Welcome to Jack and Ruby who commenced in Year 5 last week. We wish them and their families a happy and rewarding time at Mt Martha Primary School.

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Mr Bill Nickeas will also teach Japanese to our senior students. Specialist area teachers are Art - Mrs Julie Christie, ICT - Mrs Sarah Forward, Music/Performing Arts - Mrs Leanne Rault and Physical Education - Mr Cameron Sweatman.

Judy
This year volunteers have given hundreds of hours helping in classrooms and the Library, with PTA, sports events and working bees, on camps and excursions and in many other ways. The staff invite all volunteers to a Thank You Morning Tea in the Staff Centre at 11.00am on Friday 14th December.

**Mount Martha Primary School Staff**

invites

**all Parent volunteers who have assisted with school programs and events during 2012 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**  
**Friday 14th December**

**Time**  
**11.00am**

**Where**  
**MMPS Staff Centre**

### 2013 CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) - UPDATE

In October 2012 it was announced that means testing was being introduced for all new applicants, effective from 1 January 2013. After receiving feedback from rural and regional Victoria, the Minister for Education announced in Parliament on 29th November 2012, that the means testing component of the CAP will be removed.

A revised conveyance allowance policy will be issued in due course along with the 2013 Conveyance Application Form.

### Instrumental Concert

Last night all the clarinet, trumpet, violin, saxophone and flute players came to perform 1 or 2 music pieces at the Concert. We thought everyone performed really well and everyone practiced and tried really hard to get their performance perfect. The songs were interesting and everyone who came enjoyed the show. The Concert had a variety of performances like Christmas Carols, theme songs and songs that everyone could sing along to. Everyone had a go at playing their song even though some of the kids had only just started playing. We all had a really fun time and everyone had a chance to shine. The parents and friends who came to the Concert were really impressed with the performances. Some of the songs were Chinese Garden, Hot Cross Buns, The Wonka Song and many more amazing songs. Many thanks to our teachers John Beckley, Daniel Jones, Jenni Moser, Kim Starr and Jane Suffield. A special thanks to Mr Wilczek for organising this special event.

Merry Christmas!

**By Eliza and Poppy 5B**
Interested in Current Social Issues?

Our school’s Student Support Services are offering to present a parent information session in first term next year about Self Harm behaviours by young people.

Register before the end of this year by returning the response slip below. This session is open to all 2012 and 2013 MMPS parents.

Please note: For urgent support phone 1300 369 012

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Remember to return your completed reply slip by Wednesday 19th December

Mount Martha Primary School  Social Issues Amongst Young People
Parent/Guardian Information Session

Parent name: .................................................................

Contact number: ............................................................

Email: ............................................................................
Family Maths Problems
Here are some ways you can enjoy Maths with your family.

Card Jigsaw
You will need
- some old Christmas or birthday cards or a magazine picture
- scissors

What to do
1. Find a card or picture that you like.
   Cut the pictures up in 50 5 pieces.
   Mix them up.
   Can you make the picture again?
2. Now cut another picture into 11 pieces.
   Mix them up.
   Make your picture again.

If there is time
1. Choose another picture.
2. Ask someone else to cut it into 11 pieces.
3. Now put it back together.
4. If you are very good at jigsaws, you can ask someone to cut up a picture you have not seen!

Counting tables
You will need
- paper and pen or pencils

What to do
1. How many tables are there in your house? (big and little ones)
2. Count by fours to find out how many legs.
3. What else can you count by fours? (for examples beds, chairs, wheels on toy cars).
4. Write your answers in number sentences.
5. Now you have looked at furniture legs, what about furniture arms (on chairs)?

Depends on your point of view
You will need
- cardboard box
- a bottle or plastic fruit juice container
- pen or pencil paper and a ruler

What to do
1. Find a cardboard box with no lid.
2. Turn it around and look at it from all the angles you can think of.
3. Then draw the box form six different views. Some will be harder to draw than others.

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader
Hello MMPS Families

Well the tree is up, the lights are turned on and the shopping has commenced! I would like to wish all MMPS families and MMPS staff a wonderful Christmas - enjoy the break and be safe. Looking forward to an exciting 2013.

Our last event for 2012 -

Parent’s Morning Tea - Thank you to the PTA members and parents who attended the end of year Parent’s Morning Tea. There is nothing like a few Christmas treats, a cuppa and a catch up to start the day.

Our first event for 2013 -

PTA are organising a ‘Welcome to the 2013 school year” family picnic evening. Pencil in the 22nd February 2013 on your calendar. We hope that all families will be able to come together for a fun family afternoon/evening to help celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year. There will be entertainment - more details to follow!

Please note - At this stage the Twilight Market for 2013 will not be going ahead. This is due to the lack of support in forming a subcommittee for this event. An event this big really does need a group of people who are happy to help organise and support it.

Merry Christmas and a very happy and safe new year

From the PTA team!

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**UNIFORM SHOP at MMPS**

Please be advised on Book Collection Day Thursday 24th January the Uniform Shop will be open from **8.30am until 4pm**. Please collect any pre ordered items from the Uniform Shop on this day or alternatively if you ordered from PSW Frankston you will have to collect from there. Thursday 13th December 2012 is the last day for this year that the Uniform Shop will be open at MMPS. The Uniform Shop will re-open for 2013 on Tuesday 5th February from 8.45 - 9.45am.
2013 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
ENROLMENT FORM

Return by Friday 7 December 2012.

The following Instrumental Lessons may be available during 2013. Please return this page to the School Office if you are interested in having your child:

(1) commence learning an instrument or
(2) continue learning the same instrument at school.

If you would like to register interest for more than one child, please complete a separate form for each child. Additional forms are available at the School Office.

☐ First time hire of this instrument ☐ Continuation of hire for current instrument

Limited places are available for lessons.
Not all instruments are available to all year levels.

Please note that if your child is not immediately placed in the Instrumental Program then his/her name will be put on a waiting list. You will be contacted by the Instrumental Teacher when a suitable vacancy arises.

Student Name: ___________________________ Year Level in 2013: ________________
Parent Name/s: ___________________________ Contact No.(Home): ________________
Email Address: ___________________________ Contact No.(Mobile): ________________

Please note: A copy of this form will be provided to the instrumental teacher.

Please circle your preferred option below (Year level availability listed below each option).

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2013 Lesson Pricing:

- 30 minutes lesson - $27
- 20 minutes lesson - $19 (piano only)
- 30 minute Shared Lesson (Flute only) - $19

Instruments available for hire from the school are Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone for $168 per year.

☐ I would like to hire an instrument in 2013 ☐ I will supply my child with their own instrument

All instruments are to be returned to the School Office by Friday 6th December 2013. A late return fee will be imposed for those instruments not returned by this date. There is no hire available over the December/January school year break. This time is necessary for instrument maintenance and for the school to be able to meet hire needs for 2014.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds are calculated on a pro rata term basis (not on a weekly basis). Parents wishing to cancel their Instrument Hire Agreement due to unforeseen circumstances are to contact the School Office. If a refund is approved it will be calculated as follows; for example: If you return an instrument in Week 1 of Term 2 you will receive a refund for Terms 3 & 4. If you return an instrument in Week 10 of Term 3 you will receive a refund for Term 4. A pro rata refund will be issued for the remainder of the school year.

Parent’s Name: ___________________________ Parent’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____/____/____
Mt Marthas Primary School strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please alert the office to any hazards.

A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve. is reserved for STAFF PARKING.

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(03) 9769 6510
Shop Hours Mon to Fri 8.30am-5pm & Sat 9am-5pm

MYCMA Victoria offers a 5 day recreational camp for children between 8 - 16 years old. Camp Manyung, Mt Eliza January 14 - 18. YMCA Victoria–Youth Services C/- College Square, 570 Lygon St Carlton 3053. Ph: 9345 8022 Fax: 9012 4470.


Mt Martha Cricket Club Christmas Carols at Ferrero Reserve, Seppelt Ave Mt Martha. Sunday 16 December from 7pm. Gold coin donation.

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