COMING EVENTS

JUNE

Monday 10th
• Queen’s Birthday
  Public Holiday

Tuesday 11th
• 4C visit to The Estuary
  with BERG

Thursday 13th
• Year 4 Drains to the
  Bay Walk
• Winter Lightning
  Premiership
  Soccer at Dallas Brooks
  Oval
  Football at Ferrero Oval
  Volleyball at Osborne PS
  Teeball at Benton Junior
  College, Mornington
  Netball at Mornington
  Netball Courts, Hampden
  St.

Saturday 15th
• Working Bee at MMPS
  9am - 12pm

Monday 17th
• Regional Cross Country
  (venue TBA)

Monday 24th
• Reports go home to
  parents

Tuesday 25th
• Pupil Free Day
  (students do not
  attend school)
• Student Led
  Conference
• OSHCP Circus Fun Day
  (see inside for flyer)

Wednesday 26th
• Dromana College Band
  visit

Friday 28th
• Final assembly 9.10am
  in Gym
• Students dismissed at
  2.30pm from their
  classrooms

SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING

Thursday 13th June
7.00pm in Staff centre
All Welcome

Book Fair
The Book Fair was an enormous success again this year. The students and their families were eagerly waiting for the doors to open each morning last week. I was so impressed to see the joy our students gained from browsing and choosing books. The general excitement generated from the Book Fair is testament to the value placed on literature in our whole school community. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our PTA for their hard work in bringing the Book Fair to MMPS. Special thanks to Georgina Street and her band of dedicated helpers who coped so well with the busy sales times. Apart from providing a wonderful opportunity for our families to purchase books, the Book Fair raised over $3000 to purchase literature resources to benefit students across all levels of the school.

Staffing News!
Over the past fortnight we have welcomed three new staff members to our school. As reported in our last “big newsletter” Mrs Sumintra Sharma is teaching 5B for the remainder of Term 2, following Mrs Rachel Esler’s departure to accompany her husband to work interstate. We also welcome Mrs Gayle Wade as support teacher in the Year 1 level. Gayle will be working with groups of students to support the literacy program across all Year 1 classes. This week we also welcome another staff member to support the Literacy program at MMPS. Mrs Jenyfer Wallace will be assisting students with literacy in the Year 3 and Year 5 areas. We are delighted to have Sumintra, Gayle and Jenyfer on board and trust they will very quickly feel part of our fantastic school community at Mount Martha.

Staff Workplace Agreement - Update
The process for the proposed Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2013 is moving along. The next step, as required under the Fair Work Act, is the conduction of a ballot for all Departmental employees to vote on the proposed agreement. The outcome of the ballot will then determine the future of the in-principle agreement.

Classroom Visits
I am now into my sixth week as Acting Principal at Mount Martha Primary. My transition into the new role could not have gone more smoothly thanks to the terrific support I have received from the staff, students and parents. I am steadily making my way around the classrooms to spend time in each class and share in the students’ learning experiences. Yesterday I spent some time in the Year 5s learning “hive”. The session I attended saw students engaged in a very stimulating literature activity entitled “Open Minded Portrait”. The students were exploring aspects of a selected character from the book, “The Lorax”. It was great to see the students utilising their thinking skills in the character analysis. One of the activities involved assuming the character and writing about the story from the character’s point of view. Well done Year 5s on a very productive learning session.

Cross country
On Wednesday 5th June a number of our students from Year 3 to 6 participated in the Zone Cross Country held at Mornington Racecourse. Well done to all our competitors for qualifying for the Zone and giving their best in the race. Results will be reported in next week’s newsletter.

Pam Anderson, Acting Principal.
Mid Year Student Led Conferences

Student Reports will be distributed to students in a sealed envelope addressed to parents on Monday June 24. The following day we will be conducting our Student Led Conferences. This style of Conferencing brings an additional element to our school’s Reporting to Parents Program by highlighting the student in person. The student-led conference incorporates the student speaking about their learning achievements and behaviours personally with their parents and teacher, whereas traditional parent teacher interviews include these discussions solely from the adult perspective in the absence of the student.

We will be using our PTO web based system to allow parents to book their conference times from home or work to suit their own availability. Parents will receive a unique 5 digit PIN that will allow them to login into the PTO site. The system gives parents a full picture of time slots available for all of their children’s teachers and classes. Security of information is maintained by password protected access for parents or guardians approved by the school. Mount Martha Primary School will provide school laptops in the Administration area during the booking period for parents unable to access the web from any of the above listed locations.

The Student Led conferences will take place on Tuesday 25 June and this will be a day when students are not required at school (except to attend their Conference). Once parents access the PTO site they will be able to see what times are available to book in for a conference.

Our staff have agreed that families with children in Prep – 2 will be offered conference times between 10am and 7pm and families with children in Year 3 – 6 will be able to arrange a conference time between 11am and 8pm.

The date that PTO will go “live” for bookings off our school website will be on Monday 17 June at 8am. Bookings will cease at 1pm on that day. After that time, if parents do not have a booking, they will need to contact the teacher. Office staff are unable to make bookings on behalf of parents.

PARK LEGALLY – KEEP STUDENTS SAFE

Parents have informed the school office that they have registered concern about the parking situation around Legacy Drive. It is time to take greater responsibility for community safety and park legally.

Consider arriving at 8.45am for drop off or at 3.40pm for pick up when the Kiss and Go spaces at the front of the school are often free or alternatively park at Mount Martha House and enjoy the short walk.

PARK LEGALLY – AVOID FINES

Burglary at MMPS

Many of you may have heard that the school was broken into recently. Forced entry into the school occurred overnight on two occasions (May 22 and 26). Entry was gained into the Year 6 learning area on both occasions through windows along the Melrose Drive side of the school. The thieves took 2 Imac computers, 3 ipads and an ipod. Mornington Police attended the school to assist with enquiries and on Wednesday 5 June we were notified that the two male perpetrators had been apprehended. They are to be charged with numerous offences related to a spate of recent burglaries at schools throughout the Mornington area. The CCTV footage we provided to police assisted them with their enquiries. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers and students for dealing with this inconvenience in a positive manner.

Hugh O’Brien

Assistant Principal
UNSW International Competitions & Assessments for schools

The assessments will be held at Mount Martha Primary in Room 18 (Mrs Kuilboer 2E) during lunch breaks, commencing at 1pm. Please note students must be on time for their assessment in order for them to complete it in the allocated time.

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or by email at: info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

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Esther Kuilboer, Year 2 Teacher.

SPORTS NEWS

JOG-A-THON

On Thursday 25th July, the whole school will be involved in the Jog-a-thon. This is a major fundraiser with all the money raised going towards improving our playground equipment. All students will receive a tally card to use around the track collecting ticks from the teachers at the check points.

Students are to get sponsorship from parents, relatives and also close friends. With the school holidays coming up, it might be a great time to start seeking sponsors. Sponsorship forms and information will be coming home to every student very soon.

Everyone who receives sponsorship for our Jog-a-thon will go into a large raffle to win some amazing brand new sport equipment. Things that can be won are a tennis racquet, basketballs, skipping ropes, vortex howlers, a bocce set, AFL footballs, netballs plus a lot more. These will be drawn at our final Assembly in Term 3.

WINTER DAYS/SAFETY

As we are now having a few colder days, students need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for PE lessons. The School Gym is not heated and can be cold during the day. Wearing a jumper/jacket is advisable as they can always be removed as students warm up. Appropriate footwear is an essential part of the PE program. Wet footpaths and rain on concrete surfaces makes the need for footwear with good grip an important component of our Health and Safety for children.

MISSING UNIFORMS

All our sporting activities require uniforms and equipment. Can everyone who has represented our school in cross country and swimming - please check if you have any uniforms, singlets or sports tops and return them to the school ASAP so we have enough for our school teams.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

PUPIL FREE DAY
TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2013

COME AND JOIN US FOR

OUR CIRCUS FUN DAY

BRING YOUR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA SUPPLIED
COST: $40.00 LESS YOUR CCB/CCR%
FOR BOOKINGS AND AN ENROLMENT FORM
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OPEN FROM 7AM – 6PM

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 14 JUNE AT 6.00PM !!!!!!
A fantastic day for the environment!
All students participated in activities that increased their awareness of the environment.

Thanks must go to the following organisations:

**BERG Mt Martha.**

**Franklyn Scholar, a training organisation based in Canterbury.**

**Tru Blue Nursery. Craigie Road, Mt Martha.**

**Pearcedale Garden Centre, Baxter Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale.**

We planted over 750 plants.

These were supplied by kind donations from BERG, the Gardiner family of Tru Blue Nursery, Craigie Rd, Mt Marth and Pearcedale Garden Centre. The children’s gold coin donation went towards the purchase of the balance of the plants.

All junior classes were assisted by the staff and students from Franklyn Scholar. These people worked hard all day to assist with instructing the children in the correct planting procedures and the hard work of digging the holes.

Preps and their Year 3/4 buddies continued to plant out their forest on the oval bank. These plants will grow with the preps, and the children will nurture them during their time at Mt Martha Primary.

Year 1 planted in the Melrose Bank gardens.

Year 2 planted out the planter boxes and gardens near their classrooms. They also moved a mountain of mulch. Year 3 planted snow gums along the north side of the oval to provide shade and planted out the garden beds at the front of school.

Continued…….
Year 5 were assisted by volunteers from BERG to plant out the roadside reserves in Melrose Drive and the Glenisla roundabout. Thankyou to Liz Barraclough, Jenny Selby and helpers who provided plants and assisted with planting.

Activities were carried out in classrooms such as pledges to the environment. Many classes went without heating and lighting for the day to experience whether it is really necessary to use these luxuries which we often take for granted.

We raised $850 to go towards our Garden Projects. We are purchasing a large worm farm for the Year 1 classes.

Thanks to all the staff, students, parents and community members who participated on the day.

All I heard all day were comments like ‘This is awesome’ and ‘This is fun.’ We really have a GREEN team here at Mt Martha PS.

Jenny Spiridis

Gold for Green Day Coordinator.

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Teacher Questions

Student Support - Yvonne Krahe

Favourite colour? Yellow

Celebrity crush? Richard Gere

Favourite TV show? Downton Abbey.

Favourite movie/book? Titanic

Previous job? Bank

Do you have a pet? No

Birthday? August 17

Why did you want to work in a school? I like working with children.

Favourite food? Seafood

Favourite drink? Coffee
Family Maths Problems

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

**Head or tails (Prep – Year 2)**

You will need:
- a 20 cent coin.
- pencil or texta and paper

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What to do:
This is an activity for two people:
1. Draw this table on your page.
2. Decide who will be ‘heads’ and who will be ‘tails’.
3. Using a 20 cent coin take turns to flip for ‘heads or tails’
4. Each time your side of the coin comes up mark off the next number in your column
5. The aim is to see who marks off the 10 numbers first. Who won?
6. You can play this game a few times.
7. Which side of the coin came up the most?
8. Write about what happened.

**Going to school (Year 3 & 4)**

You will need:
- pencils

What to do:
Nick, Sam and Marika all live in the same house. Yesterday Sam went to school on his bike. Nick went to school by car. Marika walked. They all left the house at the same time.

Choose from the times below how long you think each child took to get to school:
- 20 minutes
- 10 minutes
- 5 minutes

If they left home at 8 o'clock, make three clock faces on your sheet showing they time each child arrived at school.

**Heady Problem (Year 5 & 6)**

You will need:
- some string, pencil and paper

What to do:
1. How many times would a piece of string have to go around your head to be as long as your body? Guess first, then measure – just using the string. How close were you?
2. Next, try thins on someone about your own size. Then try it again on an adult.
3. Write the ratios down.

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.
Term 2 Events -

The Scout Raffle Ticket Books - MMPS families have the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes whilst supporting our school and the Scout organisation. Raffle ticket books were sent home on Friday 31 May - please sell as many tickets as you can and return the raffle ticket stubs together with the money to the school by Friday 26 July. All ticket books must be returned to the school by the due date regardless of whether tickets have been sold or not. Remember with each ticket sold MMPS receives $1.50 which will be used to improve facilities for our children.

PTA are holding a giant Sausage Sizzle Lunch on Thursday the 27th of June. Don't worry about lunch on that day as PTA will be cooking up a storm. If you would like to join in on this fun Lunch Day please fill out the form below and return with payment to your classroom by Friday the 21st of June (remember no late orders can be taken).

Book Fair - A huge thank you to Georgina for organising this wonderful event for the children and the school, together with her team of helpers and Anna, this event ran smoothly and successfully. I hope that the children enjoy their purchases. Thank you also to the MMPS families for supporting this event.

Stall or Breakfast ?? Thank you to the 35 families who returned the survey slip - after tallying the votes (which were very even) PTA has decided to continue with the Father's Day Breakfast. We think that the children love the opportunity to show their Dads, Grandfathers, and special relative or friend around the school and their classroom and it gives them the chance to share in a school event just for them!

Oaks Day - thank you to Anthea, Michelle and Vicki for supporting this wonderful event. This is our second biggest fundraising event of the year and also a very important social event!

Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday the 26th of June, 7pm in the staff centre. We will be discussing and finalising details for the up and coming events in Term 3 and 4 - Parents Movie Night, Hot (warm) Chocolate and Marshmallow Day, Movie Night for the preps, 1,2 and year 3 and more. We would love to see you there!

Mt Martha Primary School PTA

Sausage Sizzle Lunch Order Form

Child's Name: .................................................................Class: ............

Sausage in bread: Qty..............@ $2.00 each.  Zooper Dooper: Qty..............@ $1.00 each

Total to pay: $.........................
Teacher Questions

IT - Dane Read

Favourite colour? Blue

Celebrity crush? Emilia Clarke

Favourite TV show? Game of Thrones

Favourite movie/book? Tron

Previous job? Hospitality

Do you have a pet? No

Birthday? I do

Why did you want to work in a school? I just like computers.

Favourite food? 2 waffles in sandwich formation on microwaved cookie dough, ice cream, chocolate sauce & milo.

Favourite drink? Diet Coke

WORKING BEE!

Mt Martha Primary School is having its 1st Working Bee for 2013 and we need YOU please!

Date: Saturday June 15 2013.

Time: 9am – 12pm.

Location: Mt Martha Primary School Grounds

Jobs to be completed:

“In the Garden Project” – we want to continue to refine this area of our school grounds. There will be general pruning and mulching tasks in the garden and around the school. General tidy up tasks – relocating rocks to dry river bed and weeding. We would like to use the this Working Bee for general tidy up and maintenance tasks.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea and drinks provided.

Please complete this attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day. If you can only make it for an hour it would be appreciated. If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, shovel, secateurs, gloves etc that would also be very beneficial.

X

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday June 15 at the school Working Bee.

My name is: ........................................................................................................ and my children’s names are ........................................................................................................

Please return to the office as soon as possible.
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.

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