**Flexible Learning Spaces**

Over the past decade the Victorian Government has been building new schools with flexible learning spaces. During the last few years we have seen increases in flexible learning spaces through the “Building the Education Revolution Primary Schools for the 21st Century Program”.

During 2012 our Year Five students have worked in a flexible learning space with homeroom teachers. In 2013 we are extending this initiative to include Years Five and Six. The Year Six students will be located in the Melrose extension in 2013. Modifications to connect learning spaces will be made to part of the Melrose building to accommodate Year Five students in 2013.

There is a vast body of research that supports the benefits of flexible learning spaces. Much of this work discusses the enormous changes in the world, and the increasing pace of that change, and how schools need to change their approach to better equip young learners for the world in which they will live. Maximising student learning is at the heart of decisions about the re-design of learning spaces. The skills students acquire are influenced by the design of learning spaces, the effective use of ICT and the ways in which the school reflects on the needs of learners in the 21st century. Learning is enhanced, deepened and made more relevant by increasing opportunities for:

- Active and interactive participation
- Collaborative project work
- Information retrieval and sharing
- Discussion and presentation
- Production of new knowledge
- Teacher and student-led activities
- Local and global networks
- Personalised learning
- Direct instruction

Flexible classroom spaces provide more opportunities for students and staff to work in collaborative spaces, with quiet areas for individual work, discussion areas both small and large, spaces for ICT and flexible arrangements of furniture. We know that students learn in many different ways, and not just by listening to a teacher but through active engagement with the content, by hands-on activities, by having the opportunity to critically analyse information they are given and by working together collaboratively with their peers. Our plans for flexible learning spaces for Years Five and Six students enables teachers to more easily accommodate these 21st century approaches and hence meet our students’ diverse needs.

The purpose of the School’s Strategic Plan “Mount Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who will make a positive impact in a changing world”. Working in a flexible learning space will provide senior students with increasing ownership around their learning and how to learn and be lifelong learners. This is an exciting step in preparing our students for our ever changing world where the most important skills for our students will be:

- Learning and Innovation Skills, which include creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration
- Information, Media, and Technology Skills, which involve effectively using, managing, and evaluating information from digital technology and communication tools
- Life and Career Skills, which include flexibility and adaptability, self-direction, teamwork, appreciation of diversity, accountability, and leadership.

Karen Walker, Assistant Principal.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER**

- **Thurs 15th Nov to Thurs 13th Dec**
  - Year 2 Swimming at Kings Swim Centre

- **Friday 16th**
  - Year 5 Bike Ed 9-11am

- **Monday 19th**
  - Momentum Band visit

- **Wednesday 21st**
  - Police Band ‘Code 1’ visit

- **Thursday 22nd**
  - Year 4 Tinkering Incursion at the school

- **Friday 23rd**
  - Year 5 Bike Ed 9-11am

- **Wednesday 28th**
  - AEU Stopwork Action

- **Thursday 29th**
  - Year 4 Bike Ed 9-11am

**DECEMBER**

- **Wednesday 5th**
  - PTA Morning Tea

- **Thursday 13th**
  - Year 4 Fish n Chip Lunch at Mt Martha Beach

- **Monday 17th**
  - Year 6 Graduation Evening

- **Tuesday 18th**
  - Year 6 Graduation Excursion to Vic Market & MSAC

- **Wednesday 19th**
  - Prep visit to Arthurs Seat Maze
  - Year 2 Walk to Balcombe Estuary
  - Year 5 Beach Picnic at Mt Martha Beach

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For the full colour version of the Banksia Bulletin each week log on to the school website at [www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au](http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au) then click on the Newsletter tab. You can subscribe to receive a notification when the Banksia Bulletin is online - Click the grey tab on right hand side of home page and provide your email address.
Family Maths Problems

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

**Button picture**

You will need

- some buttons or some coins
- paper and pencils

What to do

1. Find some buttons or some coins of different sizes.
2. Make a picture or shape with them.
3. What picture did you make?
4. Make another picture with the same coins or buttons.
5. What picture did you make this time?
6. Draw the picture that you make on your piece of paper.

**Countdown**

You will need

- paper, a pen or pencil
- a clock or watch

What to do

1. On your paper write down some activities that you think might take 5 minutes to do.
2. Now do the activities and write down how long you took to do each one.
3. How close was your guess?
4. Examples of activities try:
   - walking to your post office box or milk bar.
   - skipping to 200.
   - getting dressed and cleaning your teeth.

**Classified cars**

You will need

- daily newspaper for a week
- paper and a pencil

What to do

1. Gather and record information on used cars for sale over a week, using the classified section of the newspaper. (If your newspaper has a very large section on cars, you may not need to look for the whole week). Which cars are most often offered for sale?
2. You could look for car brand names (Toyota, Holden) or models (Ford Fiesta) or types of cars (four wheel drive, sedan, station wagon, sports car) or year or make to help you decide.
3. If you have a family car, see how it compares with the information you have gathered. Is it a popular car?
4. Discuss with your family what you have found out and why some cars are offered for sale more often than others. Write down the main thing you found out.

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.
Hello MMPS Families
The sun was shining, the bubbles were flowing, fascinators were fascinating and the ladies were laughing – Oaks Day Lunch was an event that not only provided the MMPS families and community with a wonderful social get together but it also achieved an incredible fundraising result. Thank you to Amy Chinnick, Amanda Gibson, Penni Wilton together with the PTA team, Lorraine and the office girls for putting together this wonderful event. Thank you to the lovely ladies who participated on the day and also the local businesses and MMPS families who donated prizes/gifts to make the day a stunning success.

Parent’s Morning Tea - We will be celebrating the end of year by gathering together to catch up, eat Christmas treats and enjoy a cuppa on Wednesday the 5th of December in the Staff Centre after school drop off. Look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget to mention that you are a Mt Martha Primary School Family when you next make a purchase at Baker’s Delight - Benton's Square or Mt Eliza. A percentage of the sale will be donated back to the school! It's that easy!

Also did you know that if you shop at ToyWorld Frankston and mention that you are a Mt Martha Primary School Family we earn points for our school and we get a voucher at the end of the year.

PTA are organising a ‘Welcome to the 2013 school year” family picnic evening. Pencil in the 22nd of February 2013. We hope that all families will be able to come together for a fun family afternoon/evening to help celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year. There will be entertainment - more details to follow!

We are at the end of our fundraising activities for 2012, thank you for your support in making it a wonderful year for PTA. We will be ready to do it all again next year starting with our first meeting on Tuesday 12th February 2013. We'd love you to be part of the fun, so hope to see you then.
Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

UNIFORM SHOP at MMPS
Please be advised on Book Collection Day Thursday 24th January the Uniform Shop will be open from 8.30am until 4pm. Please collect any pre ordered items from the Uniform Shop on this day or alternatively if you ordered from PSW Frankston you will have to collect from there. The Uniform Shop will re-open for 2013 on Thursday 31st January from 3pm to 4pm.

Shop for your 2013 School Uniform during November and enjoy a 5% discount!*
Laybys are available with a 20% deposit.
All laybys must be collected by Friday 14 December 2012.

Please note our store will be closed from:
Friday December 21 and will reopen Thursday January 3, 2013.

PSW SHOP ONLINE
www.psw.com.au - uniforms delivered to your door.

*Sorry this offer is not available online.
The BERG committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish you all the best for the festive season.

We hope that you will find the time to support us at the working bee on Sunday.

BERG (Balcombe Estuary Rehabilitation Group Inc.)

Sunday Working Bee 18th November, 9.00am to 12.00pm.

Meet at the parking area by the Rotunda, end of Mirang Avenue (Melways 144 K11).

WHERE: We will be working at the Old Campground, end of Mirang Ave

WHEN: Anytime between 9.00am and 12.00pm. Come for the whole morning or for an hour or so.

ACTIVITIES: There are always a variety of activities at a working bee. This Sunday you can choose from:

- Mulching the ‘garden’ beds and edges.
- A clean out and tidy up of back storage shed.

We'd love you to join us anytime.

Any queries, ring Liz Barraclough: 0408388430

OTHER ACTIVITIES over the next month include:

- **Friday morning** working bees (weekly) 10.00am to 12.00pm.
  Enquiries to Sue Betheras 0408 808 201 or Jenny Selby 0432719288

- **Tuesday morning** working bees (weekly) Enquiries to Mary Stemp 5974 399

- **WaterWatch** Enquiries to John Inchley 5974 1095

Following Occupational Health & Safety guidelines stipulated by Coast Action/Coastcare and the Mornington Peninsula Shire, BERG advises that, at working bees, you wear hats and sunscreen in the warmer months, and bring some water to drink (BERG will also have some drinking water on hand). Also, wear sturdy boots or shoes, long pants and long sleeves, to minimise the risk of scratches, injury from tools, or bites. BERG will supply gardening gloves.

BERG Mt Martha
Balcombe Estuary Rehabilitation Group
Caring for Balcombe Estuary Reserves
www.berg.org.au
Mobile: 0447 160 288

Just a reminder the Lion's Club Raffle tickets are due back at the school sold or not by Friday 30th November.

The tickets are $2.00 each and the school receives 80c out of every $1.00 they receive.

As an added incentive to sell all your raffle tickets, Rebel Sport is offering you the chance to win one of two $25 Rebel Sport Gift Vouchers. To be in the draw you need to sell all your tickets and return the attached book seller’s voucher to school with your ticket butts.

If you require any extra books of tickets please call at the School Office. The draw will take place on December 23.

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Vacation Care Program (Holiday Club)

Mt Martha PS School Council has approached Camp Australia to consider conducting a Vacation Care (Holiday Club) service on the MMPS site. Camp Australia staff are interested in managing this service and believe there would be a need in this area for a school based Holiday Club program. However, they have requested that a preliminary survey be conducted with our school community. If you visit our school website and click on the article Vacation Care (Holiday Club) in the “recent news” section you can access the online survey provided by Camp Australia. The results of the survey will allow Camp Australia to decide if there is a need for this Holiday Club service. If you feel that you might use this type of service then please take the time to complete the survey.

Hugh O’Brien, Assistant Principal
The Year 6 Market was a great success!

It was a fun day and a wonderful educational experience for the Year 6 students.

“Business can be very stressful!
The Cost of ingredients to make rocky road was a lot more than I thought. It was very expensive!”
Sadhbh 6B

“It was important to work together.”
Molly 6C

“I learnt how to run a small business and manage time well.”
Lilla 6C

“It was a bit hard, because so many people came to the HPV and push carts stall. We thought we were organised, but it was difficult with that many people.”
Braydan 6C

We appreciated all the help from parents who assisted us to prepare for our market.

Kerrie Brown                      Danielle Dimech
Anne-Marie Spencer               Di Johns
Natasha Price                    Dooka Mifsud
Sue Kocer                        Sandy Pierson
Bruce Morey                      Lisa Fradd
Alison Grocock                   Amanda Lloyd
Nicole Van Den Acker             Carol Willey
Kate Steel                       Marie Harvey
Jaala Mayer                      Natascha Peisert-Hardt
Kerry Edwards                    Indi Gordon

A very special thanks to Carolyn Butterworth for briefing the Year 6 students in Food Handling Procedures.

Thank you to all the teachers, especially the administration staff and Mr Hartwig.

We received generous donations from the following sponsors:

Blackbird Café       Studio Art Supplies       Pure Crema
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Bell’s Meats          Linden’s Fresh Meat      Marshall’s Meat
Woolworths Mornington  Coles                Aldi Mornington
Subway                  Reject Shop             Bunnings
Chocolate Kettle     Bookbarn Studio Art Supplies

For photos of the Year 6 Market see the Year 6 Blog or the screen in the foyer.
In the Garden

Can you help us?

We need seed pods, cones or other interesting plant matter to fill one of the crates in the sensory garden.

We want the children to have things to sort and play with that are natural. Items could include: she oak cones, gum nuts, pine cones or dried leaves.

Donations can be delivered to the school (Jenny Spiridis) at any time throughout the year.

Jenny Spiridis, Environment Group Leader.

Working Bee Friday 9 November

We held our first Twilight Working Bee in 2 years last Friday. Disappointingly only a handful of parents attended this final working bee for 2012. On a brighter note those who did attend worked really hard and we managed to achieve a great deal in our Sensory Garden.

You can see from the photos that we managed to erect 16 “surfboards” into our garden. These surfboards were prepared by our students during Art lessons with Mrs Christie. They add a real splash of colour and interest to the garden and compliment the murals that already positioned in the garden. We managed to put some plastic edging around the dry river bed to define that area and to assist in keeping the rocks in a safe place. Other parents helped top up our big apple crates with fresh soil for the Summer period. Lots of fresh fruit for our parent helpers and icy poles for our younger helpers made the event a bit of fun.

A big thanks to Jenny Spiridis for her unflagging efforts to make this garden a fantastic place for our children to play. Indra Kurzeme and Darrel Hartwig also get a special mention for their work in our Sensory Garden. To those parents who came along and helped out a big thank you too! Yvonne Luwor has become a regular face at our working bees, Darren Hose and Craig McLachlan were fantastic helpers when we were digging and preparing those 16 holes! There were a number of students there too but a big thanks to Will who also worked hard to get the “surfboard” maze completed. Also a big thanks to James Naylor and Coates Hire for the free loan of the post hole digger - that made things a lot easier.

A big thank you to everybody who came along and helped out at this Working Bee and any of the other Working Bees that we have held in 2012. Our next bee will be in March/April 2013 and it would be great if more parents could make it to that event and help out. It really is good fun and a great chance to meet other parents and assist in maintaining our beautiful gardens.

Hugh O’Brien, Facilities Coordinator.
HOLIDAY CLUB
Expression of Interest

Mount Martha Primary School

Would a Holiday Club at your School benefit you and your family?

Dear Mount Martha Primary School Parent/Guardian,

Would you like the convenience of a Holiday Club at Mount Martha Primary School?

Camp Australia in conjunction with Mount Martha Primary School is currently conducting a survey to determine the level of interest in offering a Holiday Club service during the school holiday period.

We would like to encourage all parents to complete this brief survey to help us determine your needs. The survey will take approximately 3 minutes of your time.

Please visit https://www.research.net/s/mountmarthaprimarystateholidayclub

To find out more information about our FUN, QUALITY, ENGAGING and SAFE holiday club programs, please visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

Regards,
Camp Australia Team
1731 Malvern Road
Glen Iris VIC 3146
p. 1300 105 343
www.campaustralia.com.au
Last Thursday Mother Nature put on a beautiful day and the ladies of Mount Martha put on their lovely frocks. The day we had been working hard towards came together at Safety Beach Yacht Club. Everyone had a fantastic day at what was a wonderful mix of fundraising and fun!

Thank you to Amanda Gibson and Penni Wilton for putting in a huge effort again this year, pounding the pavement for donations, wrapping up prizes, making the tickets and menus and setting everything up the day before. The room looked stunning on arrival and a special thank you to Penni’s mum, Brenda, for her help with the set up and the beautiful flower arrangements. Also thank you to Glenda and Martine for approaching business’ about donations, your help was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Felicity Kerr, Jaala Mayer and Ashleigh for their help on the day.

What can we say about David Snooks and the team at Safety Beach Yacht Club? They were a pleasure to work with and made organising the luncheon a breeze. They went above and beyond to help us out and we really appreciate it.

Thank you to all the businesses whose donations made the day such a fantastic fundraising event, in particular our two major sponsors Elgee Park and Early Settler. Without the support of all the businesses we could never have had such a successful Oaks Day Luncheon.

And most importantly, thank you to all the Mount Martha mums for buying a ticket and coming along, it makes all the effort worthwhile.

It has been a lot of fun and very rewarding to be involved with the organisation of Oaks Day but due to work and family commitments we as organisers need to reduce our input next year. We would love the event to continue so if you would be interested in helping to organise Oaks Day 2013, please contact the school via phone or email.

Amy Chinnick - PTA

Our wonderful sponsors:

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Masters Mornington
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.

Mt Martha Uniting Church Community Fair, 109 Bay Rd Mt Martha. Saturday 17 November, 9am to 1.30pm. There will be stalls galore and special entertainment for the children. The Bendigo Community Bank will be funding the Jumping Castle.

Mornington School Holiday Programs at David Collings Leisure Centre, Dunns Rd & Bentons Square Community Ctr, Bentons Rd, Mornington. Enrolment forms available from Mornington Peninsula Shire Offices or Libraries or downloaded from www.mornpen.vic.gov.au. Completed forms need to be returned by 12th December. Contact Joan 5950 1641.

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