Dear parents, families and friends of Mount Martha Primary School,

I am writing to inform the school community that our Principal, Judy Beckworth has made her decision to retire. Judy has been Principal at our school for over 10 years and has a long association with parents, staff, students and the wider community. Personally, I know that it was not an easy decision for her to make, and Judy has kept the best interests of our community in mind at all times.

Judy has seen Mount Martha Primary School grow over the many years she has been here, and is proud of the contributions our school community have made. It has been a pleasure to work in consultation with Judy, she keeps the best interests of the students at the forefront of all her decisions at our school.

South Eastern Victoria Region will provide School Council with information about the process and timeline for the selection of the new Principal.

On behalf of the school community I wish Judy and her family all the very best for a wonderful and exciting retirement, with lots of adventures, shared memories and treasured times.

Kirsty Agg
School Council President

Have you logged on to complete our survey?

A big thank you to those parents and carers who have already completed the KidsMatter Survey!

Your responses and comments will provide valuable information for our team, in working to improve student mental health and wellbeing at Mt Martha Primary School.

The KidsMatter Parent Survey is still available to complete online. Paper-based surveys are also 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 is also available on the Mount Martha Primary School website home page.

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

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 June 20. Cuttings needed please!
**TravelSmart Notice**

*National Walk Safely to School Day – This coming 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 conducting a **Hands Up Survey** for every class which will record the number of students who have walked on the day. There will also be stickers and Amy Gillett backpack covers handed out to those who walk/ride to school on this day.

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

You are invited to attend one of two meetings to be held next week, 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 around our School.

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

Hope to see you at the meeting and walking/riding to School on Friday.

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

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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

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WORKING BEE!

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.

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