Sport Report

Beach Program
At the start of Term 1 Year 3-6 students participated in the Beach Water Safety program at Mt Martha Lifesaving Club. During the first week of the program survival skills and knowledge of the beach environment were the key learning goals for the Year 3 and 4 students. Understanding how to use rescue tubes and nippers boards as well as learning to run in shallow water made for an enjoyable 2 days. Students of those year levels received lessons on basic CPR procedures. Lifesaving carnival activities were the focus for the Year 5 & 6 students. The program finished with a House Carnival involving small teams competing in running, surf skis, boards and swimming events.

The support from teachers and parents with running these activities was much appreciated. Thank you to the following who assisted with activities: Mrs Traube, Mrs MacLeod, Mrs Mullan, Mr Pryor, Mrs McInerney, Mrs Groves, Mrs Moreton, Mrs Smith, Mrs MacNab, Mr Griffin, Mrs Burrows, Mrs Bleasby, Mrs Rauter, Mrs Garbenis, Mrs Butterworth, Mrs Foskett, Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Totora.

Girls Basketball
The Mornington Basketball Association competition has started and there is a BIG shortage of girls teams. There is a Grade 1/2 competition with games played on a Tuesday night and the Under 10 age group plays on a Saturday morning. All matches are played at the Mornington Secondary College (opposite Bunnings).

If your child is interested in playing basketball, then while they are at Primary School is a great time to begin. The focus of the games at this early stage is about enjoyment and participation. The rings are lowered for the Year 1/2 competition making shooting for goals easier. Young children do not need to know how to play basketball to join or start a team – it is amazing how quickly they pick it up.

Jogging Club
Jogging Club will start next Thursday 1st March. Every student has either the same card from 2011 or a new card. Prep Cards are with the Prep teachers. Let’s make a huge effort to see as many students as possible jogging the track this year!!

Swimming Sports
Students in Year 5 and 6 will compete in their House Swimming Carnival at Mornington Secondary College on Monday 27th Feb followed by the Year 3 and 4 students on Tuesday 28th. These two days are jam packed full of fun. Parents are welcome to come and watch but if you are available to assist, it would be really appreciated. Good Luck to all students who have entered.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.
Mount Martha Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENINGS

Every year at Mount Martha Primary School our teaching staff conduct Curriculum Information sessions early in Term 1. This year, as in 2011, these Information sessions have been scheduled over three evenings. Please see below for relevant date, time and venue.

The sessions are designed to provide parents with information about classroom and school learning programs that will continue to strengthen the home-school partnership and consequently support student learning.

We look forward to seeing you at the relevant session for your child.

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Hugh O’Brien
Assistant Principal.

Skate Park

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council is proposing to construct a Skate Park opposite Mount Martha Primary School adjacent to the Eco Park playground and near the pumping station.

The Shire Council is accepting feedback in relation to the preferred site up until 12th March.

School Council is making a submission to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

Parents at last night’s PTA meeting were most concerned about the expectation for the school’s toilet facilities to be accessed by users of the proposed skate park and have asked for this inclusion in the Banksia Bulletin so individual families have the information and the opportunity to make individual submissions.

Please refer to the letter attached to this newsletter for the website and contact details for the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

Mathletics

Congratulations to Jamie in 2D who made it into the top 100 in Mathletics. He came in at number 29.

This year World Math’s Day is Wednesday March 7. All students at Mt Martha Primary are encouraged to participate. More information will be in next week’s Banksia Bulletin.

Donna Gadsby, Maths Coordinator.
The CATS study: The Childhood to Adolescence Transition Study

The CATS study is coming to your child’s school soon!

Do you have a child in year 3?

Then look out for the information pack we will be sending home with your child soon.

CATS is an exciting new study based at the Centre for Adolescent Health at The Royal Children’s Hospital and Murdoch Children’s Research Institute. It is looking at what gives today’s children a healthy start to adolescence. This is a time of change for parents and their children. Children become stronger, fitter, faster and smarter. They begin to have a growing sense of who they are. Their health also changes around this time with childhood problems often getting better but new health problems sometimes beginning.

We have asked 50 primary schools to take part. Your child’s school was one of those chosen that agreed to be in the study. Across Melbourne over 2000 children, their parents and their teachers will take part.

A team of researchers will be visiting school soon and your child will be given an information pack to bring home. This tells you all about the study and what is involved. There will be a consent form inside the pack. Whether or not you agree for your child to take part in this project, we would like you to complete the consent form and send it back to school. Your child will be given a small gift as a thank you for returning the form. The class that returns the most forms will be given a prize!

If you have any question about the study please contact the study team on (03) 9345 6732 or email cats@mcri.edu.au

More information is on our website www.cats.mcri.edu.au

Thank you for your help!

George Patton (Project Director), Lisa Mundy (Project Manager) and the CATS team.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 26th March 2012

Class and individual photographs of all students will be taken at school on Monday 26th March 2012.

ALL MONEY AND ENVELOPES TO BE RETURNED ON PHOTO DAY ONLY.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN BEFORE THAT DAY.

All children will receive an order form pack in the near future.

Packs range in price from $18 - $38.

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

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

If the envelope is not presented the photo pack will not be included in the main delivery to the school.
2012 Conveyance Allowance

- The Conveyance Allowance assists families with the cost of transporting their children to and from school where there is insufficient access to transport.

- To be eligible, students must live in regional and rural Victoria and live more than 4.8km from their nearest appropriate government or non-government school.


2012 Conveyance Forms are available at the School Office and need to be completed in full, signed and lodged no later than Wednesday 29th February 2012.

2012 Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance helps families on a low income with financial assistance to cover the cost of essential educational items, uniforms and excursions for your child. In 2012 the annual Education Maintenance Allowance payment is $235 for primary school students from eligible families. The amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school to support your child’s education.

To be eligible to receive the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary student up to the age of sixteen; and

- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; and

- Submit your application to the school no later than Wednesday 29th February 2012.

Application forms are available at the School Office.

**KISS and GO**

The KISS and GO drop off and pick up zones on both sides of Glenisla Drive are not parking bays. Drivers should pull in and drive off without delay, staying long enough for students to exit or enter the vehicle only. Drivers who alight from their vehicle should do so only very briefly and stay within a couple of metres of their vehicle.

PLEASE give everyone a go and avoid a fine.

**Contacting Teachers**

The best way to contact a teacher is through the school office. Teachers are busy with preparations before school and have team and staff meetings after school each Tuesday and Wednesday. With notice, teachers can arrange to be available to meet with, or phone parents during the school day and at student drop off and pick up times. Remember there is a lot of information on the school website available to parents 24/7.
Judy Beckworth - Principal  
Mount Martha Primary School  
P.O. Box 139  
Mt Martha VIC 3934

RE: MOUNT MARTHA SKATE PARK SITE SELECTION – ECO PARK

Dear Judy,

In 2008, the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council adopted a Skate and BMX strategy to guide the construction of Skate and BMX facilities across the Peninsula. The strategy identified the need to develop permanent facilities at major activity centres and key townships to service the growing demand from young people. The strategy has been progressively implemented across the Peninsula in recent years. The strategy identified the need for a local level facility to serve the Mount Martha area.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council recently adopted the Mount Martha Skate Park Site Selection report and advised that it be placed on public exhibition. The preferred site of Council is Eco Park (Glenisla Drive), adjacent to the Mount Martha Primary School and the existing playground site. The site best meets the Sport and Recreation Victoria Skate facility selection criteria. Your feedback is now sought in relation to the preferred site.

Copies of the report can be viewed online at www.mornpen.vic.gov.au (On exhibition, draft plans & policies), or at any Shire Office. For more information or a copy of the report, please call 5950 1765.

Forward comments to:  
Chris Munro  
Recreation Strategic Projects Officer  
Mornington Peninsula Shire  
Private Bag 1000, Rosebud 3939  
Email: chris.munro@mornpen.vic.gov.au

The closing date for submissions is 12th March 2012. Following this date, Council will consider a report outlining the community feedback for the adoption of the Mount Martha Skate Park site.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
Chris Munro  
Recreation Strategic Projects Officer  
Recreation Community Partnerships  
Mornington Peninsula Shire
Hello MMPS Families

It is now 4 weeks and 1 day until the big night and we are very busy organising this fantastic fund raising event.

How you can help -
Stall holders are filling fast. So if you are interested, or know of anyone who would be interested, in having a stall please fill out the form in the BB or go to the office and register your interest. Last year was a fantastic event for the stall holders!

We need sponsorship for our rides - this year we will have double the number of rides but wrist bands will remain at the same bargain price of $20 (pre-sale). If your business would like to sponsor this event please make payment of $100 to the office together with a business card - and we will place your business in the BB for the whole of term 2 under the banner of - 'Sponsors for our Twilight Market'.

If you or your business would like to donate goods for our raffle to be held on the night, please contact Jaala 0407 518 767 or the office to organise collection or drop off.

A free dress day is organised for Friday the 2nd of March - "Fun Friday" and all parents can breathe a sigh of relief there is no theme! A gold coin donation will go towards the organising of the activities on the night.

Year Levels have been allocated an activity to run on the night - Please speak to your teacher regarding this - these activities are for the children and also make them feel a part of the fundraising night. Your teacher will be able to give you more details with regards to the activities and the help required - it may just mean 15-20 minutes on a stall to help with the activity. Remember 'Many hands make light work'.

Regards - Jaala Mayer and the Twilight Market Committee

Lost property is being managed by year levels this year. Please ensure all clothing items and school bags and hats are named clearly as only named items can be tracked. Please contact the class teacher for further details.
PTA MEETING

Our first PTA meeting was held on **Wednesday 22nd February**. Thank you to everyone who attended – it was great to see you all there and get the planning for 2012 underway. Our first major event is organising the food and drink stalls for the Twilight Market.

Upcoming editions of the Banksia Bulletin will provide more information about events suggested for this year – **we also welcome your input at any time**.

*Please feel free to leave ideas in the suggestion box (anonymously if you like) or a note in the PTA pigeonhole (with your contact details if you wish a PTA member to chat to you about your suggestion) – both located at the School Office.*

We really value and appreciate your support (in any way – no matter how large or small) which enables the PTA to offer social and fundraising activities to benefit our children and the whole school community.

**Please don't forget..........................**

**Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th March at 7pm in the Staff Centre.** This will incorporate the election of new office bearers – please consider if you would like to be involved on the committee. This is also a good opportunity to come along (no obligation at all) and find out more about the PTA. We hope to see you there!

Coming up soon...........

**The TWILIGHT MARKET – on Friday 23rd March 2012**

3.30 – 6.30pm.

Have a look at the information sheet in this week’s Banksia Bulletin for more details.

Have a great week!

Jan Gough (PTA President) and the PTA Team.

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**MMPS Free Dress Day**

**Friday 2nd March**

**Bring along a gold coin for Free Dress Day**

**All proceeds to be used for the MMPS Twilight Market fundraising event to be held on Friday March 23**
**Help Needed**

Will the UNIFORM SWAP BOXES be available this year in the Gym foyer area?

Yes, if there are at least 2 volunteer parents to set up the notices and monitor the donations.

Please leave your name and contact number at the school office if you are able to assist our community in this way.

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**Mount Martha Primary School 2012 Twilight Market**

**Stall Booking Form**

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**TOTAL COST**

*Please remember not to include any food items, dangerous or unsuitable goods for sale at your stall.*

Those people who have already indicated an interest in conducting a stall at our Twilight Market need to make their payment by Wednesday February 29 in order to secure their booking. If payment is not received by that date your position as a stall holder could be offered to another interested party. Please contact the office on 5974 2800 to confirm your booking and organise payment.

Jaala Mayer and the Twilight Market Committee.
Mt Martha Primary School
Glenisla Dve
Mt Martha 3934
Phone: 5974 2800
Fax: 5974 3634
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.

Beleura Junior Football Club is holding registration evenings every Thurs 5.30-6.30pm at Dallas Brooks Park, Mornington Tyabb Rd, Mornington. New players welcome, please bring proof of age, Birth Cert, extract , Passport etc. Contact Paul 0410 488 728 or secretary@beleuraafc.com

Mornington Indoor Sports – Indoor Soccer & Cricket, starts Term 2, under 10,12,14,16. Contact 5975 3200.

Mornington Soccer Club registration & information 25th Feb between 10am & 3pm at Dallas Brooks Reserve, Mornington Tyabb Rd, Mornington. Enq: steve@morningtonsoccerclub.com.au (u6-u11) nickt@morningtonsoccerclub.com.au (u12-u18) or john@morningtonsoccerclub.com.au (females all ages).

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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

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Let us put the sparkle back into your property!
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Mt Martha Twilight Market

SHOW BAG – ORDER FORM

Please fill in and return your orders with payment to school no later than Thursday 8th March 2012

Please note that NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted. These showbags are only available as a pre order and are on display at the office. They will not be available for sale on the day of the Market. Showbags will be delivered to your children in their classroom on the day of the Market.

Please complete a separate order form for each child.

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Total money enclosed: $………………

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Name of Student : ____________________________________Class ___________

We strongly encourage all parents to consider pre purchasing the Wrist Band for the Amusement Rides. This is a one off cost of $20.00 but then allows your child unlimited rides from 3.30 – 6.30pm on the night of the Twilight Market.

Wrist Bands purchased on the night of the Twilight Market will be $25. Tickets will be sold for the rides on the night and will be $4 per ride. Past experience has indicated that the Wrist Band is value for money and is strongly recommended by the Twilight Market Committee. Please return payment for Wrist Bands by Monday 12 March.

Number of bands required ( ) Total money enclosed: $………………