**Crossing Supervisor of the Year**

Congratulations to Rodney Brown for winning the Mornington Peninsula Shire Crossing Supervisor of the Year Award. Rod has been supervisor at the Mount Martha School crossing for over 5 years and is well known to the whole school community. Rod was thrilled to be nominated and then announced as the winner of this award – it is testament to the great job Rod does in ensuring the safety of all who use the crossing. Well done and thank you Rod.

**Shade Sails**

How terrific to see that our new shade sails have been installed above both Prep playgrounds and the Prep sandpit area. Thank you to our hardworking PTA for raising the funds for this very worthwhile improvement to our playground. The funds raised by the PTA during 2011 and 2012 were used for this enhancement to our grounds. The Prep students will enjoy coolness in the summer and protection from UV rays all year round, due to the shade sails. Thank you also to Mr O’Brien for arranging the installation – great colour choice too!!

**Prep Parent Information Night**

A very successful Information Night for parents of children who may be in Prep 2014 was held last Wednesday evening. Over 60 prospective parents attended. The evening began with guided tours of the school followed by a presentation in the staff room. Misch and Oliver from Year 6 were our presenters, and despite having just arrived back from camp, gave a very polished and energised performance. Thank you to Ms Lucinda McKillop for organising the event and to the Prep teachers and other staff members for their excellent contribution to the evening.

**Reminder about Punctuality**

A few weeks ago a parent letter was published in the Banksia Bulletin highlighting the problem of children arriving late for school at Mount Martha PS. It is time to put a further reminder out to our community as sadly too many of our students are still arriving after the school bell has gone. Being punctual for school is important for a number of reasons.

Children are in a better frame of mind to start their day if they have arrived in plenty of time to get organised before the school bell rings. Learning can start from the very beginning of the school day if all students are present. If, however, the first 15 minutes is disrupted by late comers, this can amount to over 2 hours of lost learning time each week, or around 100 hours over the school year! Being punctual for school establishes sound habits that will transfer to other aspects of life including the workplace when our students have reached that stage. Punctuality is also courteous to others. I would encourage all our students and families to take punctuality seriously and to make every effort to be on time for school each day.

**Year 6 Camp**

Our Year 6’s returned from the Urban City Camp on Wednesday. Well done on their excellent behaviour on camp and on being great ambassadors for Mount Martha Primary School. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the staff and volunteers who attended the camp. Without their hard work and commitment this very special experience wouldn’t be provided to the students.

Pam Anderson,
Principal (Acting)

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**COMING EVENTS**

**MAY**

- **Monday 20th**
  - Prep Grandparents Day
- **Mon 20th - Fri 24th**
  - Education Week
  - 2014 Prep Enrolment Week
- **Tuesday 21st**
  - Year 4 Sth East Water Incursion MMPS
- **Wednesday 22nd**
  - Gold For Green Day
- **Friday 24th**
  - Year 3 Wild Action Incursion MMPS
  - District Cross Country at Penbank
  - Walk Safely To School Day (see flyer inside)
- **Mon 27th - Fri 31st**
  - Book Fair
- **Wednesday 29th**
  - Year 1 Bunnings Incursion
- **Friday 31st**
  - WLP Practise sessions Soccer, Football & Teeball- Ferrero Oval
  - Mt Martha Volleyball—Osborne PS
  - Netball - MMPS

**JUNE**

- **Wednesday 5th**
  - District Cross Country at Mornington Racecourse
- **Monday 10th**
  - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **Saturday 15th**
  - Working Bee at MMPS

Reminder to MMPS families who have a sibling due to start in Prep next year if you haven’t already picked up an enrolment form please drop by the office. Completed forms to be returned by May 24
Dear Parents,

Please note that the Office Staff are unable to pass on messages to students during the day except in an emergency.

Reminders about after school arrangements or messages about a friend taking your child home for a play, cannot be passed on. These arrangements need to be made prior to the start of the school day.

Please also note that it is not necessary for Office Staff to pass on messages to children if a Grandparent or other family member will be picking up the child after school. Ask your family member to arrive early enough so your child does not worry when they don’t see mum or dad.

Thanking you, Administration.

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**Year 6 Camp - comments from the students**

This year the Year 6’s went to Melbourne for their Camp. These are some of the things we got to do: Ice Skating, tour of the MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground), Melbourne Sports Museum, Melbourne Museum, Old Melbourne Jail, walking around the streets of Melbourne and that is just SOME of the things we got to do. All the Year 6’s liked the camp and a big thanks to Mr Nickeas, Mrs O’Connor, Mrs Bull and the CYC Staff.

By Daniel G and Benjamin G.

We all had loads of fun learning about the history of Melbourne, socialising, traveling and chilling in our onesies! We had the best time of our lives and we really hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. It was the last camp ever for the Year 6’s. We are really going to miss spending time with everyone and being together. It was a great experience and it will be a great memory to treasure forever.

By Phoebe and Jess.

Here are some of the comments:

“I really enjoyed exploring the city of Melbourne.” - Grant

“The food was terrific.” - Benjamin

“There was a lot of walking but I loved going on the trams.” - Jahlah

“I loved playing with the elevator.” - Lucas

“I liked how we could go into some shops and buy things.” - James

“It was awesome and definitely the best camp ever.” - Olivia

“It was fun and exotic.” - Eliza

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**SCHOOL BAND**

A reminder that the School Band has now started - practices are held on Thursday mornings at 8.00am in the Music Room. Students who are learning to play an instrument are welcome to join the band.

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***STUDENT MESSAGES***

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Thanking you, Administration.
HELP OUR SCHOOL CURE TYPE 1 DIABETES

Our School is going to help the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) raise funds for medical research to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Please support our school’s efforts by having a guess at how many jelly babies are in the jar. There is a jar for Prep–Year 2 and another for Year 3–Year 6. Look for our Student Representative Council members before school next week in Area C. Guesses are 50 cents each. Thank you.

Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body’s immune system mistakenly destroys the insulin producing cells in the pancreas. It usually occurs in children, through no fault of the sufferer, and there is no known cure. You don’t grow out of it. It is with you for life.

Unlike type 2 diabetes, it cannot be prevented or treated with a healthy diet or lifestyle choices.

People with type 1 diabetes must take up to six insulin injections every day for the rest of their lives, just to stay alive.

Insulin does not cure type 1 diabetes, and whilst insulin keeps a sufferer alive, it comes with its' own shortcomings. Sufferers must juggle their insulin intake with food and exercise so as to minimise the possibility of hypoglycaemia (hypo), which if left untreated can lead to coma or even death.

Type 1 diabetes can result in long term health complications such as heart disease, kidney failure, stroke, blindness and amputation.

The incidence of type 1 diabetes in Australia has almost doubled over the past five years and we now have one of the highest incidences of this disease worldwide. Every day 5 more Australians are diagnosed with this disease, most of them children.

Medical research is the only way we will find a cure.

Megan Kohlman, SRC Coordinator.

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE

As the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students, it is timely to remind parents and guardians that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Some commercial insurers offer reasonably low cost accident insurance policies that might be something families may wish to arrange.
Family Maths Problems

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

Every day is different. (Prep – Year 2)

You will need:
- large sheet of paper
- pencils

What to do:
1. Rule/fold your paper into 7 sections.
2. Write a day of the week in each section.
3. Draw a picture in each section showing a special thing that happens to you or your family on that day.
4. What is your favourite day of the week? Write a sentence telling why you like that day.

Flat boxes. (Year 3 & 4)

You will need:
- small empty boxes
- large piece of paper, such as butchers paper or news paper
- pencil, scissors and glue

What to do:
1. Find a box that mum and dad have finished with – an empty food box or toothpaste box or something like that.
2. Very carefully undo the box so that all the edges are spread out.
3. Look at the shape it is.
4. Trace around the shape on a sheet of paper.
5. Remake the box.
6. Cut out the shape that you traced on the sheet of paper.
7. Now fold that shape back into a box and stick it together.
8. Is it the shape as the first box?
9. Which is the stronger box? Why?

Food Ferret (Year 5 & 6)

You will need:
- paper
- some free access to the pantry and refrigerator (for figures – not food!)
- pen and pencil
- ruler

What to do:
Look in the kitchen cupboards, pantry and refrigerator and find jars or small containers with the weight of the contents written on them in grams.

Record the products and he weights on your paper, ruling up about 10 lines, like the example below. Add up the weights.

Keep recording the weights until you have more than 2 kilograms but less than 2.5 kg.

Donna Gadsby,
Maths Curriculum Leader.

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Gold For Green Day.
Wednesday 22nd May 2013

Come and join us celebrate Sustainability Initiatives and how we can all make a difference.

-Everyone come dressed in green.

-Bring a gold coin donation. We are going to buy a worm farm.

-Walk or ride to school.

-Bring a rubbish free lunch.

Some activities which are happening on the day.

- All students will be asked to write a pledge to the environment.
- Preps will continue to plant out our school forest on the oval bank. They will be assisted by their Year Three and Four buddies.
- Year Ones will be planting in the school yard.
- Year Twos will be mulching their playground and planting in the planter boxes outside their building and in the Sensory Garden.
- Year Threes will have a guest speaker from Parks Victoria speaking about several of the projects that the students can participate in including the Hooded Plover Project.
- Year Five will be working with BERG planting in 3 separate areas of the Melrose carpark.

Parents and friends are encouraged to join us.

Please ask your child’s classroom teacher for more details for times when you can join your children on this extremely busy day.

If children have their own gardening gloves or tools, could they please bring them on the day.

Remember 22nd May, Gold for Green Day!

Jenny Spiridis, Environment Group Leader.

Contacting Teachers

The best way to contact a teacher is through the school office. Teachers are busy with preparations before school and have team and staff meetings after school each Tuesday and Wednesday. With notice, teachers can arrange to be available to meet with, or phone parents during the school day and at student drop off and pick up times.

Remember there is a lot of information on the school website available to parents 24/7.
Parents' and Teachers' Association Noticeboard

Term 2 Events -

Book Fair - This is a great opportunity for the children to look 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 27th and Tuesday the 28th May and then the Book Fair will be open to children and parents to make purchases on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th at 8.30am - 9.30am and 3.00-4pm on Friday 31st May Book Fair will be open at 8.30am - 9.30am only.

Together we, with the mother's day raffle and stall, managed to raise $499

What a fantastic effort - thank you to all the MMPS students and families for making this event such a wonderful success!

Congratulations to Helena in prep, the winner of the beautiful Mother's Day Hamper.

Please join us at our next meeting scheduled for the Wednesday 29th May, 7pm in the staff centre, it is a great opportunity to stay in touch with what is happening within the school and also an excuse to have chocolate and bubbles mid week!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Jaala Mayer - PTA president.

*Your feedback would be greatly appreciated - we have had a lot of discussion over whether to continue with the very popular Father's Day Breakfast or have a Father's Day Stall. Asking all MMPS Dads and children please circle which activity you would prefer. Please return the form to the office by Friday 24th May.

Please circle your Father’s Day preference and return to the office by Friday 24th May

Father's Day Breakfast  Father's Day Stall
Mt Martha Primary School is having its 1st Working Bee for 2013 and we need YOU please!

Date: Saturday June 15 2013.

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. We would like to use the this Working Bee for general tidy up and maintenance 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 like a wheelbarrow, spade, shovel, secateurs, gloves etc that would also be very beneficial.

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday June 15 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.
Mrs Esler - Year 5 Teacher

Favourite colour? *Green*

Celebrity crush? *Robbie Williams*

Favourite TV show? *Packed To The Rafters*


Previous job? *Student Careers Advisor*

Do you have a pet? *A very lazy dog*

What's its name? *Angus*

Birthday? *October 27*

Why did you become a teacher? *Loved working in schools*

Favourite food? *Dumplings*

Favourite drink? *Coffee*

Mrs Marsh - Year 2 Teacher

Favourite colour? *Purple*

Celebrity crush? *John Malkovich*

Favourite TV show? *Downton Abbey*


Previous job? *Working with children with disabilities*

Do you have a pet? *A very naughty dog!*

What's its name? *Ozzy*

Birthday? *September 29*

Why did you become a teacher? *Because I have always loved working with children*

Favourite food? *Chocolate*

Favourite drink? *Hot Chocolate*
Teacher Questions

Mrs Rubinstein - Year 4 Teacher

Favourite colour? *Blue*
Favourite TV show? *Amazing Race*
Favourite movie/book? *Shrek*
Previous job? *McDonalds*
Do you have a pet? *Cat & Dog*
What are their names? *Kitty & Indy*
Birthday? *May 26*
Why did you become a teacher? *I've always wanted to be a teacher. I like helping children.*
Favourite food? *Roast Beef*
Favourite drink? *Water*

Mrs Julie Sutton– Student Support

Favourite colour? *Blue*
Celebrity crush? *Ryan Gosling*
Favourite TV show? *Mad Man*
Favourite movie/book? *Book - Book of Negroes*
Previous job? *Dental Nurse*
Do you have a pet? *No*
Birthday? *July 25*
Why did you become a teacher? *I love helping children*
Favourite food? *Noodles*
Favourite drink? *Water*
Teacher Questions

Mrs Moreton - Student Support

Favourite colour? Green
Celebrity crush? Colin Firth
Favourite TV show? Revenge
Favourite movie/book? Love Actually
Previous job? Music Teacher
Do you have a pet? No
Birthday? May
Why did you become a teacher? Enjoy working with children
Favourite food? Italian
Favourite drink? Skinny Cappuccino

Mrs Harvey - Student Support

Favourite colour? Red
Celebrity crush? Ricky Martin
Favourite TV show? The Voice
Favourite movie/book? Love Actually
Previous job? Chef at Hungary Monster
Do you have a pet? Cat & Dog
What are their names? Elliot & Max
Birthday? January
Why did you become a teacher? Love working with children
Favourite food? Indian
Favourite drink? Latte
Active kids are healthy kids

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Community Notices

Are you interested in contributing more to the Mount Martha Community? Mount Martha Community Learning Centre (MMCLC) is a not-for-profit, membership based organisation that has served the Mt Martha community and surrounds for more than 30 years. Operating out of the beautiful Mount Martha House, its services and activities range from hobby classes and interest groups, to 3 Year Old Kindergarten and occasional care services, plus a variety of training courses.

MMCLC is seeking new members and increased support from the local community to enable it to continue to provide fantastic services in Mt Martha. In particular, the organisation needs enthusiastic, skilled people to sit on the Committee of Management and is seeking nominations prior to the Annual General Meeting, which is to be held at Mount Martha House (Room 64) at 7pm Monday 27 May.

For more information please contact General Manager, Kevin Murphy, on 5974 2092 or visit the website at www.community1.com.au

Owner’s Risk Reminder

All personal property brought to school by students, staff and visitors is at the owner’s risk.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and there is no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

This notice reminds all parents/guardians, staff and students that Mount Martha Primary School discourages everyone from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. This includes but is not limited to mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars on school premises.

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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.

Students are responsible for locking their bike to the bike rack.

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