End of Term News

The students and staff are looking forward to tomorrow’s whole school assembly where student awards and certificates will be presented. Acknowledging the learning achievements of student’s is always exciting. Tomorrow we will farewell Ms Harvey and Ms Davey. Ms Harvey is on leave for the remainder of this year and we look forward to her return next year. Ms Davey is a talented artist and has resigned to take up an opportunity to pursue a career in this field. We wish them well.

The staff wish everyone a happy and safe time over the term break and look forward to the students returning to class on Tuesday 22nd April.

Judy

New Playground equipment – Year 3 and 4

Thanks to our hardworking PTA the Year 3 & 4 playground has been given a “facelift”.

New equipment that allows more children to play in that area has been installed. The new equipment also presents new physical challenges and activities for the children. Some older equipment eg. rollover bars were removed for the newer style of playground equipment. The old rock climbing wall was removed and a completely new wall installed. Looking at numbers of children using the equipment it appears to have been a very popular initiative.

Thanks again to our PTA for working hard to raise funds for these improvements to our school grounds. Over the term holidays new shade sails will also be installed over the Year 1 & 2 playground equipment using funds raised by the PTA. Well done!

Hugh O’Brien
Facilities Coordinator

Some more smiling faces from our 2014 Year 6 Leaders

Jack Duncan
Music
Ryan Oxford
Blog
Jacob Taylor
Sport
Year 2 Extra Curricular activity

On Wednesday 19th March, all Year 2 students travelled by bus to the Melbourne Museum. We explored the exhibitions in the museum looking for items on clue cards and heard stories about why people immigrated to Australia. We then went on a walk through the busy city to Federation Square, stopping to look at landmarks on the way.

At the Immigration Museum

I thought the stories about families and people dying and leaving their country were sad because the war was going on. Oliver

Walking through the city was cool and busy. We all went on the Princess Bridge and looked down at the yucky, brown water. Summer

It's interesting that cockroaches immigrate to other countries as well by getting on a boat. Finn

The Immigration Museum is the best because of the history. Ben

At the museum I learnt about Rebecca and the plan to get on the boat and secretly move to a safer place. I thought it was amazing but felt sad because she wasn't safe in her land. Ava

The streets were so busy. We all saw a stage and went up on it and danced. We all screamed “We’re famous”. It was soooo funny. Mia

My grandpa took us all along the Yarra River to see the boats moored at the jetty. Tully

The museum was amazing, cool and fun too. We found squishy cockroaches. Rhiannon

We went to Flinders Street Station and there were thousands of people walking in every direction. Barney

At the museum, we went to find some items. It was quite hard because they were in different rooms and the items were small. Charlie

Year 2 Students
Years 3-6 Google Apps for Education Parent Information

Recently, after discussion at our ICT Strategic Team meeting we have decided to incorporate the use of Google Apps for Education to enhance the way we use technology and share information within and beyond our school community. All staff and students in Years 3 - 6 will use this new system. Essentially, Google Apps for Education is a cloud based learning platform allowing teachers and students to create a range of documents online, email, share calendars and 30 gigabytes of data to be accessed at home and school on any device. Google Apps for Education allows us to collaborate and learn more effectively through the use of technology, and offer a range of new learning opportunities for teachers and students.

Further information about Google Apps for Education can be found here http://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/benefits.html

Facts about Google Apps for Education

● Google Apps for Education is used by many of the world’s leading educational institutions, including universities, secondary and primary schools. Many public, Catholic and independent schools within Australia are using Google Apps for Education right now.

● Google Apps for Education is completely free for schools and does not contain advertising anywhere within it.

How will Google Apps for Education enhance my child’s learning opportunities?

● Google Apps For Education allows up to 50 teachers and students the ability to collaborate on documents simultaneously. This type of collaboration has not been possible in the past.

● Google Apps For Education works on any device. This allows our students to continue learning beyond the classroom and the ability to access their content at any time.

● Students and teachers can work in teams, sharing calendars, documents and collaborating ideas to learn more effectively.

What should I be aware of?

● Google Apps For Education allows students to communicate and store information in both public and private spaces online.

● Unlike many other web services, Google Apps For Education acknowledges it’s users as the owners of content they produce and store.

● Google Apps For Education does not share any data or user information with any other party unlike other Google products such as Gmail.

● Your child will be provided an email address as part of the Google Apps For Education package. This email service is monitored by staff.


We will be working with students to educate them around using Google Apps For Education in a productive and responsible manner. We also feel it necessary for parents to be aware of new technologies such as Google Apps For Education and encourage you to be proactive discussing and exploring it with your child.
First Aid News

Head Lice Whole School Approach

Head lice are still around so we have designated the holidays for a whole school approach to the problem. Please check your child’s hair for live eggs or lice. Should you find any, there are two choices of treatment:

**Chemical:** Treat and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in 7 days.

**Non-chemical:** Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

Head lice need 14 – 17 days to mature to egg laying stage, so if you leave a comb in the shower or bath and comb through the conditioner when you wash your hair each week, you will remove the lice before they are able to lay more eggs and we would soon be rid of this itchy problem.

Thanks for your co-operation. Enjoy the holidays!

Lorraine Stuart

First Aid Office

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There are now 4 LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES in Mt Martha!

- **35 Watson Rd** (outside Mt Martha Pre-School)
- **Scenic View Drive** (cnr 2 Banksia Grove)
  - 42 Dominion Rd
  - 28 Morlyn Drive

Take a book. Leave a book. It’s fun. It’s free. It’s for adults and children alike. Visit one soon or visit: [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org) to start one of your own.

Happy reading!
SPORTS NEWS

Regional Swimming

Last Thursday Sophie competed in the Regional Swimming at MSAC. Sophie competed in the freestyle where she placed 3rd and just missed out in the breaststroke finishing 4th.

Such a wonderful achievement by Sophie. Well Done!

Jogging Club

Jogging Club is off to a booming start with many students, taking to the track every Tuesday – Friday. The prep students are out numbering the rest of the school, so let’s see more of the upper school students down at jogging club. (This will also be good practice for the cross country).

If the weather is unpleasant an announcement will be made and jogging club will be cancelled. Starting time is 8.35am – 8.55am (till music starts). Certificates will be presented to those children who achieve a milestone at their Year level assemblies.

Whole School House Cross Country

On Friday 2nd May, we are holding our School Cross Country at school. Students will be running in their age group race (student age for this event is determined by what age the student will be on 31 December 2014)

We will be holding 2 different events.

- Competitors are to complete the set amount of km/laps for their age group. Top 10 from this race will represent our school at District level.

- This race is a modified race which allows students to reduce the laps to complete the number of laps they are capable of completing. This is a non-competitive race and will cater for students who find it difficult and wish to walk the track.

ALL COMPETITORS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE

Prep *1 lap -1km*
Year 1 *1 lap – 1km*
Year 2- *1 lap – 1km*
Year 3 and 4 *2 laps – 2km*
Year 5 and 6 *3 laps – 3km*

The track route: Start far end of oval on track, (Glenisla end) running around the track, out back gate (near green shed) and down Melrose drive, 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 complete the correct rate. Prep and Year 1 students will be running with their buddies to show support.

Timetable will be available start of next term.

Cameron Sweatman

Physical Education Teacher.

Remember to call the Absence Line on 5973 7700 and leave your child’s name, class and reason for absence or alternatively visit our website www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au and simply click on ’student absence notification form’ under ’Quick Links’ on the home page. Once you have completed the form click on ‘submit’ and you’re done!!
We held our first Twilight Working Bee for 2014 last Saturday and it was pleasing to see some new faces (plus some regulars!) attend the Working Bee. All who attended worked really hard and we managed to achieve a great deal in our Sensory Garden and around the school.

The goal was to prune back plants all around the school and to ensure the site was looking great after a very successful Carnivale the night before. There was quite a bit of litter from such a major event but the upside for our busy Working Bee participants was some cakes/sweets leftover from the night before. Yum! An added bonus was the lovely scones cooked that morning by Karen Walker which were much appreciated.

As usual there was a lot of pruning to undertake in both the Sensory garden area and the front of the school. Wheelbarrow loads of mulch were put on some garden areas and sadly some plants that had not made it through the hot summer were removed from the gardens.

A big thanks to Jenny Spiridis for her unflagging efforts to make our grounds a fantastic place for our children to play. A big thank you to everybody who came along and helped out at our Working Bee. Our next “Bee” will be in Term 2 and it would be great if a more parents could make it to that event and help out. It really is good fun and a great chance to meet other parents and assist in maintaining our beautiful gardens.

Thanks to Anthony Liddell for organising to have our Working Bee sign made up to advertise these events. You may have seen the sign and the working “bee” out in the front of the school in the week leading up to the Working Bee.

NB – We are missing a spade belonging to one of our parents who assisted on the day. If you brought a spade to the Working Bee and took it home – could you check and make sure you took the right one home? Please contact Hugh or Jenny on 5974 2800 for more information. Thanks for your assistance.

Hugh O’Brien
Facilities Coordinator

Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell

UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre
Wow, what a great community event again this year with our CARNIVALE! It is our major fundraising event of the year and this year we exceeded ourselves. This is thanks not only to the Carnivale’ Committee with the extraordinary direction of Deena, but also to the PTA and all the helpers and families that supported it so enthusiastically. Also to the generosity of the greater Peninsula businesses that kindly donated for our Auction and Silent Auction and overall fundraising. I’m sure you know who you are! We have been overwhelmed by your contribution which has enabled us to celebrate another successful year. A big thanks also to the admin staff, teachers and Lorraine who assisted prior to the event and on the day. Thank you!

We were fortunate that the rain held off for most of the day, only gracing us in the last half hour. It was with delight that the children waited with great anticipation as the day approached and it was wonderful to have some new rides and events to be enjoyed by all. I think the smiles on their faces was our reward, for the hard work involved in bringing the Carnivale’ to fruition.

I have only been involved with the PTA for about a year and I must admit I was extremely surprised by the small PTA team and how much they achieve and contribute to our unique school community. Without them we wouldn’t have so many luxuries such as new playgrounds, shade sails and numerous other facilities over the years. We are in great need of NEW MEMBERS to enable us to keep running the calendar of events for the year ahead and any contribution is VALUED. I’m the first to admit my reluctance to join PTA was the uncertainty of how much time I could contribute. I can assure you that if I couldn’t attend every meeting, that was okay. The same goes depending on my work commitments - I was able to offer an hour here or there and that was also okay. So I’m appealing to parents to give the PTA some serious consideration, as we definitely need more support!

I would like to acknowledge the fabulous job that Jaala Mayer has contributed not only to PTA but to the overall school community. She has given tirelessly in her role as President and offered her knowledge and support in enabling me to do this role.

We have some great activities planned for Term 2 such as the Mothers Day Stall and Book Fair and look forward to enjoying them with you all.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful, relaxing and safe term break and that the Easter Bunny is KIND!

Jane Mogensen,
Mt Martha Primary School Carnivalè
Thank you!

A HUGE thank you for the generosity of MMPS school families, businesses and the local community who donated goods and their time to make our Carnivalè such a success.

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Santa's Place  Five Seasons Natural Medicine  Coffee Traders
Nourishing Life Mt Martha  Micah - Southern Buoy
Terry Bateman Mt Martha Pharmacy  Framing

Special thanks to:
Sonia Barras for the fabulous artwork on the Carnivalè poster.

The teachers and parents who volunteered to help on the afternoon - without you, this event would not run!
Last but not least, my Carnivalè Committee assisted by PTA and the MMPS Office Staff, you were awesome! It was a great event!

Deena Shanahan - Carnivalè Organiser.
Mt Martha Primary School VAC Holiday Club
37.55 Glenisla Drive Mount Martha VIC 3934
0402 353 873 (07:00-18:00)

**Monday 7 April 2014** $51.20
**Monday 14 April 2014** $51.20

**Step into Fun**
Step it up and get ready to have some fun today! We’re getting involved in a range of trail games, relay, obstacle courses and much, much more.

**Tuesday 8 April 2014** $61.20
**Tuesday 15 April 2014** $61.20

**Bags of Fun**
Create your very own custom designed bag! Take it with you to the movies, library or even to your friend’s house! How awesome can you make your bag look?

**Wednesday 9 April 2014** $67.20
**Wednesday 16 April 2014** $61.20

**Action! Movie Mania**
We’re off to an adventure to the movies to see the latest children’s movie release… The Lego Movie. And that’s a wrap!
Please arrive by 8:45AM as programming starts at 9:00AM

**Thursday 10 April 2014** $61.20
**Thursday 17 April 2014** $51.20

**Silly Science**
Be a scientist for the day and get your hands amongst some science fun, Butler notes that take off and tease your mind. You’re sure to have a little of a time.

**Friday 11 April 2014** $51.20
**Friday 18 April 2014** No program

**The Colours of Autumn**
Orange, blue, green and red are some of the many colours that you will see during Autumn. Today we explore all the wonderful things about Autumn!

**Animal Adventures**
Get ready to swing through the trees, prong through the jungles and watch set for animals in the deep water. Join us today as we explore the amazing world of animals!

**Hula Hoops of Fun - Disco**
It’s a Hoopoloo Disco! Hula hoop your way through the day and swing your legs to the music. See how long you can keep the Hula hoop up?

**The Amazing Race**
Be the first to cross the finish line in our “Amazing Race” Run, jump and work out the clues! Work as a team and play your way through the day!

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**SCHOOL TERMS 2014**
TERM 1 30th January to 4th April
TERM 2 22nd April to 27th June
TERM 3 14th July to 19th September
TERM 4 6th October to 19th December

A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve is reserved for STAFF PARKING. Please use Eco Park or Glenisla Dve.

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