National Literacy and Numeracy Week

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 27 August to 2 September 2012 is an Australian Government initiative that is run in collaboration with state and territory governments. Every year this event represents a collaborative approach by all governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills. During the Week, students will be participating in the Great Book Swap Challenge. This is a fundraising event in which students swap books with one another. Students bring along a gold coin and a book they’ve read and enjoyed. All these pre-loved books are put together in a central location, and students then choose a new book they would like to keep. Donations will help to buy books and literacy resources for Indigenous children living in remote communities. Also students will be involved in Literacy sessions based on the Author of our Read for Australia book Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley by Aaron Blabey.

As a lead into National Literacy and Numeracy week, last week the school held a very successful Family Maths night. The families that attended learnt about ways to incorporate maths strategies into activities they do at home with their children (see article on page 5). On the Department Of Education and Early Childhood Development website, children and young people can explore many exciting interactive literacy and numeracy links to creative, fun and stimulating activities. Parents and families, as valued partners in their child’s learning, can participate in activities with their children, or link in to the specific Parent section, which provides links to information about how they can support their children’s literacy and numeracy learning. Of particular interest to parents may be a booklet titled “201 Literacy and Maths tips to help your child” [link to booklet]. A copy of this booklet has been placed on the school website.

Karen Walker  
Assistant Principal

GENERAL REMINDERS: Closing dates for Payment & Permission Notes for extra curricular activities.

Year 3: Camp Friday September 14 is last day to submit.
Year 6: Camp Tuesday September 4 is last day to submit.

Safety in the Community

From time to time it is prudent to remind parents to revisit safety precautions they wish their children to follow in public places such as cinemas, beaches, shopping centres, toilets, parks, walking to and from school and friends homes.

Teachers are currently revising safety guidelines with their classes and home discussions would be helpful in reinforcing the message to children.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 30th
- Story Time session for 2013 Preps
Friday 31st
- PTA Father’s Day Breakfast

SEPTEMBER

Monday 3rd
- Sunsmart “Hats on” Policy begins
- District Athletics Carnival for selected Yr 3–6 students
- Year 1 Concert 5.30pm - 6.15pm in School Gym

Tuesday 4th
- Story Time session for 2013 Preps
- Prep Concert 5.30pm - 6.15pm in School Gym

Thursday 6th
- Year 3 Concert 5.30pm - 6.15pm in the School Gym

Tuesday 11th
- Story Time session for 2013 Preps

Thursday 13th
- 5th Story Time session for 2013 Preps

Thursday 20th
- Whole School Footy Day
- Year 5/6 Movie Night at Rosebud Cinemas

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 13th September
7pm in Staff Centre  All Welcome

A friendly reminder to be on time!
Across the school this week we have all been collecting donated books and coins ready for our Great Book Swap. Here are some groups of students who have bought a pre-loved book from home and are ready to choose another to share with their family. There has been much interest in the little treasures that have appeared in classrooms and much discussion around which book will be chosen! Children have had the opportunity to watch a video about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation showing communities and children who desperately need help to improve their literacy levels.

Children’s Book Council – Books of the Year have been announced:

- **A Bus Called Heaven**
  By Bob Graham
  Picture Book

- **The Runaway Hug**
  By Nick Bland
  Early Childhood

- **Crow Country**
  By Kate Constable
  Younger readers

Read For Australia

Our school has participated in an Australia wide, mass reading of the award winning book “Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley” by Aaron Blabey. Classes have responded to the lovely story by completing works of art, discussing the differences and similarities they have with their friends and sharing their ideas about friendship in general.

*Julie Moncrieff*

*Prep Teacher and Literacy Coordinator.*
Family Maths Problems

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

**Carton count. (Prep – 2)**

**You will need**
- half an egg carton
- buttons or nuts or sultanas or counters

**What to do**
1. Get your materials together.
2. Write the numbers 1 to 6 on the egg carton.
3. Count out the right number of items to go into each space, for example, 1 item in number 1 space, 2 items in number 2 space and so on.

**More to do**
1. How many items did you use altogether?
2. Can you draw what you have done?

**Bean Bonanza (Year 3 & 4)**

**You will need**
- a die (the word ‘dice’ is used for two or more)
- 20 small objects, such as beads, beans, buttons
- 2 or more people

**What to do**
This is a game for 2 or more people.
1. Each player starts with five objects and the rest are put in the centre.
2. Decide who is to start the game. This person throws the die.
3. If the number thrown is three or less, the player must give two objects to the centre.
4. If the number thrown is a four or more, the player takes two objects from the centre.
5. Continue throwing the dice, in turn, until each player has had five throws.
6. The players count the objects they have. The one with the most is the winner.

**All around Australia (Year 5 & 6)**

**You will need**
- List of postcodes (also found in the back of the telephone book)
- Map of your city, your state or Australia

**What to do**
1. Where do your relations or special friends live in Australia? Talk about it and then find where they live on a map.
2. If you don’t have any relatives in different places in Australia, choose six names of towns from the postcode list and try to find them on the map.
3. Now find the postcodes for the addresses. List these numbers in order, from lowest to highest. What do you notice about the interstate addresses?

Donna Gadsby
Mathematics Coordinator.
Working Bee on Saturday August 25

Despite varying weather forecasts the Working Bee was held under clear blues skies without so much as drop of rain falling. About 30 parents, teachers and students rolled up their sleeves and completed a number of tasks around the school. As usual, most of the activity took place in the new sensory garden area. Six cubic metres of “Dromana Dust” was spread on all the access areas and a cubic metre of fresh sand was placed in the “nest”. Some new herbs were planted in the apple crates and some blood and bone fertiliser spread across all the garden beds. Darrel Hartwig managed to get 2 coats of non slip paint down on the walkway across to the library. Outside the Art room some new plants were placed near the seats to give this area some “lift” while we consider some garden design options for this area. Indra and some willing helpers managed to weed and clean up the garden area near the Prep steps. Up in the Library Julie Moncrieff about 5 helpers were busily organising our Big Book collection. Well done girls! Mrs Esler provided everybody who turned up with some lovely refreshments for morning tea. We also managed to locate 2 large picnic tables to the far side of the oval for students to relax on during recesses.

Thank you to James Naylor for organising the free hire of a post hole digger and vibrating plate compactor from Coates Hire in Hastings. Thank you everybody who came along and gave up some of their time to help maintain our beautiful grounds. Well done. We are hoping to have our final Working Bee of the year in October and we are planning to hold this after school on a Friday evening and combine the event with a Sausage Sizzle.

More about that next term.

Hugh O’Brien, Convenor of Facilities Sub-Committee

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GARDEN—due tomorrow Friday 31st August

See last week’s newsletter for details

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Family Maths Night

On Wednesday August 22nd, thirty-two families attended our Family Maths Night as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week. The event was hosted by Chris Keely from Easy Learning who runs these types of events all over Australia. Students were able to play a number of maths games with their parents and siblings. There were songs to sing and quizzes to answer. The aim of the evening was for students and parents to have fun playing different maths games and to learn about maths strategies that are related to real life situations. A big thank you to the staff who assisted on the night – Jenny Spiridis, Megan Kohlman, Danielle Adcock, Lucinda McKillop and Julie Moncrieff.

Below are some insights from some of the students who attended the Family Maths night.

At the Maths night we got different dice to play the games with. It was amazing how you can make so many different games with a couple of dice. The games I played will help me get quicker at number facts.
**Daniel 5A**

I enjoyed making up different maths games to play at home with my dad. We used dice to play the games that had multiplication and addition as part of them.
**Phoebe 5C**

We had so much fun at the Maths Night dancing the Maths Macarena. It was very funny to see all the adults dancing. First we did numbers, then ordinal numbers and then we did the months of the year.
**Tashi 3B**

We needed to roll the dice for lots of games.
**Sophia OD**

I liked that at the end we got to make our own maths games. People who listened well go a free dice. I got one.
**Finn OD**

I liked the game with the goals.
**Tully OD**

**Donna Gadsby**

Leading Teacher-Maths.
A Furry friend visits MMPS

There was a koala in Mount Martha Primary School and 1D tried to take a picture. Then 1D went back to their classroom and studied about koalas. Harris

On Monday morning 1D went to see a koala in a pine tree! They were very excited to see a koala. A baby koala is the size of a jelly bean. A koala can run as fast as a rabbit. Georgia

Breaking news! There’s been a koala in Mount Martha Primary School in the Adventure Playground, up the tree. The koala was high up in the tree. Cooper

1D went to see a koala because they wanted to check that it was alright. For some reason the koala was in a pine tree not a gum tree. It was in the morning on Monday. Jos

Skoodle

Students in Years 3 and 4 use Super Clubs Plus to learn ICT skills and become more aware of Cyber Safety in a safe and moderated online environment. This is funded for free by the Victorian Department of Education. Super Clubs Plus has changed its name and website to ‘skoodle’ and this change will take place in September. Existing student accounts will be transferred over to the new website. Please read further the information provided from Super Clubs Plus to find out more about the changes.

Skoodle is the new and improved safe social network from the same team responsible for SuperClubsPLUS. New website, new name, new.. everything.

Skoodle is the place where children can learn together in a safe community of friends, classmates and teachers in a fun and engaging way and always under the watchful eye of our highly trained moderators.

You can visit the Superclubs Plus homepage for more information.


Sarah Forward

ICT Specialist Teacher
Dear Parents,

Note that the date for the Year One concert has changed, times and dates 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*

*Monday 3rd 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. SRC will be accepting gold coin donations on the night which will go to registered charitable organisations selected by students and teachers. Therefore, there is no need to pre register your attendance or pre purchase tickets, just come along if you can and enjoy!

School concerts are an opportunity to celebrate student learning and achievement. Concerts also provide an opportunity to experience presenting and performing to a special audience. In the process of preparing for a concert there are a variety of learning opportunities across all areas of the curriculum.

You will notice the children have worked hard, along with their teachers, to produce their concert items.

So please come along, share the occasion with your child, and enjoy our year level concerts. You may even be asked to sing along!

*Nicholas Wilczek,*

*Music & Performing Arts.*
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 September 3 at 8.30am.
$60 per person.
Includes glass of sparkling wine on arrival and a three course lunch.

Door Prizes, fashions on the field, race sweeps and silent Auctions.
With full live coverage of the Oaks!

15 tables of ten available.

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.
Mount Martha Primary School

Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon

- Tickets for the Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon will go on sale 8.30am Monday 3rd September until sold out
- Ticket sales are conducted in the Mount Martha Primary School Administration Building foyer.
- Tickets can be purchased individually or as a table of ten.
- Please note a table of ten is required to have a nominated Table Captain who is responsible for purchasing and distributing all the tickets. Table Captains can only purchase one table.
- Tickets must be paid for on the day of ordering, reserved sets are not available.
- Tickets will be sold on a first-in-first-served basis.
- Tickets will be issued the week commencing Monday September 10th
- Tickets are non-refundable

Please complete the form below and present with payment at the advertised ticket sale time if you wish to attend the luncheon.

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Hello MMPS Families

**Father's Day Breakfast** - The Father's Day Breakfast is tomorrow. I hope that the children and Dad's enjoy their breakfast and time at the school. Children will be sent home with their order slip - **please remember to bring this in the morning** - remember orders cannot be placed on the day. Wishing all Dads a great day on Sunday!

**Footy Day** - Thursday 20th September - the whole school takes part in celebrating ‘football’ - children can come dressed in their team's colours and participate in activities, as well as cheering on their favourite team in the footy day parade - and PTA will be providing a hot lunch on the day - please fill in the order form attached to this weeks BB and return to school by 7th of September. Children can choose between a pie or sausage roll and the price also includes a pop top drink.

**Year 5-6 Movie Night** - Thursday 20th September - opening night at the Rosebud Cinemas - Notices will be coming home with the Year 5 and 6 children, forms are to be returned by Monday 10th September - tickets cannot be purchased on the night.

**Oaks Day** - This is not only the second biggest fundraiser for the school but also the biggest social event for the MMPS community. All the information you will need is on the flier attached to this edition of the BB. Get a few or a lot of your friends together and organise a table ready for the much anticipated sale of tickets - Monday 3rd September at 8.30am in the administration office.

**Recycled Clothing Night** - as the weather starts to warm up and we approach Spring remember when you are cleaning out your wardrobes to keep in mind the MMPS Recycled Clothing Swap Night - this event was a great success last year- it is to be held in Term 4. More details to follow.

😊 **Thank you** to Joadie Everest, PTA members, parents, office girls, Darrel and staff for helping with the Father's Day Breakfast - without your support this wonderful event would not be able to run. Xxx

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

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**Visitors to Mt Martha Primary School**

Everyone except for students and staff are visitors to the school and are required to sign “in” on arrival and “out” just before leaving the school. This procedure is based at the school office and is a vital part of the school’s occupational health and safety risk management. **Visitors’ badges are now bright yellow** for improved visibility and there is a **new information sheet** on the inside of the cover of the **Visitors Book**. To assist visitors this information is printed on the back of each badge.
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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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

Underage Gaelic Football Training for boys and girls will commence on sat 8th September. Time: 3pm- 4.15pm Location: Osborne Primary School oval. All welcome especially those who want to experience Gaelic football for the first time. Please see the link below to give you a brief outline of the game. http://www.gaelicfootball.com.au/ Contact Peadar Walsh if you have any queries 0466962748. Morningtonga@gmail.com

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