One of the most enjoyable aspects of being in the role of Principal is being invited to share in class and whole school special events. Highlights for me over the past week have been a visit to the Year 4s Circus Day on Thursday, and on Monday joining in with the Year 6s Multicultural Day, including their international lunch.

The Year 4s Circus Day involved students rotating through group activities ranging from tight rope walking, face painting and magic. The students dressed up as “circus” characters to add to the fun atmosphere of the day.

The Year 6s launched into their investigations on Multicultural studies with a shared lunch. The variety of international dishes was truly amazing and apart from being delicious, provided great conversation starters regarding country of origin and traditions of many of the dishes.

**Jog-A-Thon**

Last week our students did really well to complete a huge number of laps in the school Jog-A-Thon – well done. Thank you to the students who have already returned their sponsorship money and a reminder to those still collecting sponsorship money that it is due back by Friday August 16. The proceeds from the Jog-A-Thon will go towards upgrading playground equipment for our playground. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**Thank You PTA**

Well done to our wonderful PTA for organising “Hot Chocolate” day last week. Our band of hard working parents served over 500 cups of hot chocolate! Thank you PTA – it was a very busy morning and proved to be a great fund raiser and very popular with our students.

A reminder too that this Friday evening our PTA are conducting a film night for students from Preps to Year 3. The evening promises to be a lot of fun for our students and we hope to see the evening well supported.

**Whole School Assemblies**

This term we are introducing two whole school assemblies during the term. Our first assembly will be next Monday 5th August at 9.00 a.m. The second whole school assembly will be held on Tuesday 27th August at 9.00 a.m. All parents and friends are most welcome.

**Safety Reminder**

As school drop off and pick up times are always very busy, I would like to impress upon everyone in our school community the importance of taking care and exercising due caution during these times. I urge parents to please be extra careful in the supervision of their young children near roads as we had a recent report from a concerned motorist, regarding a young child running out onto Melrose Drive at the end of the school day. We will be covering road safety in our school programs and trust that parents will assist by reinforcing road safe practices with their children at every opportunity.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

Last week the annual Parent Opinion Survey was distributed to some of our families. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to support future planning and improvement. Families in receipt of the surveys are requested to please return their completed surveys by **Friday 2nd August**.

**Planning for 2014**

Last week in the Banksia Bulletin we put out a request for families to inform us early if their child (ren) will not be attending Mount Martha Primary School in 2014. We request that parents please provide the principal with written notification that their child(ren) will be leaving the school. The information will be treated as strictly confidential. It will however greatly assist us in ascertaining accurate student numbers for our planning for next year.

Pam Anderson

Acting Principal
Jackie Sannia Visit

On Wednesday, our school was filled with excitement when we were treated to a wonderful performance from accomplished singer/songwriter Jackie Sannia. Jackie was a contestant on the recent series of “The Voice” and we were privileged to hear some of her original songs. After the performance, many students were lucky enough to obtain Jackie’s autograph! MMPS would like to thanks Rob Dabbs from Nepean Music Centre for bringing Jackie to our school and allowing us to hear her wonderful talent.

Leanne Rault
Music Specialist
Just a reminder that we are celebrating Literacy and Numeracy during Weeks 6 and 7 of this Term! Some of the activities include:

The Great Book Swap Challenge
A note will be going home to all families this week regarding our support of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and our participation in the Great Book Swap Challenge. Those who were involved last year enjoyed choosing a new book and supporting this worthwhile cause. We would like to involve our parents also this year. Begin bringing books to school from Monday 19th August.

Children’s Book Council - Book of the Year Shortlisted Books
Teachers are currently reading and sharing the Australian Children’s Book Council shortlisted books with their classes. This gives us all the opportunity to discuss the themes found in these books and for classes to have their own favourites. We wait with anticipation for the announcement of the Books of the Year later this Term. Parents may like to visit the CBCA website to view the full list of shortlisted books.

And remember the Book Council’s 2013 theme: Read Across the Universe!

MMPS has set itself the challenge of ensuring all of our students become life-long readers for leisure and enjoyment, not just as an educational expectation!

Book & Movie Character Dress-Up Day
On Wednesday 21st August we are holding a special day where we will be dressing up as our favourite book or movie character. Children will not be required to wear school uniform on this day. The Australian Curriculum has included “viewing” as a key component of the literacy program so we have included the movie theme as well as favourite book characters as a dress up option. A gold coin donation on this day will support The Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Julie Moncrieff, Prep Teacher & Literacy Coordinator.

A huge thank you again to Dr Peter Scott from Frankston Orthodontics for supporting our Prep Healthy Day last term. All children were given a great dental health pack and we have a lovely new book for our Library.
It is exciting to be back teaching after being on long service leave during Term 2. I was lucky enough to travel around Australia with my family. I have come back to a new ICT space in the library and a trolley full of iPads to teach with. It is so exciting! The Year 4 students have been learning to use Keynote and have had fun exploring how to use the school iPads. Last term, Ms Contini worked hard with the Year 5/6 students to create documentaries using iMovie. Stay tuned for more news on what we are doing in ICT using the iPads as a learning tool.
Below are some comments from Year 4 students about learning with iPads during ICT.

"I've learnt lots of cool tricks like how to power off properly and to change portrait and landscape views". Declan.

"Keynote is a really fun app because it is a bit like PowerPoint and you can even make pictures go into flames!" Ebony.

"I've learnt a lot of new techniques and how to use the keyboards and cases." Riley.

Please also take some time to have a look at and to write a comment about some of the excellent Cyber Safety projects created by Year 5 and 6 students on the ICT blog.
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to have their Cyber Safety work posted on the ICT blog.
Josh L, Josh M, Jaimi, Georgia, Lochie, Grant, Caitlin, Daniel, Ashleigh, Indhi and Tara.

Sarah Forward, ICT Specialist Teacher.
Family Maths Problems

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

I want my whiskers.

What you need:
- Paper and pencil
- Die with 6 sides (2 or more are called dice).

What to do:
1. Any number of players can play the game.
2. To win – first person to draw a complete cat.
3. To start, each player throws the die. The person with the highest number starts first, then continue around to the left.
4. A ‘6’ must be thrown first to start drawing the cat’s body. Each time a ‘6’ is thrown, the person has a second throw.
5. A ‘5’ gives the head of the cat.
   This must be thrown before both sets of eyes, whiskers and ears can be drawn.
   - ‘4’ gives eyes.
   - ‘3’ gives whiskers.
   - ‘2’ gives ears
   - ‘1’ gives a tail.
6. Put a mouth and nose on the cat when you’ve finished.

Legs eleven.

What to do:
- Paper and pencil
- Calculator

What to do:
1. Estimate the number of legs in your house. (Include people, animals, furniture, beds, electronic equipment).
2. List the number of items with 2 legs, three legs, four legs or more in separate columns on your paper.
3. Use your calculator to work out the total number of legs.
4. How close was your estimate to the actual number of legs?

Something extra:
1. Estimate the number of shoelace holes in the shoes in your house.
2. Design and fill in columns like you did with the chairs.
3. Use your calculator to find out how close your estimate was.

Lucky Family.

You will need:
- newspaper ads
- junk mail or furniture catalogues

What to do:
1. You’ve just won $1,000,000 in a raffle. As a family, you’ve decided to spend it all on a new house and furnishings – maybe a car as well.
2. Choose a house from the ‘Real estate’ section of the newspaper. Allow enough money over to furnish it, sue advertisements as a guide for prices.
3. Make a list of all the main furnishings you will need and their costs. Try to spend as close to the exact total of $1,000,000 as possible.

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.
SPORTS 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 an important component of our Health and Safety for children.

JOG-A-THON

On Thursday 25th July, the whole school participated in the Jog-a-thon. This was our major fundraiser with all the money raised going towards improving the play equipment. It was so good to see not only the sun shining but the huge smiles on all the students as they received their checkpoint mark.

Everyone that receives money from our Jog-a-thon will go into a large raffle to win some amazing brand new sport equipment. Some of the items to be won include tennis racquet, basketballs, skipping ropes, vortex howlers, cricket sets, AFL footballs, netballs plus a lot more. These will be drawn at our Assembly on Tuesday 27th August.

All money needs to be returned to the office by Friday August 16th. Please make sure you collect it all from family and friends. Every dollar makes a difference around the school and for those who use it on the weekend from our community.

Thank you to all the staff, sports leaders and parents for assisting at our checkpoints.

(See photos next page)

DIVISION NETBALL

On Wednesday 31st July, our school netball team played in the Division championships at Jubilee Park. The girls played their first game against Toorak College in which was a final in itself. At each break, there was only one goal in it until the final whistle sounded. Scores were level. The girls took to the court in 2 extra times and again, kept a tight and explosive match at 14 v 14. Second extra time was needed and after a few small mistakes and turnovers, Toorak won the match. Such an amazing, explosive game worthy of being the grand final.

Congratulations to Dale and Mrs Bull, the parent drivers and our school team Sasja, Laila, Lucy, Isabella, Anastasia, Nicole, Poppy, Misch, Beth & Remi.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.
Term 3 Events –

**Prep, Years 1 & 2 and Year 3 Movie Night** – This event is tomorrow night – the children will be given their slips back during the day and this will be their ticket for the night. Prep, Years 1 and 2 will collect their popcorn and pop top from the gym foyer and Year 3 students will enter the staff centre. Don’t forget collection time is **8.10pm** and **parents please bring a torch** when collecting your child as it gets dark early and there are no lights at the Echo Park.

**The Scout Raffle Ticket Books – REMINDER** - All ticket books sold or not need to be returned to the office ASAP so that we can forward all paperwork to the Victorian Scouts in time for the big draw.

**HELP HELP HELP – Saturday 10th August** – we have organised a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings – We need your support on the day to help with this event. At this stage we have had **NO** slips returned to the office - Please fill out the slip below indicating what time you can help. We have the potential to raise over $1500.00 with this fantastic event; this all goes to making the school better for our kids! Thank you in advance for your help and support.

**Hot Chocolate Day** – A huge thank you to the PTA team and parents who helped with this event. This event proved to be a big hit with the students and also as a fundraiser – with everyone’s support we were able to raise over $1000.00 – great effort everyone! Also a special thank you to the Year 6 leaders who delivered the hot chocolates to the classrooms!

We also managed to raise over $1000.00 with the support from families on the Sausage Sizzle day. Thank you!

I just want to say a **huge thank you** to the PTA team who always give 110% with each event – without your support, enthusiasm and hard work these events would not be able to go ahead. Thank you also to Lorraine and the office girls for your hard work and support.

**Father’s day Breakfast** – Friday 30th August – Forms will be sent home and are due back Friday 23rd August. **Due to catering and administration - forms cannot be accepted after this date or on the day.**

**Footy Day** – Friday 6th September – Forms will be sent home and are due back Friday 30th August. **Please understand that we cannot accept late order forms or orders on the day.**

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**YES I can HELP with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Saturday 10th of August**

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