From the Principal

My second week at Mt Martha PS and I am pleased to say I am already feeling very “at home” thanks to everyone’s continued friendliness and support.

This week has once again being very busy at MMPS with the School Cross Country on Tuesday, The Mothers’ Day Stall and the Mornington Secondary Band performance on Wednesday and the first session of the Bruce Grantford Film Festival now underway.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Cameron Sweatman for his excellent organisation of the School Cross Country. It was great to see our students from Year 2 through to Year 6 being prepared to give it their best shot and complete the distance. Well done to all our runners and special congratulations to the students who made it through to the District Cross Country competition to be held on Friday 24th May at Penbank School.

This coming Sunday is Mothers’ Day and I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Mothers and Grandmothers in our school community a very Happy Mothers’ Day. Our students are very pleased to have visited the Mothers’ Day stall this week - I guess there will be some lovely surprises for our mums come Sunday! Thanks to our wonderful PTA for providing the Mothers’ Day Stall again this year.

I have really enjoyed having a chat with so many of our students and parents over the last week. The grounds are just a pleasure to walk through. It is also very heartening to see a large percentage of our students travelling to and from school by active means. I do however have a safety reminder to our students riding bikes and scooters to school. In the interest of providing a safe environment for all, students are required to walk with their bikes and scooters whilst in the school grounds and just outside the school gate where it can be very congested at the start or finish of the school day. Most of our students are being very careful with their bikes and scooters so keep up the good practices.

Next week our Year 6s will be attending the Urban City camp in Melbourne from Monday to Wednesday. We wish all the students, staff and volunteers attending a really fantastic camp. We will no doubt here lots of interesting accounts next week!

Pam Anderson
Acting Principal

Please be aware that it is illegal to enter the Eco Park by making a right hand turn from Glenisla Drive. All drivers must go around the roundabout at (Glenisla & Legacy) and enter the Eco Park by turning left at the entry only access.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

Fri 10th
• Last chance Mothers’ Stall 3-4pm at the Rock

Mon 13th - Wed 15th
• Year 6 City Camp

Tuesday 14th
• Year 2A & 2F Gould League & Replas Recycling Factory Excursion
• Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Wednesday 15th
• Year 2B, 2C, 2D & 2E Gould League & Replas Recycling Factory Excursion
• Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN
• 2014 Prep Info Evening 6.30pm tour/7.15pm Information session

Thursday 16th
• Year 4 Drains to the Bay Walk
• Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Monday 20th
• Prep Grandparents Day

Mon 20th - Fri 24th
• Education Week
• 2014 Prep Enrolment Week

Tuesday 21st
• Year 4 5th 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)
Literacy and Numeracy Tips

Over the past few weeks our Year Prep and Year One teachers have conducted a number of sessions to assist parents in supporting our students’ acquisition of literacy skills. This knowledge assists in supporting our reading program in the classrooms and at home.

Building strong links between families and schools is really important in terms of building positive outcomes for our students. Parents can make a difference by supporting what and how your child learns at school and at home. We know that literacy and maths skills are crucial building blocks in our children’s lives. The link below to “201 Literacy and Maths tips” includes practical activities for you to do with your child at home and questions you can ask your child to help them learn.


These practical activities will help your child develop their reading and writing skills, to speak well and be a good listener. You can also help them develop their maths skills and using numbers in everyday activities at home. Working together, families and schools can provide the greatest opportunity for children to have the best possible start in life.

There is valuable information and activities for parents on the Department of Education website:


Once on the site follow the tabs: school -parents- primary school – getting involved – supporting your child. On this page you will find links to the “201 Literacy and Numeracy tips” and links to Connect Primary Students. This is a department website that links you to a range of suitable websites for primary school aged children that contain information, activities, projects and games. The website gives you and your child access to education resources relevant to your child's age and year level.


School Band

The school band will have its first rehearsal session on Thursday 23rd May at 8.15am in the music room. Any student from Year Three to Year Six who currently has instrumental lessons is welcome to come along.

The children will rehearse each Thursday morning at 8.15am. Mrs Paula Phillips, a Year One teacher will take on the role of supervising the band with the assistance of our wind instrument teacher Jane Suffield. They will communicate with our music teacher Mrs Leanne Rault and our other instrumental teachers about the pieces of music that the band will practise. We hope to provide the band with opportunities to perform at school and within our local community.

Karen Walker

Assistant Principal
02 May 2013

Dear Parent / Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as 'crypto') is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends - it is being provided across the State and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

To prevent the spread of disease, parents / guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks;
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool;
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy;
- Avoid swallowing pool water.

For more general information on avoiding Crypto and other infectious diseases while swimming, please go to: http://health.vic.gov.au/water/recreational/cryptosporidium.htm

If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child, please consider seeking medical advice. A simple stool (poo) test is available to diagnose crypto infection if your doctor considers that crypto may be a cause of symptoms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Dr Rosemary Lester
Chief Health Officer
Parents Victoria Online Conference

Parents and other interested participants are warmly invited to take part in the seventh annual online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held nonstop on the internet during Education Week, commencing at 6.00 a.m. on Sunday 19 May, with discussion topics including:

- Reporting
- School Canteens
- Teachers
- Inclusive Education
- Education Funding
- The Impact of Technology
- Bus Safety
- The Role of the School

There is also the opportunity to comment on other Education issues.

Participation is free. No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate are provided. Each day there will be a PV host and/or special guests who will be able to respond to comments and stimulate discussion.

To register go to http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/default.php

For further information, email: office@parentsvictoria.asn.au

Telephone (03) 9380 2158 or visit: www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

The conference is proudly supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

BOOK FAIR

**Monday 27th to Friday 31st 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 29th 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm**
- **Thursday 30th 8.30 - 9.30 and 3 - 4pm**
- **Friday 31st 8.30 - 9.30am only**

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.**
**Family Maths Problems**

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

**Escape from the zoo (Prep – Year 2)**

You will need:
- play dough or plasticine
- 12 used matches or 12 straws
- paper and pencils

What to do:
1. A strange animal escaped from the zoo!
2. Make a model of it with your 12 sticks and bits of play dough. It can be an imaginary animal or a real one, but your animal has to be able to stand by itself.

What shape did you make? Draw it.

**Family ages (Year 3 & 4)**

You will need:
- Paper and pencil
- Calculator, if available
- Calendar or diary

What to do:
1. As all the people in your family how old they are and when their birthday is. If your family is very small, you might like to ask a friend or two as well.
2. How much older is the oldest person than the youngest person?
3. Write down every person’s birth dates.
4. How many days between your birthday and the oldest person’s birthday?
5. How many days since your last birthday? How many days until your next birthday? Add these together.
6. What do you notice about the number of days between you next and last birthdays? Is it the same between everybody’s birthdays?

**Fencing fun (Year 5 & 6)**

You will need:
- tape measure
- side, front, back fence (yours or a neighbour’s or friend’s)
- pen and paper

What to do:
1. How long do you think the fence you have chosen is? Guess, then measure.
2. Are the fence posts on your fence an equal distance apart? Investigate.
3. If so, is there a quick way to measure the length of your fence? How?
4. Try it and record your result.

**Something extra:**
Find out how much it would cost to replace your fence (materials only – assume that your family would be doing the actual work of putting it up).

Using the information you have already gathered, get a quote on the price to replace the existing fence. You can use the prices below.

- **Low picket fence**
  - 1.2 m x 1.2 m = $35.10
- **Brush panels**
  - 1.8 m x 1.8 m = $75.00
- **Timber palings**
  - 1.65 x 1m = $18.30

Add $10 for extras such as nails

HINT – you will need to measure the height of the fence for your quote.

**Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.**
**SPORTS NEWS**

**School Cross Country**

Congratulations to all our Year 2-6 students who entered in our school cross country. The children, depending on their age, jogged a 1km, 2km and 3km track around our school and along our neighbouring streets. The results from each race are as followed:

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We wish these students all the best at the District Cross Country which is held at Penbank School on Friday May 24. Thank you very much to the staff who assisted with marshaling at checkpoints around the track and the sports leaders for acting as ‘Hares’ for all the races.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.
Term 2 Events -

Are you proud to be a local? Do you like to support our school? Well this fundraiser is for you! Order forms are in this newsletter to purchase a sticker that you can put on your car that will represent where you live. The sticker is only $4.50 to purchase, the Setches family are kindly donating $2 for every sticker sold back to the school. We have extended the final day to order to Friday 10th May!

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 27th and Tuesday the 28th of May and then the Book Fair will be open to children and parents to make purchases on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday the 31st of May. Watch this space for more details of times!

Oaks Day 2013

A huge thank you to Anthea Argent who has offered to support this wonderful event. Remember that this event is our second biggest fundraiser for the year. Last year we raised just over $8000.00. Please support this wonderful event. If you would like to be a part of the subcommittee for this event please contact Amy at amy@zooloo.com.au so that she can forward your details on to Anthea.

Thank you to all the parents and the PTA team for your support before and during the mother's day stall. It was a wonderful morning - watching the children make that very important and special purchase. I hope that all the MMPS mums have a wonderful mother's day and that you spend the day doing something that you love with those that you love - I also hope that you enjoy your gifts that were chosen with love!

Please join us at our next meeting scheduled for the Wednesday 29th of 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.

LAST CHANCE MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Children will have a chance to purchase last minute gifts for mum from the Mother's Day Stall on Friday May 10 (tomorrow) from 3pm - 4pm in Area C (near the rock!)
Teacher Questions

Mr Antoniou - Year 5 Teacher

Favourite colour? *Blue*

Celebrity crush? *Elle McPherson*

Favourite TV show? *Elementary*

Favourite movie/book? *The Magician*

Previous job? *IT Technician*

Do you have a pet? *Rock*

What’s its name? *George*

Birthday? *August 8*

Why did you become a teacher? *I like helping kids*

Favourite food? *Pad Krapow*

Favourite drink? *Blue Heaven Milkshake*

Ms Gadsby - Year 5 Teacher

Favourite colour? *Green*

Celebrity crush? *Kieren Perkins*

Favourite TV show? *Packed To The Rafters*

Favourite movie/book? *April Fools Day (Book)*

Previous job? *Swim Teacher*

Do you have a pet? *Labrador dog*

What’s are their names? *Charlotte*

Birthday? *May 1*

Why did you become a teacher? *Like working with kids and teaching Nicole and Issy (because they did this interview)*

Favourite food? *Chocolate*

Favourite drink? *Hot Chocolate*
Teacher Questions

Mrs Bull - Year 6 Teacher

Favourite colour? *Every colour*

Celebrity crush? *Liam Neeson*

Favourite TV show? *The Voice*

Favourite movie/book? *God of Small Things*

Previous job? *Teaching Indigenous students*

Do you have a pet? *Cat*

What’s its name? *Jaz*

Birthday? *April 10*

Why did you become a teacher? *Because I was a terrible student.*

Favourite food? *Boost Juice*

Mrs O’Connor - Year 6 Teacher

Favourite colour? *Red*

Celebrity crush? *Brad Pitt*

Favourite TV show? *The Voice - I cry at every story.*


Previous job? *Lecturer at Monash Uni in Sport & Outdoor Ed & Community Liason Officer at Baw Baw Shire.*

Do you have a pet? *Japanese Fighting Fish*

What’s its name? *Ash*

Birthday? *12/7/1971 Trivia fact - on this day the Aboriginal flag was flown for the first time!*

Why did you become a teacher? *I want to make a difference.* *My motto - Be the change you want to see in the world.*
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Friday 24 May 2013
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A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve.
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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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Students are responsible for locking their bike to the bike rack.

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SCHOOL TERMS 2013
TERM 1 1st February 2013 to 28th March 2013
TERM 2 15th April 2013 to 28th June 2013
TERM 3 15th July 2013 to 20th Sept 2013
TERM 4 7th October 2013 to 20th Dec 2013

Community Notices

Mornington Farmers’ Market is on this Saturday May 11, 8.30am - 1pm at Mornington Park, Schnapper Point Drive (Melway 104 D10). Special performances by the Admiral’s Own Big Band at 10.30 & 11.30. Face painting for the kids. For more information contact 0401 026 687.

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.
STIRLING LINGARD TENNIS COACHING
MT MARTHA TENNIS CLUB

Kinda Classes 4-5 years (Free Racket)
Prep Classes 5-7 years (Free Racket), $14 per lesson
Group Classes 8-18 years
Beginners Ladies' groups am/pm

Extensive Holiday Clinic program running over the June/July holidays.

Call 5974 3271 or 0411 082 723

THE CHOCOLATE KETTLE
Mornington’s favourite Chocolate & Lolly Shop is now owned by a MMPS family! We still have all your old favourites including loads of kids lollies, Pink Lady bullets, US confectionary & UK sweets,

Come in to see us & mention this ad for 10% off just for our fellow MMPS families.
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Show your local pride with these high quality, locally designed and Australian made stickers. Perfect for your car, boat, caravan or school bag, these stickers are ideal for locals, holiday makers and anyone who loves the Mornington Peninsula.

Sticker size: Oval 150mm x 100mm. Sample of sticker on view at school office.

Materials: PVC Vinyl, UV resistant, colourfast and waterproof.

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Please place your order with correct money in a sealed envelope (cash or chq payable to Mt Martha Primary School) and hand into the office. The stickers will be delivered to your child.

Thank you for your support!

Name of child:____________________  Class:____________________

Parents name:____________________  Ph:____________________

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