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 tomorrow 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 Marthe in 2013. Thank you for assisting our students in this way.

Judy

Conveyance Allowance 2013
The program provides financial assistance to families attending schools in rural or remote areas who have limited or no access to public transport or a school bus. This is the first review in a number of years and strives to better target the assistance to those most in need.

Means Testing
From 1 January 2013 means testing will come into effect and will be applied to all new conveyance allowance applications will be subject to it. Applicants for the conveyance allowance must be listed on a means tested pension concession card or health care card that can be verified by Centrelink. Means testing is a new criterion that has been added to the existing eligibility requirements. The current eligibility criteria remain unchanged.

From 1 January 2013, the Department will use a new boundary based on Melbourne’s Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Mt Martha Primary is inside the UGB, however it has been exempted as our location is recognised as having limited public transport options for travel to and from the school. Until public transport options develop further, it is appropriate to continue the payment of the conveyance allowance. This exemption from the UGB is for 2013 only and will be reviewed annually. The school’s eligibility status will change once accessibility to the school develops.

Transitioning to the new eligibility criteria
To help families transition to the new eligibility, the Minister has directed the Department to ‘grandfather’ existing payments of students for the duration of their primary years of schooling. This means all eligible students in receipt of the conveyance allowance in 2012 are entitled to continue to receive it as long as the student:

a) remain in either their primary or secondary years at the school from which they received the allowance in 2012.

b) remain at the residential address as listed on their 2012 conveyance allowance application.

For further details visit the Department Student Transport website www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm

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

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
Friday 9th
- Year 5 Bike Ed 9-11am
- Year 6 Graduation Photos 9.30am
- Twilight Working Bee
Thurs 15th Nov to Thurs 13th Dec
- Year 2 Swimming at Kings Swim Centre
Friday 16th
- Year 4 Bike Ed 9-11am
Thursday 22nd
- Year 4 Tinkering Incursion at the school
Friday 23rd
- Year 5 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

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday November 15th
7pm in Staff Centre
All Welcome
Family Maths Problems

Blocks and shapes

You will need

- 20 blocks or Legos or matchboxes

What to do

1. Try to use all 20 blocks for each shape you make.
2. Use your 20 blocks to make the tallest shape you can.
3. Now make the longest shape you can.
4. What is the smallest shape you can make using all 20 blocks.
5. Draw it.
6. Can you make a shape like an animal?
7. Can you make a shape like a house?
8. Can you make a bridge?

Buying Cards

You will need

- lots of coins of different value
- pencil

What to do

1. Gina is going to a birthday party and the card she wants to buy costs $1.45. How many different ways can Gina make $1.45 to give to the shopkeeper?
2. Make a rubbing on one of the ways. (Place the coins under the paper and lightly scribble on the top of the paper with a soft pencil).
3. Gina is going to a party next weekend too. What is the least number of coins required to buy two of the birthday cards without change? What would it be with change (coins only)?

Busy day

You will need

- paper and ruler
- pen, pencil or texta

What to do

1. You are going to make a list of all the things you have done in a 24-hour period!
2. You have to work out what time you did each activity. For instance: Breakfast 7.30am, got dressed for school 7.45am, made a telephone call 8.05am.
3. On a time line, mark our 24 hours’ activity for yourself. Then do another one for another family member who is helping you with this activity.

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.
Hello MMPS Families

**Oaks Day Lunch – held today - Thursday 8th November** - This day has been a wonderful success. Thank you to Amy, Amanda, Penny, the PTA team, MMPS families and parents who helped with donations, the businesses who supported this event and lastly the lovely ladies who attended the event.

**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 5th 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!

A big thank you to the MMPS families and friends who supported the rides last week. Thank you again to the teaching staff, the office girls and PTA members for supporting this event.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 13th November**, 7pm in the Staff Centre. We will be discussing the events of 2012 and the up and coming events of 2013, please join us!

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

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**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 21 December and will reopen Thursday January 3, 2013.

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**Monday to Friday:**
8.30am - 5pm

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9am - 5pm
“TWILIGHT” WORKING BEE!

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

Date: Tomorrow!
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.

Jenny Spiridis and Hugh O’Brien.

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.
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/mountmartaprimarystholidaysclub

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.

CA

Regards,
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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.

SCHOOL TERMS 2012 / 2013
TERM 4     8th October to 21st December 2012
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

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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 Farmer’s Market held 2nd Saturday of every month. 8am to 1pm Mornington Park Schnapper Pt Dve. Mel Ref 104 D10. Adults $2 entry. Further information on 0401 026 687 or info@morningtonfarmersmarket.org.au. BYO shopping bags.

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