Education Week

Our regular learning programs were highlighted with a variety of extra-curricula activities during Education Week (May 21 – 25). A highlight of the week was our “Gold for Green” day. Students at every year level had an opportunity to be involved in a task that was related to improving our gardens.

Our environmental leaders and Year 6 Leadership teams helped out on the day and ensured that our younger students were assisted with tasks like digging, planting, mulching etc. Hundreds of new plants have been located in our garden beds and on the oval slope facing Glenisla Drive.

Please read the article by Jenny Spiridis in this edition of the Banksia Bulletin to find out more about what happened on “Gold for Green” day.

Grandparents visited the Prep classrooms on Wednesday 23 May to share in some of the learning experience planned by our brilliant team of Prep teachers. It was a time to roll up the sleeves and get involved as our Preps led their grandparent through a range of activities from completing maths tasks on our laptop computers, to cutting out shapes, making snacks, practising handwriting and joining in story time. Some Prep children even took the more adventurous grandparents on a tour of our school facilities. You’ll be happy to hear that everybody made it back safely!! The grandparents visit during Education Week is definitely one of the highlights on our school calendar and it is great to see so many of our families making the effort to be involved. Well done to everybody on a fantastic morning of sharing and learning.

Another great activity during Education Week has been the Book Fair. Not only do the Scholastic Book company provide our families with the opportunity to review and purchase some terrific books at competitive prices but they also give back a considerable portion of the total dollars spent in the form of sponsorship. The Book Fair wouldn’t run each year without the help of parent volunteers. A very big thank you to all the helpers during the week. A very special mention to Carolyn Butterworth, who organised the Book Fair, showed her flair again for merchandising and coordinated all our wonderful volunteers. Well done girls!!

Judy Beckworth & Hugh O’Brien.
**Student Reports**

Student Reports will be distributed to students in a sealed envelope addressed to parents on Monday June 25. During the same week we will be conducting our first round of Student Led Conferences. This style of Conferencing 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.

We will be using our PTO web based system to allow parents to book their conference times from home or work to suit their own availability. The system gives parents a full picture of time slots available for all of their children’s teachers and classes. Security of information is maintained by password protected access for parents or guardians approved by the school. Mount Martha Primary School will provide school laptops in the Administration area during the booking period for parents unable to access the web from any of the above listed locations.

The Student Led conferences will take place on Tuesday 26 June and Thursday June 28. On the Tuesday teachers will be available from 2pm till 7.45pm and on Thursday 28th they will be available after school and into the evening. The date that PTO will go “live” off our website will also be advertised in the Banksia Bulletin.

Hugh O’Brien, Assistant Principal.

**Physical Education News**

**JOGATHON**

On Thursday 14th June, the whole school will be involved in the Jogathon. This is a major fundraiser with all the money raised going towards shade shelters. 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 Jogathon 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.

**Education Maintenance Allowance - Instalment Two.**

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 the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid into bank accounts from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2012 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 3 August 2012.


Contact: School Office for application form and further information

**Key Dates:**

Eligibility day - 16 July 2012

Parent applications close - 3 August 2012

EFT payments - Mid August 2012 onwards

Cheque payments - Late August / Early September 2012.
Year 1 Excursion to Heronswood

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood and we saw ducks and we climbed a tree. By Jamie.

We went to Heronswood and we saw ducks and we saw a tyre swing. We saw compost. We saw chillies. By Charlie.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood and we saw ducks. We climbed a tree and I saw chillies and I saw an orange tree. By Archie.

We went to Heronswood and we saw an owl and we saw apple trees and we saw ducks and I saw a tyre swing. I went on the tyre swing with Amy. By Olivia.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood. I saw a pizza garden and after it I saw the hens. I had fun. By Freya.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood and we saw lemon, orange and apple trees. I love lemons and I saw a fishpond. I love oranges. By Finlay.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood. I saw chickens and I saw fish and I saw tadpoles with the fish. By Hunter.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood. I saw a duck pond. A duck was doing funny things. Then I went to see lemon, orange and apple trees. I saw a tyre swing but I did not get a go. By Tegan.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood gardens. We saw tadpoles and sea snails, an old-fashioned toilet, 7 year chillies and a fishpond. We climbed a tree. We saw an owl. We saw ducks. We saw an orange tree. By Cooper.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood. We saw a tyre swing and a pond. By Imogen.

We went to Heronswood. I saw old-fashioned toilets and I put my hand in the tadpole pond. I saw a cocoon with my friend Charlotte and her Mum. I saw 5 chickens and a rooster. It was as big as a chair. By Sienna.

We went to Heronswood. I saw the fish and I saw the tadpoles, the flowers and lots of trees. By Charlotte.

We saw a duck. I saw a tree. It was big. I saw lots of gardens. By Finn.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood and we saw ducks and we climbed a tree. We saw old toilets. By Josh S.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood and we saw ducks and we climbed a tree. We saw old toilets. We also saw lots of plants. We also saw lots of trees. Also we saw lots of gardens. Then we saw chillies. By Mikis.

At Heronswood I loved it. It had a swing. My Mormor had an ice-cream. It was delicious. I liked the pizza shape. Sometimes my Mum can’t help herself. By Leilani.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood and we saw ducks and we climbed a tree. By Selina.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood and we saw a pond and I climbed a tree. By Jackson.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood and we saw lemon, orange and apple trees and we saw ducks and I saw an owl. We saw compost and vegetables and flowers. By Jocelyn.

On Wednesday we went to Heronswood. I saw trees and ducks and vegetables and it was fun. By Josh L.

At Heronswood I saw a pond and it had water snails in it. I went on a tyre swing with Jocelyn. We saw chillies too. By Kya.

At Heronswood I saw some chickens and I saw a rooster. I have chickens at home and they are the same colour as the chickens I saw at Heronswood. I saw the chef’s vegie patch too. We saw some upside down fairy trees. By Emma.
Gold for Green Day

Thank you to everybody who contributed towards our “Gold for Green” Day. We raised over $740 dollars! These funds will go towards purchasing a mulberry tree and a garden bed for the Preps, the maze and other artwork for the sensory garden.

We planted over 580 plants during the day and a few more will be planted by the Wednesday gardening group.

The Prep Forest is well underway on the oval slope. It was terrific to see the Preps and their buddies learning and sharing with each other.

Approximately 160 indigenous plants were given to us by BERG. (Balcombe Estuary Rehabilitation Group) and over 60 plants were given to us by Southern Advanced Plants.

We gratefully accept this wonderful sponsorship. Thank you.

All students focused on our great environment and sustainable issues.

A huge thankyou goes to the Environment Leaders, Adam, Camille, Johanna, Kealy and Sam who worked tirelessly all day.

This activity has been registered with Planet Ark as part of their National Tree Day activities.

Jenny Spiridis, Environment Group Leader.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be available Tuesday and Wednesday only of next week. The local Milk Bar will no longer be providing this service. No lunch orders from Thursday next week until further notice.

Arrangements are being made with a new local supplier - Lucy McGoo School Foods.

Parents will be notified when this service will be available.
Hello MMPS families

Book Fair 21st May - 25th May - Thank you to Carolyn Butterworth, the PTA team and parents who helped with this event. You have one last chance to browse and make any purchases on Friday the 25th of May 8.30-9.30.

Year 3-4 Movie Night - Friday the 22nd of June - notice with further information will be in next weeks BB.

At our last PTA meeting we discussed the up and coming events for the end of Term 2 and Term 3. Term 3 events will be - Footy Day, Parents Morning Tea, Prep, 1 & 2 movie night, the year 5-6 movie night and the Father’s Day Breakfast.

PTA Meeting - 7pm Tuesday the 12th of June. Our last meeting for Term 2 - this is an opportunity to be a part of the up and coming events to be held in term 3.

Jaala Mayer - PTA President
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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.

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**SCHOOL TERMS 2012**

**TERM 1**  3rd February to 30th March
**TERM 2**  16th April to 29th June
**TERM 3**  16th July to 21st September
**TERM 4**  8th October to 21st December

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**Peoples Playhouse - Kids for Kids Productions**

Kids are performing "The Wizard of Oz" in the school holidays. This is a non-profit theatre company and the show will feature one of our current students as well as a number of past MMPS students. Go to www.peoplesplayhouse.asn.au

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