School Council 2013

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- Marie Williams

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Thank you to outgoing members Iona Eichstadt, Donna Gadsby, Gavan McCabe and Kylie Scott. Your advocacy for and contribution to Mount Martha Primary School has been valuable in assisting our community as it works for continual improvement.

Thank you Iona for the leadership, care and support you have given to the Mount Martha Primary School students, staff and parents. Serving as PTA President followed by four years as President of School Council 2009 – 2012 is commendable voluntary service.

Thank you Kylie for your work as a parent on PTA, as PTA President in 2010 and as School Council Treasurer over the past two years.

Thank you Donna for your work as convenor of the Education committee during your two years on Council.

Thank you Gavan for the broad educational perspective you brought to Council and your work on the Facilities committee. Unfortunately, with starting a new job this year Gavan is unable to continue on Council and has tendered his resignation. As this creates a casual vacancy parents are invited to contact the school office to register their interest in this one year vacancy.

I wish to let everyone know I am commencing Long Service Leave on the first day of next term and will be away until the end of the 2013 school year. Initially, Hugh O'Brien will lead our community as Acting Principal whilst South Eastern Victoria Region undertakes a formal process to appoint an Acting Principal for the remaining duration of my leave.

Judy

Cybersafety Message

It is wise for parents to keep smart phones, phones, ipods, ipads, and other technological devices out of children's bedrooms. These devices are best used openly in the family areas of homes. Charging all devices on the kitchen bench overnight is a good habit to stick with.
Family Maths Problems

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

Daffodils

You will need

20 buttons, pegs or pieces of macaroni, a sheet of newspaper and scissors, paper and pencil

What to do

Pretend your family is planting 3 garden beds full of daffodil bulbs. You want to know which flowerbed will have the most plants, because it will be your own special one. Ask a grown-up to help you cut out a square, a circle and a triangle. Using the objects you have chosen as bulbs cover each of the shapes you have cut out. How many did you need for each shape? Which took the most? Which garden bed has the greatest area? How did you work it out? Write it on your paper.

Hints for parents – When you are cutting out the shapes, remember that the sizes will need to be similar to allow proper comparison.

Cylinders

You will need:

Contents of your kitchen cupboard, paper and pencils

What to do:

Look in your kitchen cupboards for some things that are shaped like a cylinder. How many did you find? Write down all the cylinder shapes that you find. What other things can you think of that are cylinders shaped? Draw three things that you thought of?

Downhill racer

You will need

Some toy cars, oranges – anything that rolls
About 5 fairly thin books, or rolled magazines 1 cm – 2 cm thick to act as wedges
A plank or stiff cardboard or box lid about 40 – 50 cm long
A ruler or tape measure

What to do

Make a sloping ramp. Choose rolling objects reasonably close in size to each other. Place your objects at the top of the ramp, and then let it roll down. When it stops, measure how far it has rolled. Adjust the angle of the ramp up and down and roll again with the same object. What difference did this make to the distance of that was rolled? Try again with different objects and/or different angles. Now try rolling things on different surfaces – carpets, floorboards. Was there much difference?

Something extra

Have some ramp races! Make two ramps. Set them both to the same angle. Find two different objects that will roll. Which one do you think will roll further, and why?

Now collect some more objects of different mass, circumference and shape, for example, a light ball with a large circumference like a beach ball and a heavy ball with a small circumference like a golf ball. Choose which one you think will roll further before conducting the experiment.

Eventually work out which is the furthest rolling object in your house.

Donna Gadsby,
Maths Curriculum Leader
Mount Martha Primary School Blogs – Have you subscribed?

Mount Martha Primary School has established Year Level blogs and this year has begun classroom blogs to allow us to extend and share our learning with a wide audience. Parents will now be able to see almost immediately what their children are doing at school and this will help to further strengthen our home and school partnerships.

Please remember to subscribe to the blog you are interested in so that you receive an electronic notification whenever there is a new post on that blog site. Feel free to leave a positive comment on the site as this will make the process of blogging more dynamic for the teachers and students.

Prep blog - http://prepmmps.global2.vic.edu.au
Year 1 blog - http://year1mmps.global2.vic.edu.au/
Year 3 blog - http://year3atmmps.global2.vic.edu.au/
Year 5 blog - http://year5mmps.global2.vic.edu.au

This is our school ICT blog, please feel free to have a look - http://ictmmps.global2.vic.edu.au

Teacher Questions

Mrs Stuart—First Aid

Favourite colour? Green
Celebrity crush? Pierce Brosnan
Favourite TV show? Amazing Race
Favourite movie/book? Dirty Dancing
Previous job? Travel Consultant
Do you have a pet? A fish
What is its name? don’t know, obviously unloved
Birthday? 30th April
Why did you become a teacher? Needed a change, wanted to be a teacher
Favourite food? Italian
Favourite drink? Champagne
Teacher Questions

Miss McKillop—Prep Teacher

Favourite colour? Blue
Celebrity crush? Rodger Federer
Favourite TV show? Australian Story
Favourite movie/book? “The Story of the Little Mole who knew it was none of his business”
Previous job? Physiotherapist
Do you have a pet? No
Birthday? 9th May

Why did you become a teacher? I like working with younger people, I think I can make a difference and help people learn. I enjoyed going to school, great holidays!

Favourite food? Thai and I live on fancy salad sandwiches.
Favourite drink? Diet Coke (but I know I shouldn’t drink it!)

Ms O’Brien—Prep Teacher

Favourite colour? Blue / Purple / Red
Celebrity crush? Harrison Ford
Favourite TV show? New Tricks
Favourite movie/book? The Glass Castle (Book)
Previous job? Teacher
Do you have a pet? 2 Cats
What’s its name? Jasper & Gem
Birthday? 23rd February

Why did you become a teacher? Loved being at school. My prep teacher was inspiring and I decided then when I was 5 that I wanted to be like her.

Favourite food? Italian
Favourite drink? Water
Teacher Questions

Mrs Cartwright—Prep Teacher

Favourite colour?  Tangerine
Celebrity crush?  David Beckham
Favourite TV show?  The Block
Favourite movie/book?  What’s eating Gilbert Grape & The Note Book
Previous job?  Balloon Shop
Do you have a pet?  Dog
What’s its name?  Yoshi
Birthday?  31st May
Why did you become a teacher?  To help children learn
Favourite food?  Avocado
Favourite drink?  Coffee

Mrs Kohlman—Prep Teacher

Favourite colour?  Green
Celebrity crush?  Brad Pitt
Favourite TV show?  Cold Case
Favourite movie/book?  Ellie (Book) Romeo & Juliet (Movie)
Previous job?  Target, RSPCA Volunteer
Do you have a pet?  Dog & Cat
What’s its name?  Charley & Sasha
Birthday?  17th December
Why did you become a teacher?  Love kids
Favourite food?  Thai
Favourite drink?  Fruit Juice
### Teacher Questions

**Mrs Henderson—Prep Teacher**

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**Rodney—Crossing Supervisor**

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Parents’ and Teachers’ Association Noticeboard

Term 1

PTA held its AGM (Annual General Meeting) last week and it was lovely to see some new parents and also to see the very supportive parents who are continuing to be involved again this year. Thank you to Jemma McInerney (Vice President), Paula McHenry (Secretary) and Michelle Austin (Treasurer) for accepting the rolls as office bearers. Thank you to Jane, Joadie, Amy, Simone, Jan, Natalie, Vicki, Deena, Amanda, Alice Harvey, Jason Antoniou, Cameron Sweatman, Karen Walker and Judy Beckworth for being the PTA Team for 2013. Remember that all MMPS parents are welcome to be a part of any meeting and/or event.

Mt Martha Primary School Carnivalé - Come One Come All!

Friday 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 at least 14 activities and games for all ages, food, show bags, rides, 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.

PTA will be holding the very popular cake stall at the Carnivalé. A plate with instructions and a label will be sent home to each family. We ask that each family provide a homemade cake/slice or biscuit to contribute to the cake stall. Please drop off your wonderful homemade treat to the staff centre on the morning of the Carnivalé Friday 22nd of March between 8.45-9.30am. Remember to label your treat with all ingredients! Thank you in advance for your support with this stall - past experience has proved that we have some very talented bakers out there and that we usually sell out in the first hour!

😊 Thank you to everyone who ordered show bags. They will also be delivered to the students in their classrooms on the day of the Carnivalé.

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.
Looking forward to another wonderful year with a great team and a very supportive MMPS community.
Mt Martha Primary School Carnivalé
Friday 22nd of March 3.30-6.30pm

1 Week to go!

A big thank you to the businesses and MMPS families who have donated goods and/or services for the Spinning Wheel and the Grand Auction, remember it’s not too late to donate! We have had some great items donated so the Auction will be hotly contested!

A big thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time and pre event help - for us to run all the activities, we still have a few spots to fill so please let us know if you can help out for an hour on the afternoon.

In addition to the rides (Wristbands can be pre purchased for $20 If you purchase at the Carnivalé, wristbands will cost $25 and single ride tickets $4 each.) we have over 14 activities for kids of all ages to participate in on the day.

- Egg and Spoon Race
- Gumboot Throw
- Guess the lollies in the Jar
- Pop Out Face Mask
- Cupcake Decorating
- Handball Competition
- Lick It Ice Cream Decorating
- Shooting Hoops
- Toilet Roll Throw
- Spinning Prize Wheel
- Sack Racing
- Chocolate Throw Game
- Throw a wet sponge at a teacher
- Nerf Water Duck
- Beauty Parlour

Encourage your children to start saving their gold coins to bring on the day to participate in the activities arranged - the majority of activities will be $2 per game with great prizes to win. The activities will offer families alternative things to do helping alleviate any long queues for the rides. A map with all Carnivalé details will be distributed next week.

PTA will be supplying sausages in bread, hamburgers, party pies, sausage rolls, icy pole tubes and cold drinks on the afternoon. Dave’s Place (the Stapleton Family) will also be there supplying coffee, milkshakes etc, with all profits raised on the night donated back to the school. Anne-Marie Raymond will be supplying her time and offering yummy Thermomix snow cones.

If you can donate any items below to help make this Carnivalé a HUGE success it would be much appreciated, they can be left with Lorraine at the office.

- Ice Magic, Sprinkles, Ice Cream and Cupcake Toppings, M and M’s, smarties etc, (please no nuts), ice cream cones, baby ice cream cones, unused hand cream, gumboots (big and small), textas, sponges (for throw wet sponge at teacher).

What you can do to help -

- 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
- The popular Cake Stall will also be running – you should have received the notice and plate earlier this week.
- Don’t forget if you are able to help on the afternoon 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.
Brotherhood of St Laurence-Saver Plus matched savings program

HELPING VICTORIANS SAVE

Saver Plus is a nationally-recognised program that pays people $1 for every $1 you save (up to $500) to help pay for education. By joining Saver Plus you could receive $500 to help pay for school items like computers, community activities, books and uniforms.

The program is Australia’s first matched savings program, designed to help families achieve a savings goal, establish a long-term saving habit and pay for education. It has been recognised by the government and received a Prime Minister’s award.

To be eligible you must have:

- A child attending school in 2013-2014, or be intending to attend vocational training yourself in 2013-2014.
- A current health care card or pension card and
  - Regular form of paid employment (yourself or partner).

Please contact Kelly Clem at Brotherhood of St Laurence on 8781 5937 or email kclem@bsl.org.au

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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.

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.

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 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
Out of Bounds - Reclaim Calm & Respect in your family! Peninsula Health, Family Solutions Child First & Anglicare present a 9 Week Group Program commencing Friday 3rd May & running through to Friday 21st June (10am - 12.30pm). At Hastings Community Health, 185 High St Hastings (Mel 154 F11). Cost is a gold coin donation per session. Bookings essential as places are limited. Contact Peninsula Health - Community Health on 5971 9100.

Point Nepean National Park located at the end of Point Nepean Rd, Portsea is offering free holiday programs. Come History hunting this Easter! Bookings are essential at www.juniorrangers.com.au. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Moonlit Sanctuary Holiday Programs - 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale. Ph 5978 7935 or visit www.moonlitsanctuary.com Open daily between 10am & 5pm and Bookings are essential. Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50.

Mornington Peninsula Shire Holiday Programs held at Bentons Square Community Centre, Bentons Rd, Mornington or David Collings Leisure Centre, Civic Reserve, Dunns Rd Mornington from 2nd to 12th April. Enrolment forms can be collected from Mornington Peninsula Shire Offices or Libraries. Forms can be downloaded from the Shire website at www.mornpen.vic.gov.au. For More information contact Joan Wust 5950 1641.

New Gymnastics Club in Mornington: Wildcats Gymnastics Club. Registration Day 23rd March 9.30am—12.30pm, $55. Places are limited. 2/2 Torca Terrace Mornington. Email: info@wildcatsgymnastics.com.au, phone: 0409 709 736 or 0419 585 691.

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Mornington’s favourite Chocolate & Lolly Shop is now owned by a MMPS family! We still have all your old favourites including loads of kids lollies, Pink Lady bullets, US confectionary & UK sweets,
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Leah Lamb Peninsula PT
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