Thank you

Thank you to everyone in our community who donates their time and expertise to others. The wider Mount Martha community is well supported by those willing to contribute to local causes and sporting and social clubs. Our school also benefits throughout the year by people giving support with classroom and specialist programs, in the Library, at School Council and Parent and Teachers Association, with fundraising events, coaching teams, working bees and many more ways. The support comes in so many forms it is impossible to list it all.

Volunteers are valued and their contribution appreciated by our children and staff.

Student Reporting

As it is nearing mid-term it is timely to remind all parents and guardians that they are always welcome to discuss their child’s learning with class and specialist teachers. Teachers encourage parents to contact them through the school office or send a note to arrange an appointment. Some parents like to follow up the Student Led Conference with an interview and others prefer to arrange a specific meeting with the teacher during third term. Student Led Conferences are an important step in assisting our students in having ownership of their learning and this year they will occur on June 24. Parents and teachers are amazed each year by the level of pride students take in presenting to their family members.

2013 Annual Report

Following the Annual Reporting Meeting last Thursday a copy of the 2013 Annual report has been posted on the school website. Parents and staff enjoyed hearing our school leaders address the Performance Summary and Financial Position components. Our Leading Teachers presented and spoke to the Student Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing sections of the report. It was a wonderful opportunity to share information about the high quality and engaging learning program that builds on the capability of every student at Mount Martha Primary School and the future direction for 2014. Community members are invited to collect a copy from the school office or download it at www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au

I thank Karen Walker, Hugh O’Brien, Donna Gadsby, Karen Marsh and Julie Moncrieff for their assistance with this presentation.

Judy

Facilities at MMPS

There have been a number of works undertaken to maintain and/or improve our grounds and buildings over the past two months.

In the Melrose building a large glass door was constructed to provide an alternative learning space in the Year 6 “Hive”. The door allows great vision through the whole learning area but also allows for student activities that require a separate “space”.

The roof over Mrs Moncrieff and Mrs Henderson’s Prep rooms was also completely replaced including gutters and flashing.

Shade sails, thanks to PTA fundraising, were installed over the Year 1 & 2 playground equipment and they look fantastic.

Our outdoor classroom in the Sensory Garden now has some bench seats so children can sit more comfortably in that space.

As you can see from the photos all of these additions look great and have added to the overall appearance of our school.

Hugh O’Brien

Facilities Co-ordinator

Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.
We need your feedback and value your opinions!

Please support our commitment to improve student mental health and wellbeing at Mt Martha Primary School by completing the KidsMatter Parent Survey.

The KidsMatter Parent Survey is now available to complete online, for a period of one month, from Monday 12th May. Paper-based surveys will also be available from the office as required. We will continue to provide reminders and links in the Banksia Bulletin over the next few weeks. You can access the survey at:

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

To select our school you will need to type in:
Mount Martha Primary School, MOUNT MARTHA, VIC
A direct link will also be available on the Mount Martha Primary School website home page.

Thank you for your support.
Karen Marsh and the KidsMatter Team.

PJ Day

Thursday 29th of May is our much loved PJ Day as voted for through the SRC. Wear your favourite warm PJs or onesie and bring a gold coin to support Food Allergy Awareness Week. Please remember to wear appropriate shoes with your PJs.

“How to recognise Anxiety in Children”

Our School Council is proud to present a community forum on the above area of interest. All parents are welcome to attend. The Australian Psychological Society (APS) reports that approximately one in five young Australians are likely to suffer from mental health problems. Unfortunately, only a third of young people experiencing mental health problems are in contact with a professional support service. This workshop is aimed at assisting parents to understand anxiety, recognise anxiety in their children and to provide some practical actions that parents can take to assist their children who may be suffering from anxiety.

This workshop information session for our school community will be presented by Brodie Sheehan (Psychologist B.App. Sci (Honours), M.Psych., MAPS) who is currently Assistant Manager of OnPsych (a mental health service provider).

Date: Monday 16 June
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Staff Centre
Duration: Approximately 1.5 hours
Well done to children and families who have been recording their reading so far this month and Doing well with their pledge to “Read More in May”! Here are some thoughts from some avid readers.

Ella and Ned from Prep B have been reading, “The Farm in Spring”. “I like how there are always people watching the animals”, said Ned. Ella said, “I love the four puppies”.

Summer is enjoying “The Bushfire Brumby” because the horse gets a new chance at life. Finn thinks that, “The Lonely Tree” is great because it has a happy ending. Charlie likes to read books like “The Enemies” because the story is in chapters.

Evelyn can really relate to her book called, “Two Weeks in Grade Six” and Liam is enjoying reading “The Book Thief” because it is based on something real and is looking at life from the main character, Liesel’s perspective.

Great news! Here is a picture of what will soon be our own Little Free Library! Many thanks to Karen Setches for sourcing and preparing it for decorating, and Rebekah Pryor for giving us her time and artistic talent to work with the Year 6 Art Leaders on this project.

Here are some great ways to get your child reading:

1. Set aside a reading time. Pick a reading time that is suitable for everyone. It might be before bedtime or even after homework.
2. Pick a reading place. It is important that everyone is comfortable so they can enjoy the book. Try reading in the living room, or maybe seated at the dinner table works best.
3. Read together. One person can read the book, or family members can take turns.
4. Visit your local library. Enjoy free resources such as books and read-aloud events.
5. Involve and engage everyone. Before reading, point to the book’s title, author and illustrator. Ask listeners, ‘What do you think the story is going to be about?’ As you read, ask your family members what they think will happen next. And be sure to use exciting voices to engage listeners!
6. Fill your home with reading materials. Place books, magazines, newspapers, cookbooks and more throughout the house so your child is surrounded by things to read.
7. Get caught reading yourself. When your child sees you read, they will be inspired to read.
8. Have older siblings read to younger siblings. By reading to a younger sibling, the reader will gain confidence.
9. Start seasonal traditions. Pick a book to read every year when your child goes back to school. You can also read the same special book during a holiday.
10. Keep favourite books around. It can be comforting for a new reader to build confidence and fluency by re-reading a favourite book.

Happy Reading ………………………………… and stay tuned for more exciting May activities, including our Scholastic Book Fair and the opening of our “Little Free Library”!

Julie Moncrieff, Literacy Coordinator.

Cuttings needed please!

If you have any succulents at home that need pruning we would appreciate any cuttings to be sent in to Mrs Spiridis any time before Gold For Green Day.
TravelSmart Notice

The Mt Martha Primary School TravelSmart Committee was established in 2007 after concerns were raised regarding the issue of traffic safety for the children travelling to and from School. The population of the local area has increased significantly over the past seven years and there has been a corresponding increase in road traffic. Since 2007 the Committee has achieved great things, for example.

- Designated “Park and Stride” areas located strategically short distances from the school (approximately 400m and 700m)
- Clearly marked walking routes from the “Park and Stride” areas to the school
- Two permanently manned school crossings (one has had a raised platform added) and “Crossing Point” permanent signage has been installed along routes clearly identifying where students should cross
- No standing zones in previously popular waiting areas close to the school which created risks for pedestrians
- Kiss and Go zones immediately outside of the school during designated times that limit parents to pick up only where they cannot leave their car.

Play area directly across from the school with parking opportunities for longer stays, supported by a manned crossing.

Tell us your ideas or concerns about travelling to and from school

It would not have escaped many peoples attention that the level of traffic around the school is considerable. With renewed energy the TravelSmart committee wish to reignite the discussion around road safety at our school. We want to increase the number of students walking/riding to school and decrease the number of cars outside the school. With this in mind we would invite you to attend one of two meetings to be held in May, the aim of which is to allow an opportunity for parents, guardians and residents to come together to discuss and create some practical objectives to improve the traffic situation.

Meeting Times - held in the Staff Centre on 26th May 7pm & 27th May 9am, children welcome. Please RSVP by Thursday 22 May to mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au Subject: TravelSmart Committee.

National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 23rd May

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event that encourages all primary school students to walk safely, and commute actively, to school. Now in its 15th year, this community event promotes better attitudes to road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

Parents and carers are encouraged to walk their children to school on Friday 23rd May 2014. Take advantage of our two great Park and Stride carparks, leave yourself an extra few minutes and enjoy walking the streets to school. The Year 6 leaders will be recording a Hands Up Survey for every class on the day counting the number of students who have walked on the day.

Remember to TravelSmart every day…

Consider the welfare of ALL students as you travel to and from School.

- Please SLOW DOWN both on your way to School and as you drive away!
- Please do not allow your children to enter your car from the road.
- Please do not talk on your phone and drive while so many precious little ones are around for you to concentrate on.
- Please do not cross the roads other than at the Crossing.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Regards, Travel Smart Committee.

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TravelSmart Meeting

Yes I will be attending the TravelSmart Meeting (please circle your preferred time)

Name:............................................................................................................ Contact:..............................................................................................

Monday May 26 at 7pm ............................................................................ Tuesday 27th May at 9am
Mt Martha Primary School is having a Working Bee in Term 2 and we need YOU please!

**Date:** Saturday 14 June 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 – around the school grounds. 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 other tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, Pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would also be very beneficial.

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Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday June 14 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! From the MMPS Facilities Committee members
Parents' and Teachers' Association Noticeboard

Term 2 Events -

**Book Fair** - This is a great opportunity for the children to look at and purchase some wonderful books - whilst supporting the school. Children will be able to go with their classes to view the books on sale - Monday 26th and Tuesday 30th of May and then the Book Fair will be open to children and parents to make purchases on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th at 8.30-9.30am and 3.00-4pm, and on Friday 30th of May 8.30-9.30am only.

It was such a lovely feeling as I awoke last Sunday on Mother's Day to think of all the excited children that would be giving their presents that day. We had a very successful stall thanks to the support of the Mt Martha Primary School community. A special thanks to the PTA members who made this event possible, Simone, Jodi, Jemma, Jaala and Deanne. Also to the parents that volunteered at the Mother's Day Stall, selling Raffle tickets and wrapping the numerous mugs required for the stall. We couldn't conduct these events without the fabulous support of the Office staff and especially Lorraine who manages all our requests for support with such a willing smile!

We are in the process of organising the Prep – Year 2 and Year 3 Movie Night which will be held on Friday 13 June. Please pencil in the date and get your Onesie ready for a fun night out with friends, enjoying a great movie and popcorn!

Jane Mogensen - PTA president

*Your feedback would be greatly appreciated - I would value any feedback you may have regarding the two events the PTA has organised this year, re; Carnivale and the Mother’s Day Stall. If you could please drop any feedback into the office, I would greatly appreciate it.

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Parents and guardians of children attending Mt Martha Primary School can apply for the EMA using an EMA application form, which can be obtained by contacting our Office or by downloading the copy from our Website. Parents whose children transferred to our school during the year need to submit a new form.

Due date for the next submission is the 1st of August 2014.

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BOOK FAIR
**Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th May.** Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time on Monday and Tuesday during school hours. From Wednesday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what’s on offer during the following times:

- **Wednesday 28th** 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm
- **Thursday 29th** 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm
- **Friday 30th** 8.30 - 9.30am only (there is no afternoon session)

A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children’s literacy pleasure. This is a great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

Georgina, Bookclub Coordinator.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Are you and your family struggling with head lice? I can help! Iona is your independent service provider in the local area. Call Iona 0419 529 401 or 1800HEADLICE or 0448 184 208 for more information. [www.1800headlice.com](http://www.1800headlice.com)

BERG Mt Martha together with the Mt Martha Rotary Club and with the support of the MP Shire and Bunnings Mornington have been planning for a bird hide on the northern bank of the estuary. It is being erected on Thursday and Friday of this week and we are short handed on Friday morning. If you can spare some time to assist between 9.00am and 1.00pm on Friday 16 May please contact John Trevillion on 0400 229 449. Caring for the Balcombe Estuary Reserves. [www.berg.org.au](http://www.berg.org.au)

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SCHOOL TERMS 2014

TERM 1  30th January to 4th April
TERM 2  22nd April to 27th June
TERM 3  14th July to 19th September
TERM 4  6th October to 19th December

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

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