Welcome to Mia in Year 1 and Olivia in Year 4 who commenced this week. We wish them and their family a happy and rewarding time at Mt Martha Primary School.

New Look Mid-Year Reporting this June
A change to Student-Led Conferences brings a new aspect to the school’s Reporting to Parents Program by highlighting the student in person. The student-led conference includes the student speaking about their learning achievements and behaviours personally with their parents and teacher, whereas traditional parent teacher interviews include these discussions solely from the adult perspective in the absence of the student.

Teachers have undertaken professional development, are planning for this change at their weekly year level meetings and are working with their students to prepare them in taking this step to present and speak about samples of their work.

This change comes from the 2012 – 2015 Strategic Plan and links directly with key actions for students to take increasing responsibility for their learning and to strengthen school and community learning partnerships.

These student-led conferences will take place in the last week of this term and parents will book their preferred time on line as previously. Further information will be included in future newsletters.

Judy

Prep Information Evening

Wednesday 16th May 7.15pm
in Staff Centre
A school tour will commence at 6.30pm from the Staff Centre, please note no bookings are required.

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Health and Wellbeing

**Beleura 1,000,000 Steps Challenge**

As parents at MMPS and Physiotherapists at Beleura Health Solutions Lisa Wilson and Antony Hirst understand the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle. They are delighted to offer the **Beleura 1,000,000 Steps Challenge** to students between Wednesday 30 May and Wednesday 27 June 2012. This optional activity will help educate children on the importance of exercise and how to include it in their daily lives.

………………..Stay tuned for more details about this exciting opportunity in each week’s newsletter for more details. Get your step up legs ready!

*Beleura Health Solutions is a locally based Physiotherapy Clinic. As part of its corporate social responsibility a portion of their staff time, knowledge and resources is allocated to assist in the community. Our school community is fortunate to have this optional activity available.*

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**Parents Victoria Free Online Conference 2012**

6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May

*PARENTS* (and grandparents) of primary and secondary students, in all states, territories and countries, are warmly invited to take part in this year’s online conference, to be held later this month by Parents Victoria, in Australia. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Sunday 20 May to midnight Saturday 26 May. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in, online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. *You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part*. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Register online at no cost at [http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/](http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/)

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**Prizes for participation – conditions apply**

iPad – The Parents Victoria member school with the greatest number of individual participants over the entire conference.

Flip camera - The school with the most individual participants who comment on the week long question.

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**Last day tomorrow for**

“Guess the number of PIGGIES in the NET”

*Bendigo Community Bank are awarding a $20 account prize!*
NAPLAN

The 2012 National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held next week from Tuesday May 15 – Thursday May 17 inclusive for students in Years 3 and 5. Please see the timetable below for the scheduled assessments.

Year 3 NAPLAN timetable

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An information flyer regarding NAPLAN 2012 was distributed to all Year 3 and 5 students earlier this week.

Hugh O'Brien,
Assistant Principal.

PARK LEGALLY – KEEP STUDENTS SAFE

Parents have informed the school office that they have registered concern about the parking situation around Legacy Drive. It is time to take greater responsibility for community safety and park legally.

Consider arriving at 8.45am for drop off or at 3.40pm for pick up when the Kiss and Go spaces at the front of the school are often free or park at Mount Martha House and enjoy the short walk.

PARK LEGALLY – AVOID FINES

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.
Environment News

In the Garden – Our sensory garden looks like it has always been with us. It is hard to believe that it is only just over a year old. Mrs Christie will be working with students in Art this term to paint the planks for the maze and other mural boards which will be placed in the garden.

Amanda Lloyd (parent of David in Year 3) is busy working on a mosaic welcome sign for the garden and students will be assisting to complete this task during our Gold for Green Day. The clay mosaics were put on the crates at the last working bee and are a credit to the students who made them with the skilled assistance of Judi Singleton (parent of Camille). We need seedpods etc to replenish our supplies for the fruit crates. Children use these for all sorts of imaginative play. Please give these to your classroom teacher or Jenny Spiridis.

Thank you to the Groves family who have donated some large succulents to plant in the garden. Weather permitting, these will be planted soon.

Please make a note in your diary that our next Working Bee is planned for Saturday June 16.

Gold for Green Day 22nd May 2012. Please join us.

Telstra Foundation.

If any parent who is eligible and willing to assist us with the following grant application could contact Jenny Spiridis or Hugh O’Brien that would be fantastic.

Telstra Foundation - Telstra Kids’ Fund

*Applications open: Ongoing*

*About:* Have you got someone in your school community who works for Telstra?

Permanent Telstra Group employees can apply for a Telstra's Kids Fund grant of $1,200 to support a project or activity run by a not-for-profit organisation involving a child, 18 years or under, in their immediate family. Each year $750,000 is given to local community organisations on behalf of children related to Telstra employees. There are three funding rounds per year.


SUGGESTION BOX

Your suggestions are welcome. Please let us know by jotting it on the slip below and popping it in the bright spotty box on the school office counter. Anonymous suggestions are okay but only suggestions with contact details will be responded to in the Banksia Bulletin.

Please post in the orange Suggestion Box at the office

MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL SUGGESTION SLIP DATE: ......................

My suggestion for our school is

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Parking

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Courtesy reminders in our newsletter are to

- Improve the traffic flow in Glen Isla Drive
- Remind drivers about legal parking
- Assist drivers in avoiding a fine

Mornington Peninsula Shire officers and Police make random unannounced visits.

Gold For Green Day.

Tuesday 22nd May 2012

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

Children will be asked to come dressed in green and bring a gold coin to help raise funds for our garden projects.

Everyone will be encouraged to walk to school and bring a rubbish free lunch.

**Some activities happening on the day.**

- Preps will continue to plant out our school forest on the oval bank. They will be assisted by their Year 3 and 4 Buddies.
- Year 1 will be planting in the school yard.
- Year 2 will be planting in their planter box outside their new building. (Block A)
- Year 3 will be weeding and planting on the nature strip along Melrose Drive.
- Year 5 will be working on their garden projects as part of their Inquiry topic.
- Year 6 will be presenting environmental messages to students across the school.

Parents and friends are encouraged to join us in all the above activities and your child will provide you with more information closer to the date.

**Remember 22nd May, Gold for Green Day.**

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**CAMP PAYMENTS - FRIENDLY REMINDER**

Year 5 Camp payments are due Tuesday August 28

Year 6 Camp payments are due Tuesday September 4

Please note payments plans can be made at the school office if required.
Physical Education News

**WINTER DAYS/SAFETY**

As we are now having a few colder days, students need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for PE lessons. The School Gym is not heated and can be cold during the day. Wearing a jumper/jacket is advisable as they can always be removed as students warm up. Appropriate footwear is an essential part of the PE program. Wet footpaths and rain on concrete surfaces makes the need for footwear with good grip important.

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

On Thursday 24th May, (revised date from an earlier edition of the BB) we are holding our School Cross Country at school. Students will be running in their age group which is determined by what age they are on December 31st. If they turn 9 on 27th December 2012, they will run in the 9/10 race. If they turn 9 on January 2nd 2013, they will run in the 8yr old race. After the school cross country is over, the top 10 children from each event will be selected to represent our School in the District Cross Country which will be held at Penbank School on Thursday 31st May.

The track directions are as follows: Start next to Gym on track, running around the track, out back gate and down Melrose drive. They then run along Normanby onto Glenisla Drive. Up the hill and into the staff carpark back onto the oval to finish or start 2nd or 3rd lap.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support children as well as offer assistance with certificates and marshalling. The sports leaders will act as ‘Hares’ for each race so the children know the route to follow.

Of course, the weather will determine if we cancel or proceed with the event. I will make that call at 8:45 in the morning.

**DISTRICT TRIALS**

Congratulations to the follow students who attended the Southern Peninsula Division Trials last week. What great weather to showcase what talent we have at both Mt Martha and the Mornington District.

**Soccer:** Anton, Harry, Joe, Kailyn & Rachael

**Netball:** Chaise & Nicole

**AFL:** Joel, Will & Braydan

**Basketball:** Sophie, Ben, Kyle & Molly

Joel & Sophie were successful and have been selected to play at the Regional level. We wish them all the best.

**JOGATHON**

On Thursday 14th June, the whole school will be involved in the Jog-a-thon. This is a major fundraiser with all the money raised going towards shade shelters and improving our play equipment. All students will receive a tally card to carry around the track for collecting ticks from the teachers at the check points.

Students seek sponsorship from parents, relatives and close friends. Sponsorship can be in the form of a donation per lap or a lump sum. Everyone that raises money from our Jog-a-thon will go into a large raffle to win some amazing brand new sport equipment. Equipment that can be won are a tennis racquet, basketballs, skipping ropes, vortex howlers, a bocce set, AFL footballs, netballs plus a lot more. These will be drawn after the holidays at a special assembly so that all sponsorship money can be collected over the break.

*Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.*
Hello MMPS families

**Mother’s Day Stall - What a fantastic morning!**
Thank you to Carolyn Butterworth, the PTA team and all the parents that helped on the stalls. We hope that all the MMPS mothers, grandmothers or special people enjoy their treasured gifts - remember the children have chosen their gifts for you with great love and lots of thought! The PTA team would like to wish all the MMPS mothers a wonderful mother’s day and we hope that you get spoilt!

**Contact List** - Thank you to the parents who filled out the form. PTA will be keeping you up to date with all the up and coming events.

**Book Fair** this is a fantastic opportunity to look at and perhaps purchase some new books. To be held in Education Week - 21st - 25th May - more details to follow.

**Year 3-4 Movie Night** - Tentative date 22nd June, more details to follow.

Thank you for all the positive feedback on the events that have been held so far. PTA are looking forward to organising more school events in Terms 3 and 4 - eg. 2nd Hand Clothes Swap Night, Oaks Day, Father’s Day Breakfast and more.

**PTA Meeting** - 7pm Tuesday 15th May. Please join us in discussing the events that are planned for the end of Term 2 and Term 3. And No it is not a rumour - we do have lots of laughs and chocolate on the night!

Jaala Mayer – PTA President

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**Can you help?**

A school parent needs assistance to collect her 6 year old daughter from school and care for her each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon between May 8th and June 28th or until a place becomes available at After School Care. Further details are available from Nicole on 0402 004 900.
MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 28TH MAY 2012

COME AND JOIN US FOR
OUR BACKYARD DAY

BRING A PICTURE OF YOUR PET

BRING YOUR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA SUPPLIED
COST: $35.00 LESS YOUR CCB%

FOR BOOKINGS AND AN ENROLMENT FORM
CONTACT GILLIAN ON 0407 438858
OPEN FROM 7AM – 6PM

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 18 MAY AT 6.00PM !!!!!!!
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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.

Advertisement charges in the Banksia Bulletin are:
$100 for business card size ad with the text set for the entire school term.
Thank you to the following businesses for supporting the MMPS Twilight Market

Mt Martha Optical - Kirsty Banfield PH: 5974 4000- eyecare@mtmarthaoptical.com.au

Excel Asphalt - Chris Medlin PH: 0425 759 358 or 1800 101 060 www.excelasphalt.com.au

Gloss Hair Studio – Karen Westcott 0416 054 773.

Open Sky Qi Gong - Melissa Luxford PH: 5974 2585 or Mob:0419 589 029.

Dental Care Mt Eliza - PH: 9787 4439 www.dentalcaremteliza.com.au

Locker Group PH: 8791 1000 Email: sales.vic@locker.com.au


Please support these businesses who support us.
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LILJO Solar - Neil Hughes PH: 0458 357 895 or 1300 558 346. E: neil@lilojo.com

Dr Peter Scott Orthodontist - PH: 9783 4511 - 13 Beach St Frankston.

Warlimont & Nutt Real Estate - Fergus Nutt PH: 5974 1401 E: fergusn@warlimontandnutt.com.au

Next Wave P/L Plumbing & Building - Mark Resuggan Mob: 0414 867 616 PH/Fax: 5974 2474.

Travelscene Mt Martha - Michelle Saunderson PH: 5974 3911.


VIA SOLE PIZZA - PH: 5974 8811 - Shop 3, 59-63 Walara Dve Mt Martha.

BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK Mt Martha. PH: 5974 4518.