From the Principal

2014 School Council Elections

As the number of nominations was equal to the number of vacancies no ballot is required. The March School Council will be a farewell meeting for retiring counsellors and a welcome meeting for the new incoming members.

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On behalf of the school community, a sincere vote of thanks is offered to last year’s council members for their time, energy and promotion of the work of staff to develop all aspects of students’ learning. We thank Bill for his contribution convening the Travel Smart sub-committee and his role as correspondence secretary during his 2012 – 2014 term of office.

Judy

Food Allergies - Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a serious, life-threatening condition. MMPS Staff have been trained in responding to anaphylactic shock and are updated each semester on our policy and procedures.

We have a number of students at school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. For this reason we ask that you be aware and support them by not sending nut products to school. Students are encouraged not to share food.

If your child has a severe allergy make sure their management plan is up to date and returned to school immediately.

Remember to call the Absence Line 5973 7700 and leave your child’s name, class and reason for absence or alternatively visit our website www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au and simply click on ‘student absence notification form’ under ‘Quick Links’ on the home page. Once you have completed the form click on ‘submit’ and you’re done!!

School Banking at the Mt Martha Community (Bendigo) Bank.

As your child starts school for the first time, both the school and the Community Bank would like to help your child learn the benefits of saving for the future, whether for a long term ambition such as a car or house, or something more immediate like leisure activities.

Starting young helps children understand the value of saving, and has the added advantage of giving them a good savings and credit history, very helpful in later life, especially when the time comes to borrow for their first large purchase.

As an incentive your Community Bank would like to start all new students with a $5.00 voucher to set up their account at the Mt Martha Community Bank located at 5A Bay Road to help them on their way to learning financial responsibility and saving for something they really want, they can then put more money into the account at school on the nominated school banking day (Friday).

Call into the branch and talk with our manager Greg Hilton or any of the friendly staff to arrange the new account, we are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and on Saturday from 9am to 12.00 Noon.

Our staff look forward to seeing you

Mt Martha Community (Bendigo) Bank.
Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.
If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.
There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.
Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do
The main reasons for absence are:
Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.
“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.
Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.
If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:
• Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

New laws effective from 1 March 2014, mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:
2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2014

Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21st March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Mt Martha Primary School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

Students at all year levels will be participating in activities leading up to the Day of Action, and on the day, that focus on the anti-bullying campaign.

At the Carnivale on Friday the 21st March we will have a KidsMatter – Anti-Bullying stall where we will be providing information, displaying student work and giving away wristbands for the National Day of Action.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as ‘The Allen Adventure’ iPad app, designed for children under 8 years.

Download these free apps now in the Student's section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

We will keep you informed about our plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 21 March 2014.

The KidsMatter Team.

Student Representative Council
The Student Representative Council is a group of students elected by their classmates to represent their ideas, convey issues to the school leadership and help organise ways for students to participate in school life. This term the SRC is discussing the outside placement of ‘Milky the Picasso Cow’, collecting donations for The Good Friday Appeal, selling ANZAC Day badges and will work to resolve any concerns arising from students. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their classmates and teacher. They have received red wristbands so that they are easily recognisable to other students.

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Megan Kohlman, SRC Facilitator.
SPORTS NEWS

School Swimming Sports

What an amazing two days at Mornington Secondary College. We had over 400 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 from pool side and with that in mind, our 80/100 swimming events took place. What an amazing standard from all students and some students pushing for a spot in our school team. Sophie (x3) & Oscar (x1) both broke the school record in their event which was exciting.

A huge thanks to all the parent helpers who assisted with judging, kickboards, recording and supporting. All of the teachers also did a wonderful job. Thanks team.

HOUSE RESULTS

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District and Divisional Swimming

On Monday our school swimming team competed in the Mornington District Swimming Carnival at Pines Pool in Frankston. The weather was very kind to us. The sun was shining and it made for a great day of competition.

Congratulations to the following students who made it into our school swimming team:

Yr6 : Brodie, Josh, Joel, Oscar, Grace, Renee, Holly, Maddie and Beth
Yr 5: Fynn, Luke, Mia, Zac, Lily, Regan, Coen, Sophie and Bryson
Yr 4: Nelson, Atty, Jordan, Jamie, Olivia, Harrison and Emma
Yr 3: Katie, Brodie and Jemma

Overall, Mt Martha were the **District Swimming Winners** with a score of 104 points. It was an outstanding effort by all of our swimmers in their races. A huge thank you to Ms Gadsby and Mr Antoniou for assisting with the day.

We had some students successful in making it to the Division Carnival where they will come up against some strong competition from all over the Mornington Peninsula, Mt Eliza and Frankston schools. Congratulations to the following students for making it to this high level of swimming and good luck next Wednesday.

**9/10 Girls Freestyle Relay:** Emma, Olivia, Atty and Jemma

**11 Girls Freestyle Relay:** Sophie, Mia, Holly and Lily

**12/13 Boys Freestyle Relay:** Joel, Josh, Oscar and Brodie

**11Girls Freestyle:** Sophie

11 **Girls Backstroke:** Mia

**9/10 Boys Backstroke:** Luke

11 **Girls Breaststroke:** Sophie

**9/10 Boys Breaststroke:** Nelson

**12/13 Boys Butterfly:** Oscar

11 **Girls Butterfly:** Mia

**9/10 Boys Butterfly:** Luke

**Open Girls Medley Relay:** Holly, Grace, Mia and Sophie

**Open Boys Medley Relay:** Joel, Brodie, Oscar and Josh

Jogging Club

Jogging Club started this week. Every student has either the same card or a new card ready for 2014. Prep students have been taken around the track during PE lessons, so to help them become familiar with the route that needs to be followed. The track is as follows:

Start at basketball courts near prep playground, run around all 3 basketball courts and head down the ramp towards the oval. Run around the oval on the red track, continue up past the gym on the path past the prep playground and then get your card marked off.

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.
WORKING BEE!

Mt Martha Primary School is having a Working Bee in Term 1 and we need YOU please!

Date: 22 March 2014
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. There will be other tasks to complete as well.

Bring your secateurs and small pruning saw to assist with above 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 such as wheelbarrow, spade, pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would also be very beneficial.

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday March 22 at the school Working Bee.

My name is ................................................................. and my child/ren’s names are .......................................................... ..........................................................

Please return to the office as soon as possible.

Hope to see you there!  Jenny Spiridis and Hugh O’Brien
TWO WEEKS TO GO - ‘Carnivalé Spectacular’ - Friday 21st March 2014 - the organisation of this huge fundraising event is well underway - Rides, Show Bags, Cake Stall, Magic Shows, food, drinks, activities - Beauty Booth, Ice Cream Making, Chocolate Throw game and more !!!!!!! Without your support, we will not be able to hold this event - remember ’many hands make light work!’ If you are able to donate any goods or services or help out on the day, please fill out the form in the BB and return it to the office ASAP.

Thank you to Deena who is the driving force behind the Carnivalé Committee and a huge thank you to the girls who make up the committee - Jodie, Simone, Trish, Jemma, Rebecca, Jane and JA.

Thank you to the office staff - Lorraine, Deb, Gina, Lindie and Anna, also Judy Beckworth, Karen Walker and Hugh O’Brien for all your enthusiasm and support.

Show Bag order forms have gone home - please remember to fill out the form and return it with money by 4.00pm tomorrow, Friday 7 March so that the order can be placed ready to deliver to the classrooms on Carnivalé day. No late orders accepted.

Wrist Band order forms have also gone home - please return form and money to the office by 4.00pm Monday 17 March. Pre-ordered wristbands are $20 pp and give unlimited rides for the whole 3 hours. Wristbands can be purchased on the day for $25 pp or individual tickets for the rides at $4 each.

PTA’s AGM is to be held on Wednesday 12 March at 7pm in the Staff Centre. Look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to everyone for supporting Free Dress day and donating a gold coin – we raised over $700. This will go towards the Carnivalé Spectacular!

Jaala Mayer
PTA President

The MMPS School ‘Carnivalé Spectacular’ is only 2 weeks away!

This year it’s called a ‘Carnivalé Spectacular’ with plenty of activities, rides, games and a FREE Magic Show for everyone to enjoy.

This year we have a fabulous array of food on offer to please everyone’s taste buds! Come and enjoy a family dinner at the Carnivalé and choose from Killer Hot Dogs, Fairy Floss, Harry Hoo Gourmet Asian Treats, The Flying Calamari Brothers, Davey’s Baked Potatoes and Beef Rolls, The Crepe Man or bring a family picnic along!

For this event to be a success we need your HELP!! We require help on the day to run the activities and we are asking the commitment of parents for one hour from a choice of times. We also require assistance with pre event organisation; can you help out in any way at all?

Could you please respond ASAP with your preferred time by filling in the slip below and returning to the school office or by emailing Deena Shanahan (dtshanahan@bigpond.com), please remember that many hands make light work.

For this fantastic event we also require donations and prizes of all sizes for the Auction and Silent Auction. Can you or a family member help out and support this major fundraising opportunity for our lovely school?
CARNIVALE SPECTACULAR - HELP

Name: .........................................................................................................................................................

Name(s) of Child(ren) at school ......................................................................................................................

Class(es) ...........................................................................................................................................................

Preferred time to help on Friday 21 March (please circle)

3.30 to 4.30pm       4.30 to 5.30pm       5.30 to 6.30pm       Clean up 6.30 to 7.30pm

Are you prepared to help with some pre event organisation...........................................................................

Contact Phone Number........................................................................................................................................

Email Address.....................................................................................................................................................

CARNIVALE SPECTACULAR - DONATIONS

If you own a business or can donate something for the Auction/Silent Auction please complete the form below and return to the office and we will contact you to arrange collection of the item. Thank you.

Name: .........................................................................................................................................................

Contact Phone Number: ....................................................................................................................................

Item to be donated: .............................................................................................................................................

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A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve is reserved for STAFF PARKING. Please use Eco Park or Glenisla Dve.

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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4 week term commencing March 5
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Community Notices
Berg Mt Martha Family Day at the Estuary Sunday 30 March 10am - 2pm. Family fun, free environmental activities and info for everyone. Special opening by The Mayor, Cr Antonella Celi at 11am. The Rotunda, Balcombe Estuary, Mirang Ave Mt Martha. (for more info see flyer on Gym window)

If you are interested in joining a focus group for the proposed development for the reserve at Safety Beach Foreshore. Mornington Shire Council is asking for young families to give their opinion. Contact Mark Travers via email: mark@site-design.com.au (see flyer on Gym window)

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