Year 1 and 2 playground update

Staff from Allplay Australia will be back this weekend to commence the reinstallation of our Year 1 & 2 playground equipment. This equipment was removed with short notice in December last year when we were notified by the Department of the imminent arrival of a new portable. Allplay staff were very accommodating and with short notice came during a weekend to remove the equipment. They have since returned and taken the equipment to their factory in Seaford where some components that were showing signs of wear have been replaced. Some components due to recent changes in Safety legislation can no longer be used and other parts had to be upgraded. Allplay staff have since assisted us to redesign elements of the playground so that they fit the different spaces around the new portable. This has not been easy as there are a number of Occupational Health and Safety requirements that need to be factored into any playground design. Once the equipment is reinstalled we must comply with the other OHS requirements regarding the mulch around the equipment. Our usual supplier of mulch from the company Mulch Movers has had a serious industrial accident and is unable to assist us with this last requirement. We are attempting to find a new supplier of this high quality OHS approved mulch to ensure that the equipment is ready and safe for the children to play on. Hope that this explains why it is taking longer than we first envisaged to get this play area ready for use by students. In the meantime we still have some alternative arrangements in place for students in Year 1 and 2 during lunchtimes to ensure that are being catered for.

Hugh O’Brien,
Facilities Coordinator

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.
Needed for Carnivale!

We require the use of an additional Bar-b-que at our Carnivale event on Friday 22 March. The school has 2 Bar-b-ques but to cope with the large numbers of people we are hoping will attend we could use another Bar-b-que.

Can you help? Please give Hugh O’Brien a ring on 5974 2800 if you have a large ie. 4 burner Bar-b-que that we could use for that event. We can probably arrange to pick the Bar-b-que up but it would be outstanding if you could assist us by bringing the Bar-b-que to school on that Friday and either taking it home after 6.30pm the same day or sometime during the next week.

Hugh O’Brien
Assistant Principal

Thursday 14th March
Student Presentation for Year 5/6 students in the Year 5 Learning Area from 2.15 – 3.15pm.

Staff presentation commencing at 3.45 (75min presentations)

Parent presentation in Year 5 Learning Area at 7.30pm for 90mins. Please note, this presentation is not for students.

Friday 15th March
Student Presentation for Year 3/4 students in the gymnasium from 9.30 – 10.30am.

INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

internet safety presentation for you to help children stay safe online.

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While on line activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Mt Martha Primary School is hosting Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentations. Designed for parents, teachers and students, these presentations are provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as a part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

Please ensure your child’s clothing, hat, lunch boxes/ bags and drink bottles are named with both first name and surname. We have the help of a parent who did give up her time every Monday to reunite lost belongings with their owner. If you are interested in assisting with this task please see Hugh O’Brien. Any lunch box or drink bottle left unclaimed by the end of each term will be discarded.
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, some 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.

Thank you to those parents who came to the morning tea, it was lovely to meet some new parents. Thank you Amy, Joadie, Jan and Simone for supplying some yummy cakes and treats for us to enjoy.

Thank you to all the students and staff who supported the free dress day - with your donations we raised over $800 which will be used to support the Carnivalé.

I would like to thank the Carnivalé committee and PTA who are working very hard to bring this day together and make it fun for all the MMPS families - thank you Deena, Simone, Jodi, Natalie and Trish. Thank you also to the office staff who are our support system at the school - Lorraine, Gina, Deb, Anna and Lindie. Thank you also to all the parents who have filled out the 'help' form - without your support we would not be able to run all the activities for the children.

I would also like to thank all the MMPS families and businesses who are supporting this wonderful fundraising event. Without your donations we would not be able to have the auction or spinning wheel.

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

Due to the Labour Day Public Holiday on Monday 11th March, the next edition of the Banksia Bulletin will be published on Friday 15th March.

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 Carnival

Friday 22nd of March 3.30-6.30pm

2 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 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!

A big thank you also to all the parents who have volunteered their time, whether it be in pre event help, offering to bake cupcakes for the Cupcake Decorating Stall or are happy to assist on an activity. It's all coming together nicely but we still have a few spots to fill, please let us know if you can help out for an hour on the afternoon.

Encourage your children to start saving their gold coins to bring on the day to participate in the activities - there are lots of prizes to be won!

In addition to the rides we have over 14 activities for kids of all ages to participate in including:

- Egg and Spoon Race
- Gumboot Throw
- Guess the lollies in the Jar
- Face Mask Colouring In
- 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
- Beauty Parlour

If you can donate any items below to help make this Carnivale a HUGE success it would be much appreciated. The Carnivale committee will be in the staffroom next Wednesday (13th) from 9am until 10am to collect any items: 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, unused gumboots (big and small), textas, sponges (for throw wet sponge at teacher)

What you can do to help -

- 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 were sent home yesterday and are due back by 4pm on Friday 15th March.
- The popular Cake Stall will also be running - look out for the notice and plate coming home in the next few weeks.
- 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.
Mount Martha Primary School Blogs – Have you subscribed?

Mount Martha Primary School has established Year Level and will this year also begin classroom blogs to allow us to extend and share our learning with a wide audience. Instead of just teachers seeing our students work, parents will also be able to see what their children are doing at school and this will help to further strengthen our home and school partnerships.

A blog is another communication tool allowing our school to share information between the classroom and the home. A blog allows us to regularly post content about what has been learnt in class and links to Internet resources that students use at school.

Students at Mount Martha Primary School are taught about online responsibility, appropriate behavior and the importance of maintaining privacy online during ICT Specialist lessons and in their classroom. Our Year Level and classroom blogs will provide a great opportunity to discuss the learning that happens at school with your child and also to discuss Internet safety.

Is it secure?

Our blogs at Mount Martha Primary School are hosted by Global2 which is supported by the Victorian Education Department. Posts and comments are moderated before they appear online so that no inappropriate content is available on the site or to the students. Online, students will only ever be identified by their first name, maintaining their privacy and only students whose parents have signed permission for their child’s work and/or photograph to be displayed via our internet site at www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au will be included in the blog. This permission form is signed upon enrollment.

How can parents become involved?

Content that is posted on a blog can be commented on and this provides parents with the opportunity to become involved, by posting comments to the site about the work that has been shared. You are able to access our Year Level and Classroom Blogs through our school website at www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au
Parents can click on the link and can then chose to be an email subscriber to blogs for their child/children. Parents will then be notified by email when something new is posted for them to view.

Parents who wish to post a comment are also asked to please to use only first names only to help maintain the privacy of our students. Students are not encouraged to post comments on their own, as this requires them to sign up for their own email account. Students are able to post comments with their parents. Click on the posting comments tab for tips on how to post a comment.

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
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Teacher Questions

Mrs Christie (Art teacher)

Favourite colour? *Purple*

Celebrity crush? *Edmund Hillary*

Favourite TV show? *The Gruen Transfer*


Previous job? *Kennel maid*

Do you have a pet? *Yes, 1 horse and 1 dog*

What's its name? *Horses name: cool cash. Dog’s name: Matilda*

Birthday? *March 6th*

Why did you become a teacher? *Because I love kids.*

Favourite food? *Italian food*

Favourite drink? *Champagne*

Mr O’Brien (Assistant Principal)

Favourite colour? *Blue*

Celebrity crush? *Cat Woman*

Favourite TV show? *Homeland*

Favourite movie/book? *Alien*

Previous job? *Youth Worker*

Do you have a pet? *Two dogs and two cats*

What’s their names? *Roxy, Sparky, Fluffy, Daisy*

Birthday? *13th of September*

Why did you become a teacher? *Enjoyed School*

Favourite food? *Indian*

Favourite drink? *Milk*
Teacher Questions

Mrs Beckworth (Principal)

Favourite colour? Yellow
Celebrity crush? Robin Williams
Favourite TV show? Packed to the Rafters
Favourite movie/book? Movie- Mrs Doubtfire
Book- ‘Tis
Previous job? Waitress
Do you have a pet? No
Birthday? 18th December
Why did you become a teacher? Because I thought it was the best job ever
Favourite food? Sea food
Favourite drink? Lime juice cordial

Mrs Forward (ICT teacher)

Favourite colour? Purple
Celebrity crush? Bradley Cooper
Favourite TV show? Modern Family
Favourite movie/book? Pirates of the Caribbean
Previous job? Sports Management
Do you have a pet? No
Birthday? 2nd February
Why did you become a teacher? Because my whole family teaches and likes working with kids.
Favourite food? Mangoes
Favourite drink? Coffee
Teacher Questions

Mrs Rault (Music teacher)

Favourite colour? **Green**  
Celebrity crush? **Bradley Cooper**  
Favourite TV show? **My Kitchen Rules**  
Previous job? **None**  
Birthday? **May**  

**Why did you become a teacher?** *Because I like children and I wanted to teach music to children.*

Favourite food? **Lollies**
Favourite drink? **Chai latte**

Bill Nickeas (Languages)

Favourite colour? **Green or blue**
Celebrity crush? **Scarlett Johansson**
Favourite TV show? **Modern Family**
Favourite movie/book? **Shawshank Redemption**
Previous job? **golf driving range**
Do you have a pet? **2 dogs 1 cat**
What’s its name? **Lani, Charlie, and Chloe**
Birthday? **May 10th**

**Why did you become a teacher?** *I thought I would enjoy teaching children.*

Favourite food? **Chicken burritos**
Favourite drink? **tea**
SCHOOL PHOTOS
TOMORROW Friday 8 March 2013

Class and individual photographs of all students will be taken at school tomorrow Friday 8 March.

ENVELOPES WITH CORRECT MONEY ARE TO BE RETURNED ON PHOTO DAY

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.

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.
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 Baseball Club—Junior Registration Nights Wednesday 13th March and Wednesday 27th March from 6pm for 8-16 yo’s at CB Wilson Reserve, 55 Wilsons Rd, Mornington.

South Mornington Junior Football Club Registration Day. All players welcome. Ages 7 - 15 Wednesday 13th March 4pm - 7pm at Citation Oval, Helena St, Mt Martha. Enq to Jo Westwater 0414 082 213 or email jowestwater@bigpond.com

Net Set Go (Netball) Registration / Information will be held at the MPNA Clubrooms (Hampden St, Mornington) on Saturday March 16 from 9am - 10am. Cost per child is $140 and will commence after the school holidays. Children must have turned 5 by December 2012 to be eligible. Enquiries to MPNA on 5975 6808 or info.mpna@gmail.com

Worlds Greatest Shave Event: Balcombe Estuary BBQ area on Sunday 17th March from 1-3pm. Crowds needed. Music, food and games. Sponsor online at www.worldsgreatestshave.com

Found: iphone at the front of the school. Please contact the office on 5974 2800.