Welcome to the following students who commenced with us this week: Anise, Ruan and Wouter in Year 1 and Lachlan in Year 3. We wish them a happy and rewarding time at Mount Martha Primary School.

PUNCTUALITY

Is it the chilly mornings slowing people down? There appears to be an increase in the number of students arriving late for school. Parents who find it difficult to gain the cooperation of their children with the morning routine should find our PUNCTUALITY focus helpful. Here are some easy to do tips that may make getting out of the house in good time a team effort.

- **Minimise distractions that chew time.** Make playing with toys or watching television a reward for children only if they are ready early.
- **Prepare whatever you can the night before.** Filling water bottles and pre-cutting lunchbox contents like sandwiches and vegies can save you time. Homework and consent forms can also be completed and placed in school bags the previous evening.
- **Avoid the panic associated with still-wet uniforms.** Ensure everything is washed, dry and ready to wear the night before.
- **Speed up the dressing process.** Encourage younger children to dress themselves by placing uniforms on the floor to resemble a person; working down from the head to the feet. Place an enlarged photo or drawing of the child’s face above the shirt.
- **Simplify breakfast.** Have bowls, spoons, cereal boxes and other breakfast supplies on the table the night before. Fill the cereal bowls of younger children and cover them with a plate to keep the freshness in.
- **Race against a clock that is 10 minutes fast.** The first one dressed, fed and ready to go wins a reward such as having one less chore to do later in the day. Or, if everyone is ready on time, the family can be rewarded with a favourite healthy dessert after dinner or an enjoyable activity such as a visit to the local playground after school.
- **Have a checklist by the door.** Include school bags, library books, special school projects, jackets, and sports bags. Make each child responsible for their own things. If young children are not yet reading, use drawings to depict tasks for them.

Remember, if you feel rushed, so will your children. Do whatever it takes to stress less and the morning will be much more pleasant for everyone.

Being late to school or class is disruptive to the learning time for both the individual and the class. Missing the setup for the lesson or day can be stressful and have a negative impact on the learning outcomes of that session and sometimes the day!

One way of showing RESPECT for others is by being on time. Thank you to those families who always do their BEST and make sure they are always punctual and ready for a 9.00am start.

Students should have arrived at school in sufficient time to be at their class’s assembly point no later than bell time at 9.00am.

Any students arriving after the bell need to be accompanied to the school office by an adult who signs them in on a late pass and then delivers the student and the pass to the teacher at the classroom. This procedure is not new and has been followed by families for many years to assist with student safety and the school’s risk management processes.

The teachers thank you in anticipation of your cooperation with this important matter.

Judy
We will be celebrating the National Year of Reading and National Literacy and Numeracy Week at Mount Martha Primary School. A number of activities have been organised and families are encouraged to check the Banksia Bulletin over the coming weeks to be up-to-date about what is happening at each Year Level. Here is a summary of upcoming events.

**National Year of Reading and Read For Australia**

The National Year of Reading 2012 is about children learning to read and keen readers finding new sources of inspiration. It's about supporting reading initiatives while respecting the oral tradition of storytelling. It's about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books. And most of all, it's about Australians becoming a nation of readers.

We are participating in the Read For Australia activity on **Wednesday 29th August** when each class will share the same book as other students all over Australia.

The book selected for Read for Australia in 2012 is Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley by Aaron Blabey. It is a delightfully written and illustrated book about best friends who are different in many ways. This inspiring story will appeal across all ages and as a springboard to other activities that will be explored by classes after the oral reading.

**Indigenous Literacy Day**

We will be supporting Indigenous Literacy Day during Literacy and Numeracy Week.

Indigenous Literacy Day aims to help raise funds to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions. They need our support to help raise funds to buy books and literacy resources for these communities.

Our **Great Book Swap Challenge** is our fundraising event in which students swap books with one another. Participating 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.

**Numeracy Activities**

In 2012, students will be collecting data from observations and measurements about their favourite books. Questions like 'How many?' 'How do you know?' 'What makes a good book?' will be asked and answered. Students will count, group, categorise, order, measure, model, calculate, compare, contrast, predict and explain. Students will collect their data and organise it to examine and compare their own classroom books.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Julie Moncrieff, Prep Teacher.

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

YEAR 5 CAMP: Tuesday August 28 is last day to submit.
YEAR 6 CAMP: Tuesday September 4 is last day to submit.
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.

Congratulations to Eliza 5B and Ben G 5A who gained Gold Certificates in Mathletics during July.

Mathematics

Maths Family Fun Night
We are holding a Maths Family Fun Night at Mt Martha Primary School. It is on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August, 6.30 – 8.00pm. The evening will be full of fun maths activities for the whole family to enjoy. The cost per family is $10.00. If you wish to attend please return the note that was sent home with students by Monday August 13\textsuperscript{th}.

Donna Gadsby
Leading Teacher - Mathematics.

ADVANCE WARNING
The AEU has announced a state wide Stop Work on

**Wednesday 5th September.**

Further information to follow.

MISSING
Several named uniform items are missing from their owners.

This weekend all families are asked to **check the names** on the uniform items their children are wearing.

Should you find items belonging to a student other than your own please return these items to the school office.

**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 last week.
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)
(date to be confirmed)

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.
SEXUALITY EDUCATION
MORE THAN THE FACTS OF LIFE

A Family Life Program

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
FOR YEARS 5&6

NB. Parents of younger students also welcome to attend!

This one hour session is designed to give adults an opportunity to have a better understanding of some of the issues for schools in sexuality education.

Monday August 13, 2012 at 7.00pm MMPS Staff Centre

What is sexuality education and why it is important?

What do young people need to know? What about values?

What are the benefits of sexuality education?

Content of the program and examples of strategies and resources that are used.

Discussion of some common concerns about sexuality education.

Family Life
Phone: (03) 9813 2377 Fax (03) 9813 2355
Email: enquiry@familylifevictoria.org.au
www.familylifevictoria.org.au

Family Life Information Session Monday 13th August 7pm
Please complete and return to your school by Friday 10th August
We will be attending: Family Name:................................. Class:.........
SPORTS NEWS

VICTORIAN SCHOOLS CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP
Regan competed in the Regional Championships for Mountain Bike racing at Dromana on Sunday 22 July against 20 riders with a first placing in his age group. This allowed him to continue onto the State final for Mountain Bike Racing at Upper Beaconsfield on 5th August. With 10 competitors racing, Regan was determined and showed real skill in winning his race and is now the State Champion in his age group. He was awarded a gold medal and a Yellow jersey for his victory. Congratulations Regan as he now prepares for the Championships in Adelaide.

Photos of Regan Racing and of him standing on the Winner’s podium.

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 in Term 3.

FOOTWEAR DURING PHYSICAL EDUCATION SESSIONS
Please accept this friendly reminder for all parents to ensure students are wearing the correct footwear during Physical Education sessions.
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.

LAST WEEKS!!!!

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.
Vouchers finish on 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 instore, online and on TV!

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

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.
Mt Martha Primary School is having its third working bee for 2012 and we need YOU please!

Date: Saturday 25th of August 2012.
Time: 9am - 12pm.
Location: Mt Martha Primary School Grounds

Jobs to be completed:

"In the Garden Project" – we want to continue to refine this area of our school grounds. There will be general pruning and mulching tasks in the garden and around the school. General tidy up tasks – relocating rocks to dry river bed and weeding. We would like to try and paint the walkover to the library with another coat of non slip paint. There will be other tasks to complete as well.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea and drinks provided.

Please complete the attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day. If you can only make it for an hour it would be appreciated. If you can bring along useful tools such as wheelbarrow, spade, shovel, secateurs, gloves, saws etc that would also be very beneficial.

X...........................................................................................................................

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday August 25 at the school Working Bee.

My name is ___________________________________________________________ and my child/ren’s names are ___________________________________________________________

Please return to the office as soon as possible.

Hope to see you there!

Jenny Spiridis and Hugh O’Brien
Hello MMPS Families

The Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Movie Night is on tomorrow night - Friday the 10th of August - the children will be given their slips back on Friday and this will be used as their ticket on the night - remember drop off is at 6pm for a 6.30 start and pick up is at 8.15pm. Remember to rug up and wear warm PJ's as the movie will be showing in the Gym!

Father's Day Breakfast - Friday the 31st of August - order forms are attached to this weeks BB. This is a great opportunity to show Dad around the school and in the classroom, whilst enjoying a yummy cooked breakfast.

Footy Day - Thursday the 20th of September - more details to follow

Year 5-6 Movie Night - Thursday the 20th of September - opening night at the Rosebud cinemas - more details to follow

Oaks Day - This is not only the second biggest fundraiser on the school calendar but also the biggest social event for the MMPS community (MUMS). 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.

Recycled Clothing Swap Night - as the weather starts to warm up and we approach spring remember when you're cleaning out your wardrobes to keep in the mind the MMPS Recycled Clothing Swap Night - this event is to be held in Term 4. More details to follow.

Looking forward to another productive PTA meeting Tuesday the 21st of August 7pm in the Staff Centre - all welcome (yes plenty of chocolate to go around!)

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.
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!

A day at the Races

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@zooyaloo.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.
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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.

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

Want to play Softball? Come & Try Days & Registration for the summer competition. 8th & 15 September 10am - 12 noon at Robinsons Reserve, Robinsons Rd Frankston (Ref 103 B11) Boys & Girls, Men & Women Ages 10 - 50+ are welcome. For more info: Sharon 0438 814 813 or Nelson 0412 232 267 frankston.softball.org.au
Balcombe Pre School Annual Fundraising Trivia Night Saturday 8th September. Contact Rachel 0435 824 515, Rachael 0448 663 944, Narelle 0415 854 435 or email community@balcombepreschool.org.au

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Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 31st August 2012

Come & enjoy breakfast with your family in the school amphitheatre.
Breakfast will be served between
7.30 am – 8.45 am

Please complete the following order form and return with payment to school
By FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST
All parents, staff & students welcome

Order will be collated and returned to your child for you to bring on the day

Name/Family: ____________________________ No. attending: ____
Youngest Child: __________________________ Class: _____________

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