Welcome to Archie in Year 2 and Ruby in Year 4 who commenced with us this week. We wish them and their families a happy and rewarding time at MMPS.

School Council Elections
At the close of nominations the number of nominations was one less than the number of vacancies.

I have pleasure in declaring the following nominated parents as elected to School Council

Kirsty Agg
Justen O’Connor
Delia Tobin

A call for further nominations was declared and I am pleased to announce a later nomination has been accepted by Alanna Allain which fills the parent member category.

As Council also has the opportunity to co-opt suitable persons under the Community Member category at the first meeting of the newly formed School Council I urge other parents/guardians who wish to be considered to leave their details at the school office by 4.00pm on Thursday 6th March.

The first meeting of the 2014 – 2015 School Council will be held in the Staff Centre at the school at 7.00pm on Thursday 20th March.

The meeting dates for the year will be confirmed and discussion regarding meeting times will precede Council’s decision for commencement of meetings for the 2014 – 2015 schedule.

Student Engagement
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has, in 2014 provided all government schools with direction through a new publication Student Engagement and Inclusion Guidance – Creating and Maintaining Safe, Supportive and Inclusive Learning Environments. In consideration of this the Kids Matter team will be reviewing our school’s Student Engagement Policy. The Department has also brought in new procedures for Suspension and Expulsion effective from March 1 2014. The Kids Matter and Wellbeing teams will be consulting with parents, students and staff as the school specific documents are reviewed but in the meantime these publications and procedures are available through the office.

Personal Accident Insurance
The Department has reminded schools to inform parents/guardians that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

- Does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, need to understand they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

- Principals should remind parents/guardians and staff that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools by students or visitors, does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Judy

Your child/ren will have received a bright red plastic document wallet labelled with their name and class. This is to be used for all notices, payments, Newsletters and the Banksia Bulletin.

Please check your child’s bag daily for any correspondence contained in this wallet.

Please have your child bring in their school banking on a Friday to have it processed by Bendigo Bank.

FREE DRESS Day tomorrow. Come dressed in bright & fun colours. Gold coin donation to raise funds for Carnivale!

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
Thursday 13th
• Whole School Assembly 9.10am in the Gym

APRIL
Friday 4th
• Last day of Term 1 Assembly 9.10am in Gym
• Students dismissed from classrooms at 2.30pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday March 20
7pm in Staff Centre
All welcome

PTA AGM
Wednesday 12th March
7pm in Staff Centre
All welcome
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Thurs 4-5pm: 5-7years / 5-6pm: 8-11years
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