COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Friday 6th
- PTA Zooper Dooper Day
- Lions Club Raffle return of tickets / butts

Wednesday 11th
- Parent Helper Morning Tea
  11am Staff Centre

Thursday 12th
- Year 4 Celebration - Fish & Chip Lunch

Friday 13th
- Prep Excursion to Enchanted Maze
- Year 4 CSIRO Incursion

Monday 16th
- Transition session for new students to MMPS 2014
- Student Reports go home

Tuesday 17th
- Year 6 Graduation Evening

Wednesday 18th
- Final Whole School Assembly
  9.10am in the Gym
- Year 2 Walk to Balcombe Estuary & Breakup Party

Thursday 19th
- Year 6 Graduation Excursion to Luna Park

Friday 20th
- Last day of Term 4.
- Students dismissed from classroom at 1.30pm

Mt Martha Lion’s Club Raffle reminder to send to the office all tickets / butts sold or not by tomorrow Friday 6th December.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 12th December

Mornington Farmers’ Market
Saturday 14th December
8.30 - 1pm.
Mornington Park.

Year 5 School Camp to Sovereign Hill

Our Year 5s returned from camp yesterday a little weary but with sufficient energy to be buzzing with their amazing tales of Sovereign Hill. They panned for gold, visited the gold mine and experienced life on the goldfields wearing their “olden days” costumes. Our students were excellent ambassadors for MMPS setting the example of respectful behaviour and good manners. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful teachers for organising and attending the camp and thank you also to our terrific parent volunteers who attended the camp and helped make it such a success.

Origin Energy Visit – Years 3 and 4

Staff from Origin Energy visited our school last Tuesday to present “Energy Savers”. Year 3 and 4 students met their mascot “Energy Bob” and a presenter named Bernard, who taught students about the different forms of energy. Our students learnt how they can use energy in a smarter way at home and at school. Our visitors delivered a very important message to our students to help them be environmentally aware and develop sound environmental practices.

Welcome Back Mr Otte

This week we welcomed back Mr Steph Otte, teacher of Year 1D. Steph has been on leave since Term 2 and has enjoyed settling back into Mount Martha Primary School this week. We thank Judy Rigby for so capably stepping in to teach 1D during Steph’s absence. The children and staff farewelled Judy on Friday with warm wishes and thanked her very much for doing such a great job.

Bula Books

Thank you to all the families who have donated books to the Fiji “Bula” books appeal. We have collected over 6000 books to assist school children in Fiji. This has been an excellent initiative from our SRC – well done. The book collection has now finished.

Student School Reports

Our teachers have been very busy preparing students’ school reports this term. The reports provide students and parents with information on individual achievements, areas for improvement and how parents can help their child with their learning at home. Student Reports will be going home on Monday 16th December. This is also the day that students will have some time in their new classroom with their new teacher for 2014.

Instrumental Concert

Students involved in the Instrumental Music program at Mount Martha PS are presenting a concert tonight in the Gym at 6.45pm. This will be the culmination of the students’ hard work in learning an instrument this year. All welcome.

Reminder

This year the final whole school assembly for 2013 will be held on Wednesday 18th December at 9.10am in the Gymnasium. All welcome.

Parents and Community Volunteers Morning Tea

Throughout the year the support we receive from parent and community volunteers in our school programs is exceptional. Our programs simply would not be the same without the generous support we receive from our wonderful volunteers. They hear students read, support with group work, help with special events, attend excursions, participate in camps and assist on sporting days to name just a few.

As a small gesture of our appreciation we are holding a special helpers morning tea next Wednesday 11th December at 11.00am in the staff centre. All volunteers who have assisted at MMPS throughout the year are most welcome.

Continued ……..
Families who know their children will be changing schools for 2014 are asked to let us know at the school office. It is helpful for the school to know enrolments at year levels to inform planning for staffing and accommodation needs. Your help with this is appreciated.

**Book Collection Day**

Book Collection Day held yesterday went very smoothly and thanks to our efficient office staff the queues moved along very quickly. Please note book packs that have not been picked up as yet, are to be collected from the office by 4.00pm tomorrow - Friday 6th December.

Thank you to our families for organising payments and book collections before the end of the school year.

Pam Anderson, Acting Principal.

**Maintenance employee – vacancy at MMPS**

The school is currently seeking the services of a suitable qualified person to undertake the duties of the School Maintenance Officer. This is a part time position. A knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety regulations would be beneficial. The scope of the duties is extremely varied and would suit a person with a trades background. If you are interested in applying for the position, or know someone that might be suitable, you can collect a Position Description from the School office. To be considered for the position you will need to apply in writing to the Assistant Principal, Mr Hugh O’Brien. Your application should outline your suitability for the position and list any experience or qualifications that would support that application. Applications will close Friday 13 December.

**Renovations over Xmas**

During the Xmas break there will be a number of classroom modifications taking place. The “Hive” which will accommodate our Year 6 students in 2014 will undergo a number of enhancements. A large doorway into the old IT lab will be constructed which will create the third learning space in the “Hive”. Once built we will measure up that opening and install a large retractable door that will allow for a withdrawal area and a quieter space for tasks that require that type of learning environment. The “Hive” will also undergo some acoustic engineering works which includes the installation of approximately 35 colourful sound absorption panels that will enhance the acoustics of this large learning space. In addition to these renovations a major furniture upgrade will allow for some flexible learning space “break out” furniture to be utilised in the “Hive”.

Also in the Melrose building ie. (Rooms 12, 13, 14 & 15), which will accommodate our Year 5 students in 2014, there will be some building renovations during the break. The walls between Rooms 12 & 14 and the walls between 13 & 15 will be partially removed to allow teaching and learning to occur in a more open flexible space. In effect there will be 2 larger learning areas as opposed to 4 classrooms. Year 5 teachers will also select a range of “Break out” furniture for use in the Year 5 learning areas.

**Lunch Orders**

Despite the best efforts of the school to secure a provider for school lunches this term and into the future we have not been successful. Discussion did take place with a couple of interested parties but unfortunately no business or retail food outlet submitted a proposal for consideration by School Council. The local milk bar in the village is for sale and so early in 2014 we will begin discussions with the new owners to see if they are interested in providing a service to our school. Thank you for your patience in this matter but it is one of those situations that we have very little control over due to a lack of companies who can provide this type of service to our school.

Hugh O’Brien, Assistant Principal.

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**Mount Martha Primary School Staff**

**invites**

**all Parent volunteers who have assisted with school programs and events during 2013 to a special celebration morning tea.**

Please come along and join the fun and festivity in appreciation for your invaluable assistance and support throughout the year.

**When** Wednesday 11th December

**Time** 11.00am

**Where** MMPS Staff Centre
Implementation of the AusVELS and Reporting to Parents

All Australian States and Territories have been working with the Commonwealth Government since 2008 to develop a new Australian Curriculum. The States and Territories have agreed on many areas of the curriculum, however, there are some important differences in the ways it will be implemented. These differences include the timing of the introduction of the new curriculum and certain aspects of the content of the new curriculum.

The new curriculum for Foundation (Prep) to Year 10 in Victoria is known as AusVELS. This represents the integration of the new Australian Curriculum subjects into the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). VELS was the previous Victorian curriculum framework used by schools.

The implementation of AusVELS began this year. This included the introduction of the first four Australian Curriculum subjects, English, History, Mathematics and Science and the rest of the learning areas taken from VELS.

Parents and students will notice only small changes because of the similarities between the Australian Curriculum subjects and the previous Victorian curriculum. For example, in the AusVELS English curriculum, there is slightly more emphasis on grammar and more specific content is included in the AusVELS History curriculum. In some areas of Mathematics and Science, the VELS curriculum was more demanding than the Australian Curriculum. Where this was the case, the higher Victorian standards have been maintained in AusVELS.

On student reports you will notice slight changes to some headings. English is organised into three interrelated strands that support students' growing understanding and use of Standard Australian English. Together the three strands focus on developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills in speaking and listening, reading and viewing and writing. The three strands are, Language: knowing about the English language, Literature: understanding, appreciating, responding to, analysing and creating literature and Literacy: expanding the repertoire of English usage.

Mathematics is organised around the interaction of three content strands and four proficiency strands. The content strands are Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. They describe what is to be taught and learnt. The proficiency strands are Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving, and Reasoning. They describe how content is explored or developed, that is, the thinking and doing of mathematics. They provide the language to build in the developmental aspects of the learning of mathematics and have been incorporated into the content descriptions of the three content strands described above. This approach has been adopted to ensure students’ proficiency in mathematical skills develops throughout the curriculum and becomes increasingly sophisticated over the levels of schooling.

Student achievement for Foundation–10 English, History, Mathematics and Science will now be reported against the new achievement standards.

At the senior secondary level, the introduction of the Australian Curriculum will have no impact on the delivery of VCAL or VCE.

Studies in the VCE in the learning areas of English, History, Mathematics and Science will be reviewed as part of the normal review process. These reviews will include consideration of both the Australian Curriculum senior secondary subjects and subjects from leading international jurisdictions. This will ensure that Victorian students continue to have access to the highest quality senior secondary education. Revised studies in the VCE will not be implemented until 2016.


Karen Walker, Assistant Principal.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all parents and students who have returned Library books, we have had lots of returns which is great, however, we still have a large number of outstanding book loans. Can I please ask all families to take a good look around the house (every nook and cranny) this weekend to ensure that our stocktake is as accurate as possible.

Next week we will be starting that much needed stocktake. It is a big task which will probably take us through to the end of term, so if we can get as many books back as possible, it would be a great help. Can we ask those families not returning to MMPS next year to have a particularly good look around the house to assist us in this matter.

Thank You

Maria Harvey

Library Administrator.
**YEAR 6 SPELLING BEE 2013**

On the 4/12/13 Wednesday the Year 6s did a spelling bee. It was between 6A and 6B. I was one of the representatives and I didn’t expect to be one because I didn’t think that I was a good speller. But when Mr Nickeas spelt ‘ebulliently’ wrong and I got it right, I thought that I wasn’t so bad at spelling. I thought it was fun and challenging because I like spelling and there were some really hard words too. The best part about it was that my class won, which was 6A! I really enjoyed the spelling bee this year!

**By Kate DP 6A**

On the 4th of December the Year 6 group held the marvellous Mt Martha Spelling Bee. I was one of the representatives for 6A with Charlie and Kate, between the three of us we got no words wrong at all, which I thought was pretty good. The spelling bee was a fun challenge that involved everyone because there were wildcards pulled out of a box that required people in the audience to spell random words. The scores in the end were; 6B: 700, 6A: 790, but all the representatives did a great job to even get where they were, it was a close score the whole time but my class 6A came out on top. So all up I really enjoyed the Year 6 Spelling Bee this year.

**By Ben 6A**

Today all the Year 6s took part in the Marvellous Mt Martha Spelling Bee. Ben, Kate and I were the representatives for 6A. We had 30 seconds to answer and we could consult our team mates if needed. I am very thankful to Laila, because if she hadn’t offered me her place I wouldn’t have been a representative. Ben, Kate and I didn’t get one word wrong because we studied really hard. The final scores were 700 to 790.

Good job to everyone who took part in the bee. GO 6A!!!

**By Charlie 6A**

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5 minute survey for chance to win an iPad!

On behalf of the Ride2School program, we would like to invite you, as a parent of Mount Martha Primary School, to participate in their travel to school survey. Your responses will help us better understand the concerns of parents of school aged children across Victoria. We are keen to hear from all parents, whether your children are driven, walk, or cycle to school.

For your chance to win an iPad, simply complete the following 5 minute survey by 24 December 2013: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R2Sparent

The winner will be notified by email and announced on the Ride2School website in January 2014.

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There are now 3 LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES in Mt Martha!

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


Visit one soon or visit: littlefreelibrary.org to start one of your own.

Happy reading!
**Family Maths Problems**
Here are some ways you can enjoy Maths with your family.

**Lucky dip socks**

**You will need**
- 4 different pairs of socks & a pillow case

**What to do**
1. Separate the socks and put 2 pairs in the pillowcase.
2. Guess how many socks you will need to pull out to make a matching pair.
3. Close your eyes and remove the socks one at a time. Open them!
4. Stop when you have a pair.

Try this 2 or 3 times. Then ask your mum or dad to do it too.

Do you always need to pull out the same number?

Now put 3 pairs of socks in the pillowcase. Guess how many socks you need to pull out to get a pair this time.

Remove the socks, as before.

Try it 2 or 3 times. Then ask your helper to do it too.

Is the number always the same. Talk about it.

If there were pairs of socks in the pillowcase, what is the least number of socks you would have to remove to make a pair?

**Let's have a cuppa!**

**You will need**
- a cup and a tablespoon
- 4 different sized containers, bigger than a cup
- paper and pencils
- a big jug, bucket or sink full of water

**What to do**
1. Use the tablespoon to fill the cup with water from your jug or sink.
2. How many spoonfuls did it hold?
3. How much water will each of your 4 large containers hold, using your cup?
4. Ask you family members to guess too.
5. Work it our, write down you answer in spoonfuls.

**Something extra**

From this activity, can you work out approximately how many millilitres of water the spoon holds?

**Magic shoes**

**You will need**
- your family shoes, pen and paper and a calculator might be useful.

**What to do**
1. Count the number of shoes owned by all the members in your family. (Don’t forget to count the ones you are wearing now).
2. There’s some strange magic going on in your house. Every morning the number of shoes doubled!
3. How many pairs of shoes would your family have at the end of a week? Calculate from the time you first count your family’s shoes to exactly one week later. You may be surprised!

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.
Parents’ and Teachers’ Association Noticeboard

Term 4 Events –

Let’s start summer off with something cool – ‘Zooper Dooper’ Day – Tomorrow – Friday 6th of December – icy poles will be handed out before recess.

Thank you to all the families who participated in the photo shoot day. It was a lovely day at The Briars – photos will be back in time for Christmas.

I cannot believe that we are only weeks away from the end of Term 4 and another year. Looking back we have had a wonderful year filled with lots of great events for the MMPS children and families to enjoy. This would not be possible without the wonderful PTA team – Jemma, Michelle, Paula, Simone, Joadie, Amy, Amanda, Jodi, Natalie, Jane, Jan, Deena, Vicki, Alice Harvey, Cameron Sweatman, Jason Antoniou, Karen Walker and Pam Anderson. This team along with our volunteer data base and other MMPS families who have supported the events throughout the year have managed to help raise just over $30,000. This money raised is going towards shade sail and playground projects. Thank you to everyone – you should be proud!

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the wonderful girls in the office who support the PTA with events – Lorraine, Deb, Gina, Anna and Lindie. Your enthusiasm, smiles and support are invaluable.

Enjoy the last few weeks of school and the excitement of end of year celebrations and Christmas.

The PTA team would like to wish all the MMPS families a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Look forward to seeing everyone down the beach enjoying time with friends and family.

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

Oak’s Day Luncheon 2013

Oops, we missed one of our fabulous sponsors in the last newsletter – Dr Peter Scott, Orthodontist, 13 Beach Street, Frankston. A huge thank you to Peter Scott and his team for their generous support of our Oak’s Day event.
Thank you to the businesses and families who supported our Year 6 group during the market. As you can see some business supported more than one stall! A big thank you to IGA Mt Martha, in particular Rodney who gave students a maths lesson in budgeting, and the butchers who got behind our sausage sizzle. If you head in to any of the shops listed below please let them know of our Market success!

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myFamilyLaw App

Our most recent initiative involved partnering with myFamilyLaw to create a free family law app for the community.
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**A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve. is reserved for STAFF PARKING. 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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