From the Principal

Extra-Curricular Activities

Two weeks into the school year and already over 350 students have had a wonderful time at the Beach Program at the Mount Martha Life Saving Club. Thanks to Mr Sweatman, the life savers, teachers and volunteers for making this valuable extra curricula experience possible. Students have talked about being challenged by a variety of water and beach activities and feeling confident in and around water.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in today’s swimming sports events and best wishes to all our competitors in tomorrow’s sports.

Our Instrumental Music Tutor Program commenced last week with tutors welcoming excited new students and returning students enthusiastically. This year we welcome Sally Wickes and past student Joseph Tobias who have joined our team of instrumental tutors. Students are learning to play African drums, guitar, piano, violin, trumpet and wood instruments. This year, due to the demand two tutors will take piano lessons.

A recent Tribal Day challenged our Year 4 students to discover some aspects of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders prior to European settlement. Students travelled across the “Glenisla Sea” to the Eco Park and worked cooperatively in tribes to experience building a bush shelter and present a musical performance.

Connecting Home and School

It was pleasing to see so many parents participating in the Meet the Teacher nights as this a vital activity in our year to year transition program. The feedback from home is invaluable information that deepens the teachers’ understanding of individual students.

2014 Staff Team - Update

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Thursday 20th
- Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports at Mornington Secondary College
- Meet The Teacher Prep, Years 1, 2 & 3

Friday 21st
- Year 3 & 4 Swimming Sports at Mornington Secondary College

Monday 24th
- Year 3 Mornington History Walk

Wednesday 26th
- Year 1 Religious Instruction sessions commence

MARCH

Monday 3rd
- Preps commence full time

Thursday 6th
- Year 3 Walk to Mt Martha House (history talk)

Friday 7th
- Whole School Photo Day

Monday 10th
- Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 12th
- Year 1 Walk to South Beach

Wednesday 19th
- Year 2 Excursion to Melbourne Immigration Museum

Monday 24th
- Year 3 Excursion to The Briars

Wed 26th - Fri 28th
- Year 6 CYC Urban Camp
Two changes are updated in this edition of the BB. Firstly, I offer an apology to Mrs Anne-Marie Paterson as the Year 3 coordinator responsibility was incorrectly placed next to another team member. Please note this correction.

A further change is required as Mrs Jill Bull has unexpectedly needed to take leave to care for her daughter. She hopes to return to her class from the commencement of third term. During Mrs Bull’s absence Mrs Jeny Wallace will be teaching 6A. Mrs Wallace worked in the Year 5 area during 2013 and is delighted to be working with some of the same students again this year. Please join the staff in welcoming Mrs Wallace.

Please keep this copy for future reference. Remember your child’s class teacher is the first point of contact when seeking or sharing information. To avoid interrupting the class the school office is able to forward messages and should parents wish to speak with another person the Year Level Coordinator is identified by bold font in the above table. Hugh, Karen and I can also be available by making an appointment through the school office.

I hope the last official week of summer is enjoyable for everyone.

Judy

School Banking at the Mt Martha Community (Bendigo) Bank.

As your child starts school for the first time, both the school and the Community Bank would like to help your child learn the benefits of saving for the future, whether for a long term ambition such as a car or house, or something more immediate like leisure activities.

Starting young helps children understand the value of saving, and has the added advantage of giving them a good savings and credit history, very helpful in later life, especially when the time comes to borrow for their first large purchase.

As an incentive your Community Bank would like to start all new students with a $5.00 voucher to set up their account at the Mt Martha Community Bank located at 5A Bay Road to help them on their way to learning financial responsibility and saving for something they really want, they can then put more money into the account at school on the nominated school banking day.

Call into the branch and talk with our manager Greg Hilton or any of the friendly staff to arrange the new account, we are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and on Saturday from 9am to 12.00 Noon.

Our staff look forward to seeing you

Mt Martha Community (Bendigo) Bank.

School Council Elections

Nomination forms are available from the school office

Please refer to previous newsletters on the school website for further information.

Education Maintenance Allowance and Student Conveyance Allowance forms are available from the school office or via the school website:

www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au

Completed forms to be returned to the school office by tomorrow.

Wear your hat to and from school.........be SUNSMART
Travelsmart News: Park and Stride

We would like to encourage all the School Community to continue to use our Park and Stride routes. Utilising them will lessen the traffic congestion around the school and model active exercise, making our students safer and healthier. Park and Stride is currently available from Mt Martha House and the Kinross St shops.

National Ride2School Day - Wednesday 19th March 2014

National Ride2School Day is only 4 short weeks away. It's a day where over 250,000 students like yourselves will ride, walk, scoot or skate, many trying it for the first time. Registration is quick, easy and will only take two minutes of your time. Don't miss out on your chance to join in the celebrations and show your school community you’re committed to a healthy lifestyle.


Ride2School Day provides you with the perfect opportunity to kick start your Ride2School program activities for 2013, encouraging your school community to make active travel a normal part of their everyday lives.

There are many benefits to active travel, three great ones to highlight are:

- Riding to school will reduce traffic around the school, making the school trip faster
- Students will arrive at school alert and are more attentive in class
- Riding helps develop important life skills, in addition to increasing confidence

Travelsmart Committee.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 7 March 2014

Class and individual photographs of all students will be taken at school on Friday 7 March.

ENVELOPES WITH CORRECT MONEY ARE TO BE RETURNED ON PHOTO DAY ONLY

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN BEFORE THAT DAY

All children will receive an order form pack today Thursday 27th February

Packs range in price from $20 - $40. There are 7 options you can choose from depending on how many photos you require.

** Sorry - No change available at the school office **

Each student will be given their own order form pack specific to their class.

Each student must hand his / her own envelope to the photographer on the photo day.

If the envelope is not presented the photo pack will not be included in the main delivery to the school.

Parents who want their children to have a Family Photo, need to collect a Family Photo envelope from the office from Friday February 28. The photographer will collect Family Photo envelopes on photo day and the children will be called to pose for those photos during either the morning or lunch recess.

Correct uniform with attention to detail please.
Inverloch surf beach

As I make my way through the strong, fierce waves I imagine catching a 6ft wave and riding it. Just as I imagined that a gigantic wave started building up right in front of my eyes. It was incredible. I jumped on my boogie board and started paddling, but didn't make any progress. “Oh no oh no oh no!”

I screamed as I paddled harder and harder until BOOM! The wave broke and I flew through the air. Yahoo I yelled as I washed up on the sand.

By Holly

Alexandra

I felt the frost of the air as I walked in our cabin. It was nice and cool. I ask dad, “Are we going fishing tonight?” Dad said yes. I went to the swimming pool with my brother Liam and my sister Alana. The pool was amazing I felt a cool chill as I jumped in the pool. It was nice and refreshing. When I went to the jumping castle I saw my friend Ethan. That night when I went fishing with my dad down the river he told me when the moths hit the water the trout jump out of the water and eat them. As soon as I heard that I saw a giant fish jump out of the water. It was a trout. I cast my line out and the fish grabbed my line and I was hooked on. It took me 10 minutes to get the fish out of the water. Dad was so jealous.

By Lachie

Mountain biking in Red Hill

As I pulled my bike up a jump like rock. I felt a jolt fly up my arm. The shock seemed to trigger the adrenalin in my blood. I could hear my heart thumping in my chest as I flew through the cool air of red hill. I could barely see because of my hot sweat burning eyes as I felt gravity start to pull me down. Bang! When I hit the ground I saw my chain fly into the air and fall back down. “I made it!” I yelled.

By Ryan

The Rapids

The white water splashed up against my hot sweaty face, as I nervously travelled down the shallow rocky rapids. The wind whipped though my hair. I fell down a small drop only to find another rapid leading down even further. The lilo scratched my stomach because of the rough surface and the hot sun was beating down on my back. All this was making me lose concentration so I fell off into the cool refreshing water and start swiftly floating down the rest of the river.

By Liam

6A Holiday Fun!

Luna Park!

I was waiting in the line for hours, my hands were shaking nervously. Grace tells me," It is going to be ok Brooke just do the dare!" " Okay we’re on!" shouted out Grace. I secretly put my hands under the harness so it wasn’t too tight! Here comes the harness [POW!] Megs was too tight! It was killing her 3, 2, and 1, GO!!! The ride starts and my harness was too loose!! But I knew I could still confidently do this but I was still scared! We are a quarter up.......... half way up....... we are upside down! Everybody was screaming!! Then we stopped screaming and I looked down; I could see the whole of Luna Park and we were still upside down!!

By Brooke

Scenic Railway

We were flying down the scenic railway, screaming in excitement. The drop was big and scary and I didn’t know if I trusted this 101 year old ride. The view was gorgeous from the top of Luna Park as we raced down the track. I screamed as loud as I could. Before I knew it the ride was over. I wished I could go on the ride again, but I couldn’t. I walked out with Meg, Brooke, Miah and Hannah and we all agreed that that was the best ride in Luna Park.

By Grace
Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Parents’ and Teachers’ Association Noticeboard

Events for Term 1

‘Carnivalé Spectacular’ – Friday 21st March 2014 – we have started to organise this wonderful MMPS school event - Rides, show bags, cake stall, magic shows, food, drinks, activities - beauty booth, ice cream making, chocolate game and more !!!!!!! Without your support we will not be able to hold this event - remember 'many hands make light work!' If you are able to donate any goods or services please contact Deena Shanahan by email on dtshanahan@bigpond.com

FREE DRESS DAY – Friday the 28th of February come dressed in bright and fun colours, bring a gold coin donation to support the MMPS Carnivalé Spectacular.

PTA’s AGM is to be held on Wednesday 12 March at 7pm in the Staff Centre. PTA is made up of like-minded MMPS parents who want the children to be able to enjoy events and activities as a school community and also to help raise funds for projects that our children will be able to utilize and enjoy. Please do not think that we have enough people to keep PTA going - we need Office Bearers who will take on the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If we do not have these roles filled, there is NO PTA and therefore no Carnivalé, no Hot Chocolate Day, no Mother’s Day Stall, no Father’s Day Breakfast, no Footy Day etc.

I have been a part of the PTA for three years and the team of MMPS parents who are part of the PTA are enthusiastic, hardworking and generous and I have made some gorgeous friends. I have also had a lot of fun and gained an enormous amount of satisfaction in what we have been able to achieve together. I am unable to nominate for the role of President this year due to personal and work commitments, having said that, I still want to be a part of this awesome team! If you have some great ideas, love working with a gorgeous bunch of people then this would be your opportunity to say YES! Do not assume that someone else will or can do this! Please help the MMPS PTA to continue with the great work they do!

Jaala Mayer
PTA President.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Mt Martha Preschool Project – URGENT HELP NEEDED

Mount Martha Preschool is hoping to build an additional classroom to accommodate the demand for places and continue to run a quality, affordable, inclusive program to local families. This year one 4-year-old group has been displaced; the 3 year-old program has been cut, and 23 children remain on the waiting list.

The committee has been working hard for months to access grants and now need the support of local families to help secure the support of the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Further information regarding the project and how to help is available by contacting Mtmartha.preschool.project@gmail.com or Mobile: 0412 800 037.
Does your child look forward to the MMPS School Carnivale each year?

Then let's not disappoint them - for this event to be a success on Friday 21 March we need your HELP!!

This year it’s called a “Carnivalé Spectacular” with plenty of activities, rides and games to keep everyone of all ages entertained! This year we have the rides that everyone loves plus lots of activities to entertain and create that “magic” for our kids including a FREE magic show! We require help on the day to run the activities and we are asking the commitment of parents for one hour from a choice of times. We also require assistance with pre event organisation; can you help out in any way at all?

Could you please respond ASAP with your preferred time by filling in the slip below and returning to the school office or emailing Deena Shanahan (dshanahan@bigpond.com)

For this fantastic event we also require donations and prizes of all sizes for the Auction and Spinning Wheel. Can you or a family member help out and support this major fundraising opportunity for our lovely school.

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Carnivale help

Name………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Name(s) of Child(ren) at school ………………………………………………………………………………………………

Class/(es) ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Preferred time to help on Friday 21 March (please circle)

3.30 to 4.30pm     4.30 to 5.30pm     5.30 to 6.30pm     Clean up  6.30 to 7.30pm

Are you prepared to help with some pre event organisation…………………………………………………………

Contact Phone Number…………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Email Address……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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Donations

If you own a business or can donate something for the Auction or Spinning Wheel, please complete the form below and return to the office and we will contact you to arrange collection of the item. Thank you.

Name:
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Item to be donated:
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For Bookings contact : Jess 0422 234 392
E: jess@yoganica.com.au

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Mornington Farmers’ Market Saturday March 8 8.30am - 1pm Mornington Park, Schnapper Point Drive, Mornington. This is a not for profit event. Fresh seasonal produce and regional delicacies.
Mt Martha Basketball season commences April 2014 at Mornington Secondary College stadium. To register teams and for all other information http://mmbc.weebly.com/ or mountmarthabasketball@gmail.com