SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The school will send home detailed information regarding this important process next Monday 18th February with the eldest child in each family.

There are 3 vacancies in the Parent Category and 2 in the DEECD Employee Category for the 2013—2015 term of office.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE

Our principal class team is highly accessible to parents in the school grounds before and after school most days. Parents are welcome to chat with Hugh, Karen or myself at these times. Should parents wish to discuss a matter in more detail they are always welcome to arrange an appointment through the school office. Parents wishing to contact teachers are also asked to arrange a suitably convenient time through the school office as teachers are busy with preparation and professional team meetings before and after school most days.

The first contact for information and support is your child’s class teacher as they have the most knowledge about your child and their learning.

If the occasion arises where, as a parent you believe you need to speak to someone other than the class teacher the table below is a guide to assist you in contacting the coordinator of each year level.

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Parents and guardians are always able to bring any matter to my attention and feedback is valued. I can be contacted through the school office on 5974 2800. Parents are also welcome to contact the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development through South Eastern Victoria Region on 8765 5600. Please keep this information for future reference.

All the best for a super week,

Judy
New portable is open for business!

Exciting news! The new portable has almost been completed and our two Year 2 classes (2B and 2D) have moved in and are enjoying the view from their new classrooms. There are still a few minor works to be completed around the outside of the building. These include bushfire safe flywire to all windows, metal balustrade on the deck, blinds and fences to block off access to the rear of the portable. Two new Interactive Whiteboards will be installed next Monday and some additional furniture will be arriving in the next few weeks. The rooms look great and Mrs Gunn and Mrs Dixon are busily adding some colour and flair to the learning environment.

The portable certainly does look so much better than when it arrived from Euroa Primary School on 7 January! A big thank you to all our teachers for showing flexibility in giving up their staffroom to accommodate the 2 classes and a really big thanks to Mrs Gunn and Mrs Dixon and their students for coping with the unusual start to the 2013 school year. Well done everybody.

We have already begun talks with the staff at All Play Australia about how we can start to reconstruct the Year 1 and 2 playground equipment that was dismantled during December. This equipment was not destroyed but was stored at the school. Our aim is to use as much of the equipment as we can in the areas around the new portable. This should occur in the next couple of weeks.

Hugh O'Brien
Facilities Coordinator

Year 5 Learning Area – please respect this place

To those parents who have entered the Melrose building this year you will have noticed some significant architectural changes to the floor plan of that building. We now need your assistance. Parents and students have always been able to walk the full length of the Melrose corridor from end to end. Now, however, the Year 5 learning area incorporates part of what was once that long corridor. This space is no longer accessible for through traffic. The Year 3 and 4 classrooms are housed at the Glenisla Avenue end of the building and can only be accessed via the double doors at that end of the Melrose building. The three Year 1 rooms (rooms 13, 14 and 15) housed at the other end of the Melrose building can be accessed via the double glass doors at the Year 1 end of the Melrose building. We have allowed a little time for everyone to get use to the new floor plan but we now seek your cooperation in making the Year 5 area a great place to learn by following the directions outlined above.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support

Hugh O'Brien

Parking

Whenever using the Kiss and Go or other parking spaces close to the school please aim to arrive for morning drop off at 8.45am and for afternoon pick up 3.40pm. Parents who have made this change are delighted by how much easier it is than the peak times 10 minutes later.

Students are responsible for locking their bike to the bike rack.
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 8 March 2013

Class and individual photographs of all students will be taken at school on Friday 8 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 Friday 1 March

Packs range in price from $18 - $37. 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 March 1. 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.

Meet the Camp Australia Holiday Club Team

A new and exciting Holiday Club is set to open at Mt Martha Primary School these holidays!
Camp Australia will partner with the Mt Martha Primary School community to deliver a tailored Holiday Club focused on bringing out the best in kids - combining active games with structured and unstructured play, quiet time, exciting excursions and a healthy snack.
Find out more about this new and exciting Holiday Club, how Camp Australia can help your family meet Camp Australia’s experienced staff at a Parent Information Session:

When: Wednesday 20th February 2013 at 6.30pm
Where: In the School Library at Mt Martha Primary School.

Hugh O’Brien,
Assistant Principal
Welcome to the new school year.
We have hundreds of new books to introduce to our Library collection for reading pleasure and project research.

Our class teachers will be organising student borrowing of books at each scheduled visit. We are requesting our students to return their borrowed books each visit to the Library with their class teacher, even if there needs to be a renewal of that particular book. That way we can avoid many books being overdue for return. It also means other students will have ready access to the greatest number of books available.

A big “Thank you!” to Georgina Street for taking over the Book Club co-ordination role. You will have noticed the brochures came home this week.

Thank you to the parents who have made contact regarding helping with organisational aspects of the Library. There are tasks that can be done at school or at home. If you can spare some time please consider joining our team of helpers by telephoning the school and leaving your contact details.

Can you help us? We are seeking someone with a working knowledge of our BiblioTech Library Catalogue computer system. If you know of someone or are the person we seek to chat to, please contact the school on 5974 2800.

Do enjoy reading. Many children have been telling me they have been reading outside after dinner (to take advantage of the daylight).

Steph Otte
Library Co-ordinator

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**Student Conveyance Allowance Application 2013 Private Car Travel**

For a student attending a mainstream school to be granted a conveyance allowance a number of criteria must be met.

**Criterion 1 – The campus of the school attended must**

- be located outside the Conveyance Allowance Melbourne Metropolitan Boundary (MMB)
  
  (Exemptions do apply to some schools within the MMB. Please check with your school)

**Criterion 2 – The Student must**

- be a Victorian resident
- be of school age
- reside 4.8k or more by the shortest practicable route from the school/campus attended
- attend the nearest appropriate school at which admission is possible


Application forms can be collected from the school office and should be returned to the office no later than Friday 22nd February.

2013 Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP) - Update

In October 2012 it was announced that means testing was being introduced for all new applicants, effective from January 1, 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 213 Conveyance Application Form.
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school 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 temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

Payment amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

**Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.
Wow! - what a fabulous meeting we had last week - there are so many wonderful things being organised for MMPS families.

Term 1

Mt Martha Primary School's - Carnivalé

Come One, Come All!

Friday the 22nd of March 3.30pm—6.30pm - Empty your money jars and come along and enjoy all the fun and activities on offer at Mt Martha Primary School's very own 'Carnivalé'. There will be activities and games for all ages, food, market stalls, show bags, cake stall, Grand Auction, spinning wheel prizes, chocolate game and lots more! Please see the flier attached - to help make this night a success please remember many hands make light work. We would love your support, please fill out the form in the BB. Thank you in advance!

Friday the 1st of March - Parent's Morning Tea - After school drop off please join us in the staff centre - this is a great opportunity for new parents to meet other families and also for others to catch up with those they don't get to see often. Look forward to seeing you there.

To Support our wonderful 'Carnivalé' we are having a FREE DRESS DAY - Carnivalé Theme - please come dressed for a crazy, colourful day and bring a gold coin donation to help support our biggest fundraiser for the year! - When Friday the 1st of March.

PTA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held on Wednesday the 6th of March, 7pm in the staff centre. This is your opportunity to be a part of a wonderful team whose main goal is to provide fun activities for the MMPS families whilst increasing our connection to the community.

PTA Myth - we are an 'in house' group of woman who have nothing better to do and will make you participate in all events held at the school - PTA Fact - we are a group of working mums who feel that PTA offers us the opportunity to be involved in our children's school activities and events and gives us an opportunity to connect with the staff, other families and the community. We know that time is valuable and we do appreciate any time that can be given to any event.

With new team members we have new ideas and the chance to increase our network and connection to the MMPS community. Look forward to seeing you on the 6th of March. (Myth - we do not lock doors - fact - we do serve chocolate and bubbles.)

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

Don’t miss the Parking Awareness Program attachment from the Mornington Peninsula Shire.
Parking Awareness Program

This year our Ranger Team will again be involved in a Parking Awareness Program, the program aims to address illegal parking around schools during pick up and drop off times.

The main areas of concern as noted in the past are:

- **Parking overtime in the ‘drop off bays’,** these bays have been designed to allow parents to quickly drop off or collect their child and then move on, thereby allowing as many parents as possible a chance to use these desirable parking spots.
- **Parking on nature strips,** is prohibited as parking in this manner can impact on the ‘line of sight’ of vehicles or pedestrians, which is especially important in the vicinity of schools.
- **‘No stopping anytime’ areas** are areas where it is not appropriate to leave a vehicle stopped, for even a short time. These areas are not considered a safe nor appropriate place to stop, or for a child to enter or exit a vehicle.
- **Double parking,** can lead to traffic disruption and places the child who may be entering or exiting a double parked vehicle in a very dangerous position. Double parking even for a short time is not appropriate.
- **Stopped in a disabled parking bay,** these bays are for use of people who hold a disabled parking permit only and should not be used as 'a drop off or pick up bay'.
- **Stopping in a bus zone,** bus zones are designated for buses only, using these bays even for a short time, can cause disruption to a bus, which in turn causes traffic congestion.
- **Stopping on a road with a yellow edge line,** these lines are placed where it is not appropriate to leave a vehicle stopped, for even a short time. These areas are not considered a safe nor appropriate place to stop, or for a child to enter or exit a vehicle.

The Rangers will be attending schools over the next few weeks and will be speaking to drivers that commit any of these offences, the purpose of this is to raise awareness and educate the school community. Once this awareness program has ceased the Rangers will then begin issuing infringements to offending drivers and the aim is to maintain a visible presence throughout the school year.

In order to achieve success it is important for the Shire to work with the school and hence it would be beneficial if an article could be included in any school newsletter informing driver of the risk they pose to children through failing to obey the road rules.

If there are particular traffic management or safety issues that need to be addressed you can contact the Traffic & Road Safety department on 5950 1030 to discuss particular concerns.

If you require further advice you may contact me at any time on 1300 850 600.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Bonnici
Team Leader Shire Ranger
MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE
1300 850 600
Uniform Swap Box

This school uniform Swap Box is provided as a service to the school community. Its aim is to allow parents to recycle school uniform items. It is an honesty system. You can donate whenever you have suitable items. You can take when you need an item. It is up to you to ensure that you give as much as you take through the year.

Guidelines for DONATIONS

✓ Clothes must be official school uniform items.

✓ Clothes must be presentable, clean with names crossed out.

✓ Please put items in the correct tubs. School bags can be placed next to the tubs.

Guidelines for TAKING CLOTHES

✓ Find the item you are looking for in the tubs.

✓ Don’t take more than 3 items of the same type (e.g. size 8 red shirt).

✓ Limit your takings to 5 items at any one time.

✓ You don’t have to make a donation every time you take but please donate something at a later stage!

✓ Please help us ensure that all items are in the correct tubs and that the tubs are clean and tidy.

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you wish to sell an expensive uniform item, such as fleece jumpers or girls winter dresses, you may attach a small notice to this board e.g. a post-it note.

✓ On your notice include details about the item, how much you want for it and your phone number.

✓ It is recommended you charge no more than 50% of what you paid for the item.

✓ Remove notice when item has been sold.

✓ To avoid disappointment, items should be in very good condition (practically new).

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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.

SCHOOL TERMS 2013

TERM 1  1st February 2013 to 28th March 2013
TERM 2  15th April 2013 to 28th June 2013
TERM 3  15th July 2013 to 20th Sept 2013
TERM 4  7th October 2013 to 20th Dec 2013

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Make-Up Artist & Eyelash Extension Technician.
Ever wished for longer, thicker & darker looking lashes?
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4 Shona Place Mt Martha. kate.tread@gmail.com

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Mt Martha Netball Club Winter Comp 2013
Registrations will open on line through Sporting Pulse this Friday 15th February and need to be completed by next Weds 20th February by 4pm.
Information about how to register, season dates, contact details and fees will be displayed in MMPS gym foyer from this Friday morning 15th February.

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