PLANNING FOR 2013
It is approaching the time of the year when the teachers begin to consider class groupings for the next year. Certain information is helpful in this process and parents, who believe that exceptional educational circumstances exist for their child/ren that should be considered in placement for next year, need to forward the information in a letter to the principal by Friday 9th November. Whilst parents are assured that this information will be considered, no guarantee for individuals is possible as the decisions made are the best for all students collectively.

To assist with class groupings, staffing and furniture needs please phone the office if your child is not returning to Mt Martha in 2013. Thank you for assisting our students in this way.

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION UNION BANS
School communities are well aware of the stop work action called by the Australian Education Union. Stop work is one aspect of the bans imposed during the enterprise bargaining negotiations. Rolling stop works are being held around the State with the date being November 28th for schools in our area.

A number of bans are in place. Some of these bans are:

- Ban on employing casual staff to cover during stop work action
- Bans and limitations on planning, organizing and booking any activities to take place in 2013, including camps and excursions, which involve members working more than 38 hours in any week
- Ban on attendance at one hour of meetings per week only
- Ban on reporting VELS student achievement data to DEECD
- Ban on responding to DEECD mail
- Ban on the use of the Ultranet
- Ban on implementation of the National Curriculum
- Ban on coalition MPs visiting schools
- Ban on any written comments and numerical assessment data on student reports. Parents will be given VELS progression points and attendance information. This ban means the individual student reports at the end of this year will not have the usual paragraphs or dot points detailing what the student has achieved in their learning, areas for improvement, what the school will do and what home can do to support learning.

LOST PROPERTY
Starting next Monday the Lost Property will once again be collected in one central spot. This location will be just inside the double doors at the rear of the Admin office area. Please continue to expect your child/ren to take responsibility for their clothing and property. The number of items left lying around is astounding and unacceptable. It is reasonable to expect children right from Prep to take responsibility for their lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats and jackets/vests and windcheaters. It’s never too late to work on developing good habits! Everyone needs to continue to be responsible for their belongings.

Named items will be returned to class teachers weekly and any item that our volunteer parents cannot identify the current owner will be offered to First Aid or recycled through the swap boxes in the gym foyer.

2013 BACK TO SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPLIES ORDER FORMS
A friendly reminder all families are required to pay their Standard Stationery and Essential Educational Items, on or before Book Collection Day (January 24th 2013)

Those recipients of the Education Maintenance Allowance should contact the office for the 2013 EMA Application & Cheque Sign over or Direct Credit to School Bank Account Permission Forms. If you have any further queries please contact the office to discuss.

YEARS 1–6 Back to School Student Supplies Order Forms are due at the office by Thursday 8th November.

2013 PREP Back to School Student Supplies Order Forms are due at the office by Thursday 15th November.
MMPS students came out to play at the Year 6 Market Day. Lots of fun and funky stalls were enthusiastically enjoyed by all.

The Year 6 Market Day held on Wednesday 31 October was a fantastic event for our school community. Despite concerns about the weather we were fortunate to enjoy a wonderful Melbourne spring day for this major event. MMPS students enjoyed the fun and creative stalls organised by the Year 6 students, teachers and parent helpers. The Market Day was the culmination of an economics inquiry unit where the Year 6 students focused on how to develop a business. Students investigated how to make a business successful by exploring ideas such as goods and services, needs and wants. They formed their own business partnerships, working in teams to develop a product or activity for other students to enjoy. Students conducted market research by surveying the targeted audience and used this information to determine the type of business they would establish. They wrote to local businesses for donations (well done Sophie M on receiving $250 from the Bendigo Bank!), developed advertising material, determined costs based on projected expenses, organised their stall and all required items, set up and sold on the day and calculated the profit. The inquiry project was a great success, providing a meaningful context for students to explore consumerism.

A big thank you to all the Year 6 students, teachers, parents, families and friends, who generously donated items, supported students with the development of their stall items, funded prizes or gave their time to ensure the success of the day. Thanks also to Mount Martha Primary School teaching, ES and Admin staff; Mount Martha Primary School community and all students who supported the market.

All the stalls were exceptionally well attended. Face art, jewellery and gifts proved to be very popular. Popcorn sales were strong, the knock the can down and greatest athlete challenges also proved popular. Sumptuous treats from the food stalls and sausages in bread provided sustenance for many hungry children. Talent time provided an opportunity for students to showcase their talents in front of a large audience and what talented students we have!

The event was a fantastic occasion with funds raised going towards a significant donation to the Starlight Foundation, a gift for the school as a departing present from the 2012 Year 6 students and the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.

Judy
Hugh
Karen

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.

Please note our store will be closed from Friday 21 December 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.
Congratulations to the students who made it through to the Regional Athletics Championship at Casey Fields. This was the last carnival before they competed at State level. The following students competed in their events with some pleasing results:

12/13 year old
Elise – finished 5th in her heat.

11 year old
Jacinta – Competed in the hurdles and 200m and finished 3rd in her heats, narrowly missing out on both finals.

9/10 year old
Abby finished 3rd in the High Jump and received the bronze medal for that event.

RELAYS
12/13 Girls relay team – Annika, Somer-Lea, Elise & Leizel 4th in their heat.

JOGGING CLUB
Only 1 month left of jogging club till we close for 2012. If you need to push yourself to reach a milestone, make sure you get down to the basketball courts every Tuesday – Friday at 8.40am – 8.55am (till music starts) to get some laps completed. Certificates will be presented to those children who achieve a milestone at their Year level assemblies.

SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP – DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS
Well done to the following teams who played off in the Division Championships last week.

Girls basketball, boys softball, girls softball, boys rounders and girls rounders all lost their semi final matches.

Our boys volleyball team lost in a close third set in the Division grand final.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Antoniou, Ms Esler, Mrs O’Connor and Mr O’Brien who assisted with all our teams. This is a huge workload on top of their classroom duties. Also thank you to the wonderful parents who assisted with the teams transport and coaching on this day as well. The students and staff always appreciate having parents to assist with our teams.

MISSING UNIFORMS
All our sporting activities require uniforms and equipment. We had students attend last week at Division level without a uniform as they are still missing. We ask anyone who has represented our school in athletics, summer sport, cross country & swimming - please check if you have any sports uniforms and return them back to school ASAP
Family Maths Problems

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

Birthday Party

You will need

- paper and a pen or a pencil

What to do

- How old will you be on your next birthday?
- How many candles will be on your cake?
- What will be the date of your next birthday?
- If you have a party, how many girls will you invite?
- How many boys will you invite?
- What time will it begin?
- What time will it end?
- If you gave each guest two balloons, how many will you need to buy?
- What else might you need for your party to share between your guests?

Buttonhole hunt

You will need

- some clothes with buttons on them
- someone to help you count

What to do

- Wherever there is a button, there is a buttonhole. Shirts have many buttonholes, coats and jeans and skirts have some too.
- How many articles of clothing do you have to find to make up exactly 20 buttonholes?
- Ask mum and dad to help you look in the clothes cupboard, or look in the washing basket. Always put the clothes back afterwards!

Something extra

- Write down or draw how you found 20 buttonholes – how many on each item of clothing?
- Ask your helper to suggest another exact number of buttonholes to find – an odd number this time.

Boxing

You will need

- cardboard, ruler and scissors
- tape and pencils
- boxes and a ball

What to do

Collect some different box packaging.

Choose one box and cut along the edges, taking note of how the box was made.

Using a small ball, construct a box to package the ball. Measure the ball first.

Something extra

- How could you construct a box to package something much wider at the bottom than the top?

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.
Parents’ and Teachers’ Association Noticeboard

Hello MMPS Families

**Oaks Day Lunch - Thursday the 8th of November** - One week to go! Dresses are out, tans are applied and hats and fascinators are being sorted. Thank you to Amy, Amanda and Penny for organising this wonderful social event for the MMPS families and the community. This is a huge event to organise and I, together with the other ladies who have purchased tickets, am looking forward to enjoying this exciting event. Thank you to those families and businesses who have already donated items, your support is appreciated.

**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.

**WOW!** What a fun Wednesday the children had. Free Dress, Year 6 Market and then the rides. Thank you to the PTA members and the staff who put in extra hours and work to make this day very special for all the children.

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!

Our next PTA meeting is on **Tuesday 13th November - 7pm** in the Staff Centre. We will be starting to talk about events for next year so if you have any ideas please come along. Hope to see you then.

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

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With Oaks Day now only a week away, we just wanted to let you know a few things about the day.

The festivities start 11.30am and conclude at 5.00pm at Safety Beach Yacht Club. Please bring your ticket to exchange for a glass of champagne.

Please remember your cash and coins to purchase drinks and join in the fun of our fantastic raffle and sweeps throughout the day. There are no eftpos facilities.

Credit card slips will be available for the larger items over $50.00 eg. Silent Auction.

There will be Door Prizes and Fashions on the Field, so frock up for a wonderful day out with friends while supporting MMPS with one of its biggest fundraisers.

There are a small number of tickets available for the Oaks Day Lunch. If you are interested please email the school (mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) with your name and mobile number. First in, first served. It’s going to be a fun day, so come and join us.

**Have a great day,**

Amy Chinnick - PTA
"TWILIGHT" WORKING BEE!

Mt Martha Primary School is having its final working bee for 2012 and we need YOU please!

Date: Fri 9 November

Time: 3.45pm till 6.30pm

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 – relocating rocks to dry river bed and weeding. We are hoping to create the “surfboard” maze using planks that have been decorated in Art lessons. There will be other tasks to complete as well.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Snacks 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 tools such as a wheelbarrow, spade, shovel, secateurs, gloves, saws etc that would also be very beneficial.

Yes, I am able to help out on Friday 9 November 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!  Jenny Spiridis and Hugh O’Brien
What issues do parents and children face after separation?

How can parents help their children to cope?

Come along to this FREE 6 week program for parents and carers to discuss parenting issues and positive solutions.

Light supper provided.

Date: Thursdays, 1 November – 6 December 2012

Time: 6.45 – 9.00 pm

Where: Rosebud Library

Mc Dowell Street  Rosebud

Cost: Free but bookings are essential for catering purposes

Facilitator: Barbara Biggelaar from Anglicare Parentzone

Contact: For bookings and/or further information please contact Barbara on 0458 750 754
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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.

**CONTACTS**

**OSHP:** 0407 438 858

**Uniform Shop:** 1800 337 396
Tuesdays: 8.45am—9.45am
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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 Blue Light Disco Friday 2nd November. Halloween Theme so dress in your spookiest costume! Cruz Club, Grand Hotel, Main St, Mornington 6pm - 8pm (8 - 15yr old) Cost $7. Children need to be picked up by a responsible adult.

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