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for 7pm Tuesday May 15 - in the staff centre. We would love to see you there - we will be discussing and reviewing the Mother’s Day stall, the parents catch up, the contact list and also finalising the 3-4 movie night and looking forward to events scheduled for term 3.

Jaala Mayer – PTA President

Mount Martha Primary School Volunteer Database PTA & School Council events

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

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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

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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.
Mt Martha Primary School
Glenisla Dve
Mt Martha 3934
Phone: 5974 2800 Absence Line 5973 7700
Fax: 5974 3634
E-mail: mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au
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.

Mt Martha Playgroup - Come and join us at Mt Martha House on Monday mornings 10am-12pm for indoor and outdoor activities. Contact Jo on 5974 2966.

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MT MARTHA TENNIS CLUB
Kinda Classes 4-5 years (Free Racket)
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Contact Melissa: 5974 2585 or 0419 589 029
Mention this advert for 1st class free.
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Contact 5974 2004

Advertisement charges in the Banksia Bulletin are:
$100 for business card size ad with the text set for the entire term
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Dr Peter Scott Orthodontist - PH: 9783 4511 - 13 Beach St Frankston.

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Travelscene Mt Martha - Michelle Sauderson PH: 5974 3911.


VIASOLE PIZZA - PH: 5974 8811 - Shop 3, 59-63 Walara Dve Mt Martha.