As you know our Twilight Market rides that were scheduled for March of this year were postponed due to poor weather conditions.

The rides have been rescheduled for the afternoon of **Wednesday, 31st October** which is the day of our **Year 6 Market**. The rides will be available on this day for students during the afternoon under teacher supervision, and then open to all students, siblings, friends and families after the bell from 3.30pm - 5pm.

Previously ordered wristbands and original order forms have been stored securely in the school safe and will be distributed on the day to students named on the order form.

**Look out for the yellow notice that will come home with your child tomorrow confirming your Wristband order.**

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**Lost Property**

The new process for lost property has been trialled for three terms and feedback from a small number of parents tells us it might not be working as intended. A couple of parents who would like the school to revert to the previous system have volunteered to spend time regularly checking through the collected items and returning them to owners. This system requires the volunteers to refer to a list with individual student names and class code. No personal information would be shared with the volunteers. Providing parents are comfortable with this arrangement we can return to one central collection area for lost property. Any parent who has concerns about volunteers carrying out this task must phone the office or email the school on **mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au** no later than **Thursday 25th October** as it is intended to commence this trial as soon as possible.

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**HELP PLEASE**

Families who know their children will be changing schools for 2013 are asked to let us know at the school office. It is helpful for the school to know enrolments at year levels to inform planning for staffing and accommodation needs. Your help with this is appreciated.
Year 6 Market Day
is almost here!

Many FUN and Funky Stalls will be run by Year 6 students on Wednesday 31st October (11.30am - 1pm)
The children will be busy learning new skills while they make their products and organise their stalls.

BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Can you donate: your time to supervise cooking and sewing during school hours, or at the Market to support the Sausage Sizzle. We need material or old jeans for making bags, cottons, soap or products to sell at the pre-loved stall.

Please see one of the Year 6 teachers if you can support our Year 6 Market!

Free Dress day!
Wednesday 31st of October
Free dress or wear a costume for Halloween!

On Wednesday 31st October, not only is it the Year 6 Market, it’s also free dress day! Bring a gold coin to dress up, and enjoy the fun.

See over the page for lots more fabulous Market Day Ads with fun activities and tempting treats!

Basketball Shots - $1
Jewellery - $1 to $3.00
Talent Quest - 50cents to Audition
Cookies - 50cents
Cookies.com - 50cents to $2
Lolly Kebabs - $2.50
Popcorn - $1 (small), $2 (large)
Bags & Phone Covers - $2 to $5
Mt Martha’s greatest athlete - $2 entry fee

Candlelight Cupcakes
Puts a light into your day
Come and buy some of our amazing products!

Caramel cakes - $2.00
Nobles - $1.00
Honey joys - $1.50
Vanilla Swirls - $2.00

By Kealy, Camille and Elise
Icy-poles 101
$2.00 Icy-poles
You can buy redonkulus raspberry or orange crush!

Cupcake & Slice Paradise!
Prices:
- Slices - $1
- Mini - $1
- Big - $2
- Raffle
20 cents to enter
WIN
1 mini & 1 big Slice
Cupcake & ??????

Terrific Toffees!
Come to our stall on the 31st of October and buy some delicious toffees!
Toffee pop=$2
Toffee drop=50 cents
Toffee sticks=$2!

COME TO THE PHOTO BOOTH!
Bring a friend!
Props! Dress ups!
Funny masks!
Colour prints
5x7 = $1
6x8 = $2

Pie Face Painting + Tattoos
$4 Full Face
$2 Cheek Painting
$2 Big Tattoo
$1 Small Tattoo
Halloween Face Paint

Hit The Can!!
If you can hit all the cans you a prize and it only 50 cents for three balls have fun!!
Sam G, Coby, Harry and Mitchell.

Spelling Champion!
Think you can spell?
For 50c you can challenge our spelling champion, if he can’t spell your word then you win a prize!

Come and
Guess the Lollies in the Jar!
Win a lolly Jar filled with lollies worth more than $20
‘$1 for a guess’
It’s worth it!

One Stop Sweet Shop!!
Delicious Jelly - $1
In various flavours
Choc Hedgehog - $1
So come and enjoy these awesome sweets!!

Wet ‘n’ Wild
Have you ever wanted to hit your teacher in the face with a wet sponge?
Now here’s your chance!
3 Throws for $1
Located near the Year 2 Building on the Basketball Courts

Year Six Market
Supreme Sausage Sizzle
- $2 each
- range of sauces
- choice of onion
DON’T MISS OUT ON YOUR SAUSAGE IN BREAD!

Nerf Gun Target Shooting!
Prices
- $1 = 6 shots
- 50c = 2 shots

Prizes
- 50 points = raffle for MAJOR prize
- 30 points = Lolly pop
- 25 points = 2 Snakes
Located at the Ampitheatre.

Come to our stall and try some of our flossy fairy floss and delicious lolly bags!
Fairy floss - $2.50
Lolly bags - $1.50
By Somer-lea, Annika, Leah and Rachael

SHOTS
Come to shots and win big!
$1 for 5 shots.

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Year 3 Somers Camp

Starting with a visit to the historic Coolart Homestead, the Year Three students experienced an exciting and busy three days on camp. Somers School Camp is a terrific location for our students to attend their first camp.

Staff and students were ably assisted by our fantastic parent volunteers. We would like to thank Cindy Waters, Peter Rowe, Cam Roberts, Kellie Burns, Troy Ackerley, Belinda Hamill, Claire Lawrence Smart and Steve Baxter for their effort over the 3 days.

A big thanks also to Miss Harvey, Mr Chambers, Mr Sweatman and Mrs Adcock who led activity groups, supervised meals and all other activities. Somers Camp staff supervised four of the five challenge activities which help to make this camp so memorable and enjoyable for parents, teachers and students.

Our students were commended by the Camp staff for their courage, good manners and their cooperative behaviour. They were a credit to their families and our school.

My personal thanks go to Alice Harvey for doing such a fantastic job in organising this camp. It is a huge job and she should be congratulated for all her hard work that helped this camp run smoothly from start to finish.

Jenny Spiridis, Year Three team leader.
My highlight of camp was going on the giant swing. I was the 3rd person to go on it. When I yelled, “STOP!” I thought I was half way but I was actually at the top. It was so exciting and scary at the same time because it felt like you swung so fast then stopped in mid air for 30 seconds. But once you have done it you want to do it again.

Anisha 3D

The highlight for me was the giant swing because you can go really high. The giant swing is 18metres high. When you get where you want you have to pull the blue string. When you’re falling you can feel the breeze on yourself.

I went to the top! Donny 3C

I felt nearly too excited as I was getting hauled up higher and higher. When I was a fair way the challenge swing my mouth nearly formed the word “STOP” but then I decided to go to the top! When I pulled the rope my stomach dropped because of the wind in my face!

My down light of the trip was when we left. When I arrived at school I had to wait about forty five minutes for mum to arrive! She’s always late!

Elly 3D

The Giant Swing. I loved it so much. When I was getting pulled up I didn’t look down. I just looked at the blue cord. I got to the top eventually. Then I pulled the cord and I just dropped. IT WAS AWESOME!!! I wish if I could do it again but we weren’t allowed to. The wind would just blow in your face.

Fynn 3C

WHEN WE WALKED IN THE GATE TO CAMP I FELT SO EXCITED.

The giant swing was the best activity it looked so cool.

The bad bit was when we went to bed because we did not get to do more things.

Sam 3D

Wrist Band Order Form

Name of Child __________________________________________________________

Class ______________

Number of Wristbands ($20 each) _______________ Total Paid __________

Order forms are to be returned to the office by 4pm TOMORROW 26th October 2012.

(Please note that wristbands are non refundable)
Family Maths Problems

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

**Bedroom rectangles**

You will need
- a ruler, a pencil and a piece of paper.

What to do
1. Go into your bedroom.
2. Look for some shapes that are rectangles. Compare the ones you have found with what mum and dad can find.
3. How many rectangle shapes did you find? What were they? Write this number on your paper.
4. On your paper draw or rule 2 of the things that you found.
5. Which was the very smallest rectangle you found?

Some more activities
1. Choose one of the rectangular shapes.
2. Draw or rule it on your paper.
3. Measure the sides of the shape in your room.
4. Show the measurements on your drawing.
5. Try it with circles. Compare what you have found with what mum and dad can find.

**Bridge Making**

You will need
- a sheet of newspaper, paper, a pencil, a texta

What to do
1. Using only a sheet of newspaper, make a bridge that will hold up the weight of a texta.
2. The hard part is that you can only make the bridge by folding the paper. No glue, or sticky tape or pins or paper-clips.
3. How did you do it? Draw the bridge.

**Best wheels**

You will need
- pen and paper
- newspaper

What to do
Find the classified section of the newspaper.
Locate the ‘Cars for Sale’ section.
Your task is to choose a car that will suit your family.

Consider

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Discuss your choices of car with your family. Give reason for your choice.

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

Please see over the page for payment amounts....
KISS and GO

The KISS and GO drop off and pick up zones on both sides of Glenisla Drive are not parking bays. Drivers should pull in and drive off without delay, staying long enough for students to exit or enter the vehicle only. Drivers who alight from their vehicle should do so only very briefly and stay within a couple of metres of their vehicle.

PLEASE give everyone a go and avoid a fine.

Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.

Mt Martha Primary School will again be supporting the Mt Martha Lion’s Club with their Annual Christmas Raffle. I am sure you have seen the wonderful contribution they make to our community.

Coming home to you next will be a book of five Lion’s Club Raffle Tickets. 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. All tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to the school by Friday 7th December to be eligible for the draw on December 23rd.
Hello MMPS Families

After much discussion and organising the Twilight Market Committee and PTA are excited to announce that the date for the rescheduling of the rides is - **Wednesday the 31**st **of October 2pm-5pm.** The rides will be available for the students to go on during the afternoon - in their year levels and then available to students, siblings, friends and families after the bell from 3.30pm - 5pm. Wristbands will be available to purchase, please see the attached order form. Previously ordered wristbands and original order forms have been stored securely in the school safe.

**All** prepaid wristband orders will be distributed on the day.

The much anticipated Zorb Balls will be there, together with the large inflatable slide, the small inflatable slide, the large inflatable challenge, the cup and saucer and the chair-o-plane. Please note that if a student does not have a prepaid wristband or purchases a wristband or tickets on the day they will not be able to be admitted onto the rides.

**Oaks Day Lunch** - **Thursday the 8**th **of November** - To help make this day even more successful as a fundraising event, we are looking for businesses who can donate a prize for the raffles and silent auction to be held on the day, please contact **Amy Chinnick via email at amy@zooloo.com.au.** Remember this is the second biggest fundraiser for the school. 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 5**th **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 - Bentons 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.

**OH what a night!** - we had a wonderful time at the Clothes Swap Event. There was mood lighting, music, bubbles, food and girl talk - with everyone enjoying the night. We all managed to leave with a bounty of clothing and/or accessories. Thank you to Di Johns and all her wonderful helpers, the PTA team, Karen Walker, Lorraine, all the girls in the office and all the lovely ladies who attended.

**Jaala Mayer, PTA President.**

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**Bakers Delight ‘Dough Raiser’ Promotion**

Bakers Delight Bentons Square are offering to donate 5% of sales from Mt Martha Primary School families back to the school. Please let their staff know that you are from Mt Martha Primary School at the beginning of the sale and they will do the rest. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer explaining the promotion and a voucher for a free loaf of bread!
“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
Please be advised that Mount Martha Life Saving Club will be holding a Building Development Information Night in Conjunction with Town Planners from the Shire on the 14th of November at 4.30 - 7.00pm. Everyone welcome!