Hello,
I am pleased to include a summary of the feedback from the Student Led Conferences. Most is exceptionally positive and it is most encouraging to read through the parent and teacher responses.

- Parents enjoyed hearing directly from their child about his/her learning
- Added to the information in Student Reports
- Helped parents understand what is happening in class
- Nice to hear students showcase work from parent perspective
- Focus on student achievement, collaboration through three way discussion
- Student accountability, they knew their personal strengths and needs
- Very positive for students, felt proud of themselves
- Gave children ownership of learning and encouraged students to take more responsibility for their learning
- Empowering students, great to see students in the lead
- Children enthusiastic and enjoyed sharing their work and success
- Students showed great pride in their work and could articulate their own learning
- Reinforces students’ role in evaluating, reflecting and goal setting
- Students thinking deeply and being open and honest about their learning
- Fantastic to see students clearly and confidently articulate their learning and take great pride in achievement
- Informative, great way to celebrate children’s work and showcase their learning
- More understanding of teachers, parents and themselves working together to support the educational development of a child
- Children were well prepared for the interviews
- Great process and model

Also known from feedback are the aspects of the process that we need to do better next time. The planning for improvement on the following difficulties has already begun so conferences will run more smoothly for students, parents and staff in the future.

- Collecting students for the conference and dismissal of students at the end of the day
- Arrangements for the students’ school bags prior to and at conclusion of conferences
- Parents knowing sooner where their child will be so they can collect them on time
- Time for parents to look at work journals and portfolios
- Time for parent teacher meetings without the student
- Activities for younger siblings if parents are unable to get a babysitter

Two years down the track! The children have been enjoying playing on the turf oval and surrounding areas during Physical Education, playtimes, Jogging Club and sport for two years now. The separate sand areas for the different age groups around the oval have been a great asset providing space for all to explore and play creatively. This project continues to prove to be a wonderful improvement and the children THANK all families who make their annual voluntary contribution to support this major school project.

Judy
Cyber Safety Information Forum

Last Thursday night the school conducted a forum with interested parents to discuss issues regarding cyber safety. Despite a concentrated focus on this area during ICT lessons across the school there have been a small number of incidents of late that have concerned staff. None of these incidents have occurred whilst students have been at school.

The evening began by watching the video “Becky”. The video highlighted how easy it can be for adults to access young people’s private information if online safety is not practised. It also demonstrated that once images and information are posted online it is extremely difficult (if not impossible) to retrieve them.

Sarah Forward our ICT Specialist teacher then spoke to a Powerpoint presentation which outlined the strategies the school has in place to teach children about online cyber ethics and cyber safety. Parents were shown some very useful websites that can help them understand the key issues and that also provide lots of good ideas to implement at home.

The evening finished with an open forum. Teachers and parents discussed concerns around student online behaviour at home, particular websites that were not considered ideal for younger children to access and how to manage children’s enthusiasm for being online in a balanced manner.

A big thank you to all the parents and staff who came along and shared their knowledge and made the night a great success.

Parking in prohibited area

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are using the staff car park in Melrose Drive as a drop off and pick up point for their children. This is an extremely dangerous practise and contravenes an important component of our Occupational Health and Safety rules. Staff members are trying to enter the car park between 8am and 8.45am and are finding that there are cars reversing out and/or there are no available car parking spaces. Teachers are not expecting to find children alighting from vehicles and walking across the car park. This same school rule applies to the staff car park on Glenisla Drive. At no time should parent vehicles be in that car park without specific permission e.g. to unload items. We are very fortunate to have Eco Park adjacent to our school. The Park has car parking spaces for parents to use when picking up or dropping off children or when visiting the school on other matters. We seek your cooperation in this matter.

Hugh O’Brien
Assistant Principal – Operations Manager.

SCHOOL BAND

School Band practice will return to the original time of 8.15am every Thursday morning until the end of the year.

Mr Wilczek
Music Teacher

Found – small Razor scooter. Ring Mr O’Brien on 5974 2800 if you have lost a scooter. It was found near gate in Melrose Drive on Monday.
**Prep Fire Safety Incursion**

Firefighters Dan and Tim visited the Prep students on Thursday 26th July. They discussed the importance of having adults supervising any fires and what to do in the case of a fire emergency. The students loved trying on the junior fire fighter uniforms and practising “stopping, dropping and rolling” and “get down low and go, go, go”.

The firefighters want all students to go home and discuss the following with their family:

- Do you have a working smoke detector in your home?
- Do you have a safe meeting point outside your home?

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**Prep Team**

**Mathletics at Home**

Mathletics can be used at home to support learning in Maths. It is simple and easy to use.

**How to log on to Mathletics.**

1. Log on to the Mount Martha website.
2. Under students click on Mathletics.
3. Click on the link to Mathletics.
4. Enter your Mathletics username and password.
5. Click on an activity bar.

**Using the Help Function**

If you require further help click on the help button on the tool bar at the top of the screen. The help function has information to help you log on, set up your Mathletics profile and completing the activities.

**Donna Gadsby**  
*Leading Teacher—Mathematics.*
Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that concerts will be happening in week eight of this term. The times, dates and year levels participating are as follows:

**Prep 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'**

*Transport*

*Tuesday 4th September 5.30pm until 6.15pm (School Gym)*

**Year 1 'Toy Story'**

*Games & Toys*

*Wednesday 5th September 5.30pm until 6.15pm (School Gym)*

**Year 2 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory'**

*Community & Entertainment*

*Thursday 6th September 5.30pm until 6.15pm (School Gym)*

**Year 3 'Amazing Australia'**

*Australian History & Geography*

*Friday 7th September 5.30pm until 6.15pm (School Gym)*

We hope you can make it to one or more of the performance nights. We will be providing more information regarding seating, tickets etc closer to the events.

Nicholas Wilczek
*Music & Performing Arts.*
SRC R.S.P.C.A. Fundraiser

Well done to all the students who participated in the R.S.P.C.A fundraiser last Wednesday. Students looked amazing in all their animal costumes. We collected over 200 cans of cat and dog food as well as raising $70. These have been delivered to the R.S.P.C.A.

We dressed up as animals and brought dog food to school because some animals are cute, fluffy and poor. Oscar Year 1.

We dressed up as animals to help the animals that don’t have a home. Henry Year 1.

Thank you,
The SRC Leadership Team.

School Starts at 9.00am
Students need to be at their class assembly point before the bell sounds.
SPORTS NEWS

JOG-A-THON

It is great to see that sponsorship money is coming in for the Jog-a-thon. The final date for money to be returned is Friday 31st August. Our lucky draw will take place at the final assembly on Friday 21st September.

FOOTWEAR DURING PHYSICAL EDUCATION SESSIONS

Can I please remind you all the importance of wearing the correct footwear during Physical Education sessions? Not only will this assist with your children’s learning but will also limit the chance of accidents due to a slippery surface.

Some PE lessons may have changed this term due to the Swimming Program so please make sure you ask your children if that is the case.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS 2012 PROGRAM

Collecting vouchers is easy! Every member of your school’s community will earn one voucher for every $10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick ‘n’ Pay store from June 13th to August 14th 2012.

- For every $10 spent, they’ll earn 1 voucher
- 1 x Coles Sports For Schools voucher = 1 Point

Plus throughout the program there will be opportunities to collect bonus vouchers with our special promotional offers on over 1,800 selected products. So keep an eye out in store, online and on TV!

The more vouchers our school collects, the more sports gear our school will receive!

MISSING UNIFORMS

All our sporting activities require uniforms and equipment. We had students attend this week without a uniform as they are still missing. Can everyone who has represented our school in winter sport, cross country & swimming - please check if you have any uniform and bring it back to school ASAP so we have enough for our Athletics Team to wear!

WINTER SPORTS

Congratulations to our Netball and Teeball team who won at the District Lightning Premiership last term and played off against Toorak and Peninsula. The Netball team travelled over to Toorak and played well but the Toorak team was too strong for our team. Mrs Bull and the girls played exceptionally well and give it their best effort. Ms Gadbsy took our Boys Teeball team to play off in the Southern Division Championships on Monday 30th July. With 2 wins under their belt, the boys played Hastings PS in the Grand Final. Unfortunately they couldn’t get across the line but were runners up at Division Level. They all showed determination and a huge thank you to the parents who assisted with the transport.

JOGGING CLUB

Jogging Club is run by the Sports leaders every Tuesday – Friday, unless the weather is unpleasant in which case an announcement will be made. 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.

Let see more people out and about on our Jogging club track!!

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.

Parents be sure to check out the new lunch order menu. Lucy McGoo School Foods has updated the menu. Each and every fortnight new and yummy treats are on offer. To see the new menu simply register with www.flexischools.com.au or visit www.lucymcgooschoolfoods.com.au.
Hello MMPS Families

At our last PTA meeting we discussed and confirmed the up and coming events for Term 3.

This morning we had our Parent's Morning Tea for this term. A big thank you to Bendigo Community Bank for providing the cakes and biscuits and the PTA members and parents who supplied the other yummy treats. It was a lovely morning being able to catch up with new and old parents. Thank you again to the parents who joined us for this event.

Prep, Year 1 and 2 Movie night - “The Muppet Movie” is being shown on Friday 10th August in the Gym. 6.00pm drop off for a 6.30pm start. All forms and money are due tomorrow Friday 3rd August by 4pm at the office. (unfortunately we cannot accept late notices due to finalising catering and adult to student ratios). This should be fun night - Any movie with farting shoes will be funny!

Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 31st August. Yes there will be the popular egg and bacon rolls! This is a great event where the Dads can spend some time at the school with their children - we will have activities for the Dads to do with their children and also classrooms will be open earlier so that the children can show Dad around their classroom. If you are able to help with this event please contact me on 0407 518 767 - as we are setting up a roster.

Footy Day - Thursday 20th September - more details to follow.

Year 5-6 Movie Night - Thursday 20th September - PTA can confirm that the Year 5 and 6s will be lucky enough to see “Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Dog Days” on OPENING NIGHT at the Rosebud Cinemas - more details to follow.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st of August - See you There!

Jaala, PTA President.

First Aid News

Asthma Spacers
Following advice received by Asthma Australia, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has amended its policy on the use of Spacers to deliver Asthma medication to students. (Please see attached article from The Asthma Foundation.) Effective immediately, all Spacers are for single person use to aid infection control, which means that all children who may require Asthma medication at school will need to provide their own Spacer.

Head Lice
Our old enemy the Head Lice are still around! Could you please check your children’s hair for Lice or eggs. 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. (This method is recommended by Mornington Peninsula Shire.) Head lice take 14 – 17 days to mature so if you continue to comb each week you will remove the lice before they are able to lay more eggs and thus break the cycle and prevent an infestation.

Lorraine Stuart, First Aid Officer
Mount Martha Primary School P.T.A. Presents

Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon

Thursday November 8th

Safety Beach Yacht Club
11:30am - 5:00pm

Tickets go on Sale Monday the 3rd of September at 8:30am
$60 per person
(more details to come)

15 tables of ten available, so start organizing your tables soon!

Donations for prizes

Anyone interested in donating products or services to be used as prizes or auction items on the day please contact Amy Chinnick via email at amy@zooloo.com.au

Last year we were lucky enough to receive items such as original art, wine, cameras, vouchers and much more. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Every business that donates also has the opportunity to put advertising or promotional items in the bags that each lady will take home on the day.
Living Well with Asthma: Advice for Parents and Carers

1 in 10 people in Australia have asthma, and people with asthma often rate their health a lot worse and report a poorer quality of life than the general population. Children and adolescents with current asthma are more likely to miss days of school/preschool due to asthma and a key aspect of improving quality of life is ensuring that your child or teenager is able to engage fully in physical activity and social aspects of life and learning.

Good asthma control is:
- Symptom free during the day and during physical exercise, reducing the need for reliever medication
- Symptom free at night, allowing for a good night’s rest
- Rarely experiencing asthma attacks or exacerbations
- Preventer medication and devices are being used correctly and as prescribed (eg. on a daily basis)
- Having an asthma action plan to follow, both for the school/preschool and at home, and promptly acting on the plan when asthma symptoms occur

Asthma symptoms are not a normal aspect of life and should be taken seriously. Children and teenagers with poor asthma control should be encouraged to seek assistance, and should visit their GP or respiratory physician for an asthma review as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

Spacer Use in Schools/Preschools: Advice for Parents & Carers

As of the 1st July 2012, schools and preschools in Victoria will be implementing a new policy in regards to single person spacer use.

This means that schools and preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms.

Spacers should always be used when administering reliever ‘puffer’ medication because:
- Using a spacer with a ‘puffer’ ensures that more medication reaches the airways
- Spacers are much easier for children to use than a ‘puffer’ alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation
- Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Your child’s school/preschool may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school/preschool staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school/preschool at all times if possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
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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.

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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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