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As the number of nominations received equals the number of vacancies these parents and teachers are declared elected to School Council for the 2013 – 2015 term of office.

Judy

Holiday Club
Holiday Club comes to Mt Martha Primary School – Bookings are open!

Camp Australia will commence a Holiday Club program based at Mt Martha Primary School this year. The first program will commence Tuesday 2 April and run over the first term break. The Holiday Club will be available during all term breaks.

Bookings are now open for places in the first program. Please visit the Camp Australia page under "Services" on our school website. By clicking on the logo you can begin the process of enrolling your child/ren into the program. You will have to register as a parent/caregiver on that site. Any queries about payments, content of the program, staffing etc should be directed to the Camp Australia Customer Service department.

Hugh O’Brien
Assistant Principal.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
SPORTS NEWS

Swimming Sports
What an amazing 2 days at Mornington Secondary College. We had over 350 students compete in the school swimming sports last week. From 50m Freestyle events to 25m Butterfly events, everyone had a wonderful morning at the pool.

Chants were heard pool side from our enthusiastic supporters. Poppy broke 2 of our school records in the 12/13 50m events. Sophie broke 3 in the 9/10yr old 50m events and Lily broke a 25m school record which was exciting to watch.

Year 5 & 6 students took the swimming to new heights. Mr Nickeas, Mr Antoniou, Mrs O’Connor & Ms Gadsby took on the Year 6 team of Grant, Jake, Tulliah and Poppy in a freestyle relay event to finish off our swimming sports. With supporters stomping and cheering, the students came out victors!!

From all the 50m events, I now have the task of selecting our school team based on winning times. Students will be notified and will compete in the District event at the Forest Pines Aquatic Centre, Frankston North next Wednesday.

A huge thanks to all the parent helpers who assisted on the day/s. All the teachers did a wonderful job with their allocated tasks for both Carnivals. Thanks Team.

JOGGING CLUB
Jogging Club will start Friday 1st March. Every student has either the same card or a new card ready for 2013. Prep students will be taken around the track during a PE lesson so they become familiar with the route that needs to be followed. Let’s make a huge effort to see more students jogging the track this year!! Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies fortnightly.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.
Students at Mount Martha Primary School in Years 3 to 6 have their own USBs to use for schoolwork between home and school. Students in Prep to Year 2 have also purchased their own USB which will be sent home at the end of the year with work to share with families. ICT is used to support learning and to enhance teaching and having USBs is a great way to allow students to work on projects at home and at school. Students have been learning about using technology in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner and with this in mind, the following guidelines for USBs have been developed by the school ICT committee and Mount Martha Primary School staff.

**USBs (Universal Serial Bus) are to be used for schoolwork only, this may include:**
- photos/images for school purposes
- documents that are required for homework. There should be no games, music (unless related to homework), .exe files, inappropriate material or downloads that may damage the school network. The consequences for bringing inappropriate material to school on a USB may include the USB taken away for two weeks and/or internet ban for two weeks. In the case of a more serious breach of this policy the student may also be given time out and the student’s parents will be notified.

Make sure your USB has your name on it. They are easy to lose!
Family Maths Problems

Here are some ways you can enjoy Maths with your family.

**Dinners ready!**

You will need
- Knives, forks, spoons, plates, glasses.
- Paper and pencil.

What to do
1. How many are there in your family? Count out the number of knives, forks and spoons needed for everyone. Write down how many on your paper.
2. Help mum and dad set the table. Now count the number of plates and glasses. Write down how many on your paper.
3. How many things will there be to wash up after the meal is finished (not counting saucepans)?

**Cups and Spoons**

You will need
- 2 types of measuring materials, e.g. rice, macaroni, rice bubbles etc.
- 1 cup and 1 tablespoon
- 2 containers (fairly small)
- pencil and paper

What to do
1. Write down how many cupsful you think your containers will hold. Have a guess for both materials. Now use the cup and measure. Write down your results.
2. Write down how many spoonful you think your container will hold. Write down your guess for both materials. Now measure and see. Write down your results.
3. Write a short story for what you did and about your findings.

**Dinner’s ready now!**

You will need
- Paper and pencil

What to do
1. Discuss with your family the length of time it takes to prepare and cook a typical evening meal. Time and record all of the tasks and cooking times associated with the meal.
2. Prepare a timeline to show all the significant events in meal preparation.
3. Make a timetable to cook dinner.

For example
- 4.30 pm Peel and wash potatoes, slice carrots
- 6.00 pm Turn stove on to cook potatoes
- 6.10 pm etc.
4. Look at the timetable and decide how much time such as microwave ovens food processors using alternative cooking devices such as microwave ovens, food processors, could save.
5. What added equipment could save the most time? Estimate how much time these appliances could save.
6. How much time two people preparing a meal would save?
7. Decide on a favourite (simple) meal and use recipe books to work out a timetable for the preparation of the meal.
8. Discuss you plan with your family. Decide on a suitable day and cook the meal. Dis your timing work?

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.
Parents’ and Teachers’ Association Noticeboard

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 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? Tomorrow, Friday the 1st of March.

Mt Martha Primary School 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! This is our biggest fundraiser and community event for the year - looking forward to seeing the MMPS families enjoying all that is on offer.

We are also looking for a new committee to run our fabulous Oaks Day Luncheon. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, come along to a meeting in the staff room on Friday the 15th of March at 9am. We would hate to lose this fantastic event from the MMPS Calendar.

PTA’s Meeting 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. This meeting will discuss the Carnivale and future 2013 events and also incorporate the Annual General Meeting. Events that have been organised over the past few years due to new parents joining and providing new ideas and support - The Twilight Market, Oaks Day Lunch, Mother’s Day Stall and The Recycle Clothing Night. These events would not have come about if not for new parents supporting the PTA.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

For the full colour version of the Banksia Bulletin each week log on to the school website at www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au then click on the Newsletter tab. You can subscribe to receive a notification when the Banksia Bulletin is online - Click the grey tab on right hand side of home page and provide your email address.
Mt Martha Primary School Carnivalé

Friday 22nd of March 3.30-6.30pm

4 Weeks to go!

The Carnivalé team together with the PTA have been working hard to get things organised for this wonderful school event.

Thank you to the parents who have already sent in the form to help on the night.

Thank you to the businesses and MMPS families who have donated goods and/or services for the Spinning Wheel and the Grand Auction.

What you can do to help -

We have organised a Free Dress Day - 1st of March - Come dressed in a carnival theme - fun/colour/crazy - remember to bring a gold coin donation.

Show bag orders are due back by the 8th of March - please remember to fill in a separate order form for each child so that the bags can be delivered directly to the classroom.

If you are able to support the Spinning Wheel or Auction with a donation of goods and/or services please email Jaala Mayer djmayer@bigpond.com or Deena Shanahan dtshanahan@bigpond.com.

Wristband order forms will be coming home soon - we are just finalising the rides available on the night.

The popular cake stall will also be running - look out for the notice and plate coming home in the next few weeks.

Start saving up your gold coins to bring on the day to participate in the activities arranged - lots of prizes to be won!

Don’t forget if you are able to help on the night please fill out the form available from the office or alternatively email Jaala or Deena.

Thank you to the Carnivalé committee for all your hard work and organising skills in bringing this day together.

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

Visitors to Mt Martha Primary School

Everyone except for students and staff are visitors to the school and are required to sign “in” on arrival and “out” just before leaving the school. This procedure is based at the school office and is a vital part of the school’s occupational health and safety risk management. Visitors’ badges are now bright yellow for improved visibility and there is a new information sheet on the inside of the cover of the Visitors Book. To assist visitors this information is printed on the back of each badge.
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.

Any advertisements in this newsletter are not associated with Mount Martha Primary School operations and as such, Mount Martha Primary School accepts no responsibility for the quality of the product or service advertised.
Mt Martha Netball Club - attention Grade 2 players required (Born 2005), also Grade 6/ U12 players required to fill teams. An U9 Beginners team has been introduced for Saturday Winter Comp to include players born in 2005. Season dates 16th March to 17th Sept 2013. Any interested players or enquiries please contact asap to Leisa Christou (President) 5974 2350 or 0407 438 244.

Mornington Blue Light Disco this Friday - Cruz Club at The Grand Hotel, Main St Mornington. 6pm - 8pm (8 - 15 year olds) Cost $7. Children to be picked up by a responsible adult.

Mornington Library is hosting a very special story time by author Elizabeth Honey this Saturday March 2 at 1pm.


Creating a Happy & Healthy Community - Mornington Peninsula Shire invites you to Safety Beach Sailing Club Wed 6th Mar 1-4pm to be part of a discussion & planning for our Health & Wellbeing Plan 2013-2017. RSVP 5950 1685 My 4th March or www.trybiking.com/CKRF