Best wishes to everyone for a great term break and a fantastic 2013.

I realise my time away on Long Service Leave during Terms 2, 3 and 4 will speed by as I take on my Granny role two days each week. I will experience school life from the other side of the fence as I juggle the school run, kinder run and care for a lively two year old.

The Department has advertised for a replacement Principal and while this process takes place I am confident the school is in good hands under the leadership of Acting Principal, Mr Hugh O’Brien; Assistant Principal, Mrs Karen Walker and Acting Assistant Principal Ms Donna Gadsby.

Best wishes also go to Mrs Sarah Forward and her family for their trip around Australia next term and to Mr Otte who will commence Long Service Leave the third week of next term. We wish them well for their time away and look forward to hearing of their adventures on their return.

Take care and stay safe,

Judy

Languages at Mt Martha PS

Year 5 & 6 students have made a fantastic start to their language programs this term. The Year 5s have been learning Japanese with Mr Nickeas whilst 6A and 6B have been learning Japanese and Indonesian via Video link-up with Dromana College. All classes have shown enthusiasm in learning about greetings, numbers and asking others their age, plus other words and phrases.

Bill Nickeas, Languages Teacher.

Mount Martha Primary School Blogs – Have you subscribed?

Mount Martha Primary School has established Year Level blogs and this year also began classroom blogs to allow us to extend and share our learning with a wide audience. Instead of just teachers seeing student’s work, parents will also be able to gain more insight into 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

Sarah Forward, ICT Teacher.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH
Thursday 28th
- Last day of Term 1
- 9.10am Assembly in Gym
- 2.30pm students dismissed from classroom

APRIL
Monday 15th
- Term 2 Commences
Wednesday 24th
- Yr 2 Walk to Balcombe Estuary
- PTA Meeting 7pm in Staff Centre
Thursday 25th
- Anzac Day Public Holiday
Monday 29th
- Yr 1A, 1B,1C Excursion to Heronswood Gardens
Tuesday 30th
- Prep Farm Visit - Rain, Hayne & Shine

MAY
Thursday 2nd
- PTA Morning Tea 9.10am in Staff Centre
Friday 3rd
- Yr 1D & 1E Excursion to Heronswood Gardens

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 9th May
7pm in Staff centre
All Welcome
Teacher Questions

Miss Davey - Year 2 Teacher

Favourite colour?  Green
Celebrity crush?  Ryan Gosling
Favourite TV show?  Bondi Rescue
Favourite movie/book?  Step Brothers
Previous job?  Deli Assistant
Do you have a pet?  Yes
What are their names?  Charlie
Birthday?  14th April
Why did you become a teacher?  Because I really enjoy working with children.
Favourite food?  Ice Cream
Favourite drink?  Lemonade
Teacher Questions

Mrs Colson - Year 1 Teacher

Favourite colour? Purple
Celebrity crush? Bruce Springsteen
Favourite TV show? Rock Wiz
Favourite movie/book? Books by Jane Austen
Previous job? Bank Officer
Do you have a pet? Fish
What’s its name? Nil
Birthday? 10th July
Why did you become a teacher? Worthwhile doing
Favourite food? Vegetables (sometimes chocolate)
Favourite drink? Fresh coffee

Mrs Kuilboer - Year 2 Teacher

Favourite colour? Green
Celebrity crush? Richard Gere
Favourite TV show? The Project
Favourite movie/book? The Happiest Refugee
Previous job? Painting Folk Art
Do you have a pet? No
Birthday? August
Why did you become a teacher? Love kids
Favourite food? Berries
Favourite drink? Tea
Teacher Questions

Miss Dixon - Year 2 Teacher

Favourite colour?  Blue
Celebrity crush?  Hugh Jackman
Favourite TV show?  Modern Family
Favourite movie/book?  Just Like Heaven
Previous job?  Bridal Consultant
Do you have a pet?  No
Birthday?  22nd October
Why did you become a teacher?  I love watching children learn.
Favourite food?  Pasta
Favourite drink?  Pineapple & Banana Smoothie

Mrs Goode - Year 2 Teacher

Favourite colour?  Navy & White Hoops
Celebrity crush?  Ewan McGregor
Favourite TV show?  Downton Abbey
Favourite book?  Pride & Prejudice
Previous job?  Always a teacher since 1974
Do you have a pet?  No
Birthday?  23rd January
Why did you become a teacher?  I loved school. I have always been at school
Favourite food?  Italian
Favourite drink?  Coffee
Deke Savanah - ICT

Favourite colour?  Lime Green
Celebrity crush?  Naomi Watts
Favourite TV show?  Breaking Bad
Favourite book?  A Song of Fire and Ice
Previous job?  Coles deli
Do you have a pet?  No
Birthday?  14th November
Why do you work in a school?  IT Technician – because I enjoy working with computers.
Favourite food?  Pizza
Favourite drink?  Ginger Beer

Tristan Jamieson - ICT

Favourite colour?  Blue
Celebrity crush?  Zooey Deschanel
Favourite TV show?  Futurama
Favourite movie?  Star Wars
Previous job?  Corporate ICT
Do you have a pet?  My daughter has a rabbit
What's its name?  Snow White
Why do you work in a school?  IT Technician
Favourite food?  Anything with chilli
Favourite drink?  Monster (blue)
Mt Martha Primary School Carnivalè Thank you!

A HUGE thank you for the generosity of MMPS school families, businesses and the local community who donated goods and their time to make our Carnivalè such a success.

Bendigo Bank  Mt Martha Lions Club  Auskick
Chocolate Kettle  Kate Horton  Peter Scott Orthodontist
Huggett Family  Mt Martha Newsagents  Blackbox Distribution
Adidas  Mt Martha IGA  Paint Spot
Highgrove Trading  Cauffield Family  Early Settler
Active Healing  National Tiles & Frank Walker  ArborCo
Edwards Family  Beleura Hill Health Solutions  Emma Kaman
Jane Mogenson  Cricket Victoria & Jason Mathers  Way Designs
Rachael Garel  Mornington Toyworld  Tingo
Spa Sounds  Johnstone Family  One Skin System
Harvest & Graze  MP Experience & Danielle Field  Mr Curtis
Kate Treadwell  Lingard Tennis  Frankie and Lola
MyMojo  Eternal Ingredients  Dreamtime Australia
RoxyOxy  One Sunday Morning  Eden Gardens
Julie Currey  Lucy Magoo School Foods  Via Battisti
Karen Tilley  Waxing by Kylie  Bells Meats
Coffee Traders  Café Providore  Tanya Tierney
Chill  Silken Bronze  Dava Hotel
Sussan Group  Gods Kitchen  South Beach Café
Wok on Bay  The Rosai Mt Martha Village  The Whale @ Mornington
Swan Hardware  Dave’s Place – Stapleton Family

Special thanks to:

Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm for generously donating the strawberries for the Snow Cones.
Anne Marie Raymond for whizzing up the Snow Cones in her amazing Thermomix.
Peter Nicholls from Bonaccorde for his masterful running of the Auction.
The McHenry family for making the Chocolate Table (the kids loved it!).
Sonia Barras for the fabulous artwork on the Carnivalè poster and map.
Shirty Designz for the Event Helper iron ons - check out their ebay store- Shirty Designz.
The teachers and parents who volunteered to help on the afternoon – without you, this event would not run!
Last but not least, my Carnivalè Committee assisted by PTA and the MMPS Office Staff, you were awesome! It was a great event!

Deena Shanahan - Carnivalè Organiser.
Parents’ and Teachers’ Association Noticeboard

We were all very thankful that the weather was much kinder to us this year, although it did have us worried for a while. The MMPS community embraced the afternoon with great enthusiasm making the event a wonderful success both from a fundraising and community perspective. There is a lot of work that goes into making an event like this happen together with a lot of thank yous!

THANK YOU TO -

The Carnivale Committee - Deena, Jodi, Natalie, Simone and Trish.
The PTA team - Amy, Amanda, Paula, Jan, Joadie, Jane, Jemma, Michelle and Vicki.
Helpers - all the parents who offered help before, during and after this event - without you we would not have gotten things done or been able to hold the 14 activities.
The Office Girls - Lorraine, Deb, Gina, Anna and Lindie for all your hard work behind the scenes, always with an enthusiastic smile.
Staff - thank you for helping with the activities, your support was invaluable.
Darrel - your help with setting up, during the event and after is much appreciated.
The Lions Club - the enthusiastic man power on the bbqs was fantastic.
Barry from Bendigo Community Bank - whose help is always appreciated.
Family - to all the grandparents, dads, aunties, uncles and siblings for being there to help either on the stalls or with the children so that the parents could help on activities.
Dave’s Place - the Stapleton Family who generously donate the takings from all the coffees etc. sold at the event.

MMPS Families and Businesses - who donated their goods and services for the spinning wheel, silent auction and live auction. We had over $7000 worth of goods donated - amazing!

Rodney - for always smiling - even when made to wear an orange wig and have a wet sponge thrown at you!
The Thermo-Mix Girls - thank you for your time and energy in making the yummy sorbets.
The Bakers - to everyone who baked a yummy treat for the cake stall.

There are a lot of individuals and businesses that need to be thanked - please see attached sheet - Remember support those who support us!

Term 2

Some activities to look forward to -

- The Mother’s Day Stall,
- Parent’s Morning Tea,
- Book Fair - and more!

Some wonderful news is that with the money raised over the past couple of years we are able to provide shade in the form of shade sails over the two prep playgrounds. Well done MMPS!!

Our next meeting is Wednesday 24th of April, 7pm in the staff centre - we would love to see you there. I hope that everyone has a wonderful, relaxing and safe Easter and term break.

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

Carnivale Guessing Competitions

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Parents Can Do Coping: Effective strategies for you and your child

This program is designed to support parents with practical and easy to implement strategies on how to raise happy, confident and respectful children. Each session will include a theoretical introduction followed by a range of examples and activities that parents can apply within the home. Real-life examples relevant to the participants will feature.

Program Details

Dates:
Tuesday 23rd, 30th April
7th, 14th and 21st May

Time:
6:30 - 8:30pm

Location:
Toorak College
MacLean Hall - Wardle House
Williams Road Mt Eliza

Cost:
$185 per person / $350 per couple
(full program + comprehensive session materials)

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Places are limited to 20 so book early.
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Call 03 97887258 to secure a place

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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.
Hop on down to Studio Sorrento 823 Melbourne Rd, Sorrento who are hosting an Alice In Wonderland themed Art Show for Rosebud Hospital to raise much needed funds for a CT Scanner and an enhanced medical imaging area. This will be held over the Easter weekend (29 March - 1 April). All proceeds will go towards the Rosebud Hospital 2013 Appeal. $5 entry, children are free. There will be plenty to see and enjoy.

Mornington Chamber of Commerce are holding an “Easter Eggstravaganza” on Main St Mornington (Empire St Mall playground) on Saturday March 30 from 10am - 1pm. The Easter Bunny will begiving out free mini Easter Eggs, there will be free face painting!

Mornington Farmers’ Market, Schnapper Point Dve, Mornington (Mornington Park) 8.30am - 1pm on Saturday April 13. $2 entry for adults, children are free.


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**The Chocolate Kettle**
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, Come in to see us & mention this ad for 10% off just for our fellow MMPS families.

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Join a group or make your own - 10per class.
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