We welcomed all of our students back on Monday after the term break. I enjoyed hearing about many of our students' holiday experiences ranging from overseas and interstate trips to visiting friends and relatives, going to venues such as parks, theatres, city attractions and more. I am pleased to see our students returning for Term 4 well refreshed and ready to put in their best efforts for the final term of the school year. We welcomed five new students to our school this term - Amy in Year 1, Sophia, Sophie and Giacomo in Year 4 and Annalise in Year 6. We trust they have got off to a great start and we wish them all the best as they settle in to their new school.

Term 4 is traditionally a very full term and there are will be no exceptions for 2013! We are looking forward to many exciting activities planned for our students. In summary, some of our main events include our Film Festival at the Rosebud Cinemas, the Life Education Van visit for 2 weeks and the Division Athletics (held on Wednesday) - all in October. The Bike Education program and the Year 3 Camp to Somers will be held in November. In December we have The Year 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill and the Year 6 Graduation Evening. In addition to these events there will be a focus on transition throughout the school, giving opportunities for all our students, including our Preps for 2014 to experience and familiarise themselves with the learning environment for the following year.

I wish all our students, teachers and families a very productive and enjoyable Term 4 and look forward to sharing in the learning and special events as the weeks progress.

Assemblies

The whole school assembly held the last day of Term 3 was once again well supported by our community and provided opportunity for students to show case their talents and receive recognition for their efforts over the term. We enjoyed hearing the Junior Choir’s rendition of “That’s What Friends are For” followed by award presentations for Visual Arts, Acknowledgement, ICT, Kidsmatter and 100% Attendance.

We also welcomed Val Jarman from the Dromana Sea Scouts to present a special scouting award to Jahzai from Year 2 for her achievements in “Joeys” – the junior division of Scouts.

Maddie from Year 2 Spoke about the “Little Free Library” her family has set up outside their house for children to borrow books. (see insert for more details)

Our Year 6s do an outstanding job of leading our assemblies and these opportunities for public speaking are an integral part of a “Speaking and Listening” program at MMPS.

We look forward to more enjoyable assemblies this term. Whole school assemblies are scheduled for Thursday October 24, Wednesday November 20 and Thursday December 19. All whole school assemblies will start just after 9.00am.

Please watch also for notification of year level assemblies that will be held at different times throughout the term.
Staff Professional Learning

ICT was the focus of Professional Learning for teachers this week. We kicked off with workshops being held on Tuesday afternoon related to Blogging skills. Teachers shared their knowledge in creating and embedding animoto clips, virtual pets and vimeo clips into their class blogs. We would love to see more of our parents visiting our class blog sites – they are so much fun and a terrific window into your child’s learning and school life. Please visit our school website at http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/ where you will see a “blogs” tab near the top of the home page on the right hand side. Click on that and you can follow the links to find your child/ren’s class blog. Please consider subscribing to the blog/s so you are notified when the class have posted a new comment. We would love to see more parents posting comments back to the children about their learning.

Lunch Orders at Mount Martha

We are getting closer in negotiating a contract with a local business to provide a lunch order service to Mount Martha PS. This will hopefully be up and running in the very near future. The lunch order system we are planning will once again involve online ordering and delivery of lunches to the school in thermal packs for each class.

PTA – Casserole Club

Our PTA is initiating a “Casserole Club” at Mount Martha PS to support families in times of need. Difficult circumstances such as serious illness of a parent or child, debilitating accidents and hospitalisation for lengthy periods can occur at any time. When families in our school community are faced with such challenges it is heartening to know they have the support from others. The PTA would like to offer some practical support for families through providing meals to families in times of crisis. It would involve volunteers cooking basic meals (recipes and ingredients will be supplied) to create a bank of family meals to be frozen for use as required. We are looking for volunteer ‘cooks’ to help with the Casserole Club. Volunteer cooks would be able to carry out the cooking at home if they wished. The PTA also intend to hold some “cooking” sessions at school. If you are interested in helping with the ‘Casserole Club’ please fill out the reply slip attached to the newsletter and return it to our office.

Pam Anderson
Acting Principal

NAPLAN

If you are the parent of a student in Year 3 or Year 5, you will be receiving an individual report of your child’s results for the tests they sat in May this Friday 11th October. These tests in key areas of literacy and numeracy provide parents and teachers with a snapshot of how our students are progressing — individually, as part of the school community and as a nation. NAPLAN results enable parents and teachers to see how students are progressing, not just within their class but also against national standards that have been agreed upon by all state and territory governments.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

The school will use the results to inform curriculum planning and identify areas for improvement across the school.

Karen Walker
Assistant Principal.

MMPS “Amazing Adventures” Film Premiere at Rosebud Cinema on Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th October. To secure your seats please return your ticket order with payment to the school no later than Monday 14th October.

Please note students who are in the film are free but we still need to allocate seating for them.
2014 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery.

You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

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

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.

How to Apply: To obtain an EMA Application Form visit www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au to download and click on “Parent” tab or contact Gina McMartin at the school office on 5974 2800. Please attach a copy of your valid Health Care Card or Pension Card.

Eligibility Dates: You need to be eligible as at 28 January 2014 Term 1 and 14 July 2014 Term 3.

For more information about the EMA, visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx

Operation Christmas Child Update

The SRC would like to thank everyone who brought in gifts for the Operation Christmas Child project last term. At the final count there were an amazing 116 complete boxes! What a tremendous effort from our very generous school community. There will be some very happy under privileged children this year thanks to you.

Watch out for our next project coming soon.

Megan Kohlman, SRC Leader.
SEPTEMBER IS: **START PREPARING MONTH**

CFA Chief Officer Euan Ferguson has called on the community to start preparing for the fire season now after early indications suggest an "above normal" fire weather risk. The seasonal outlook is an output from the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre, which brings together fire managers with climatologists and meteorologists from across Australia each year to discuss fire potential cross the country.

Large areas of southern Australia, especially along the east and west coasts extending inland, face above normal fire potential for the 2013-2014 fire season, despite the extensive fires in some parts of the country over the last 12 months. These conditions, coupled with above average temperatures across the country since January 2013, have resulted in a build-up of fuel in grasslands.

**CAN YOUR PROPERTY REALLY WITHSTAND A BUSHFIRE?**

Everyone in Victoria who lives near dense forest, bush, grassland or the coast needs to prepare their property for bushfire. Even if your plan is to leave early on fire risk days, you need to prepare your property. A well-prepared house where the vegetation is well managed has a greater chance of not catching alight in a bushfire. Regardless of property preparation, most homes will not be able to withstand fires in **Code Red** conditions.

You need to consider the materials that your house is made with and its design. By making modifications you can improve the likelihood that your house will survive bushfire.

**PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY**

You can reduce the impact of bushfire on your home by preparing your property. These preparations must begin well before the bushfire season. You should prepare your property even if your plan is to leave early on days of fire risk. This will give your house a greater chance of getting through undamaged.

Table Tennis Smash Down
Eliza 6B
Today Mt Martha PS smashed their way into the grand final! They competed against other schools from around the Peninsula. Fighting their way, they smashed the other schools and made it into the most important match of them all. The grand final!
Standing there waiting for the whistle to blow, the competitors were getting ready for the hit. SQUEAK! Went the whistle and the game was off! Ping, Pang, Ping, Pang was all you could hear throughout the game. “YES!” yelled an Osborne student “YAY!” screamed Mt Martha. SWEAK! Went the whistle and everyone stopped dead, waiting for the announcement of the winner. “And the winner is…..” announced the announcer “Osborne!” Cheers and screams filled the room. Mt Martha clapped with good sportsmanship. “At least we got into the grand final.”

The Great Defeat
Misch 6B
She cautiously bounced the ball, swung her bat precisely and the ball went flying over the net, just making the court. She waited as the ball came soaring back over the net, her bat poised.
“OUT,” she shouted, thrilled.
“Your serve,” she sighed, disappointed.
She took the serve, her heart pounding, her hands shaking. The ball had easily made it to the other side.
As the game progressed, the ball was continually being hit back and forth with the scores being as tight as ever. It was anyone’s game.
Suddenly the ball was out by a centimetre and the match was over, Osborne had won 7 to 8. She shook her hand vigorously, then congratulated her on her win. It was a hard game, but a good one.

Basketballers Get Smashed
Liv 6B
It was the last round, Mt Martha girls against Benton’s girls and there was only five minutes left on the clock. Mt Martha has the ball number 13 is dribbling it down the court. Everywhere people were screaming. Then she passes the ball to number 8 she shoots...she, she...misses the ring.
Number 28 from Benton’s dribbles it up the court like a flash of lightning, but wait one of the Mt Martha girls takes it right out of her hands, there’s ONLY 5 seconds on the clock she’s running down the court with the ball, but sadly she doesn’t make it in time.
The siren went Benton’s girls win the grand finale. For Mt Martha girls, they did a great job coming 2nd place!

Kanga Cricket Grand Final
Amy 6B
“It’s a 6!” the umpire called. We all cheered for Sasja as she ran to the bright green wickets. Everyone was smashing the ball as hard as they could “Yes!” we all yelled. Charli had just hit a 4 and was about to arrive at the wickets.
It was a fantastic round of hitting and now it was time to bowl and field. Up, up, the ball was flying through the air and then a great catch by Anastasia, “Woohoo!” we yelled. I walked over to the wickets ready to bowl. I watched the ball bounce on the dirty ground and then fly off the bat and roll across the dirt. Now it was Charli’s turn she jogs up throws the ball hard and strong to the batter.
“End of over,” called the umpire. We rush over to the score board waiting for the results. “Mt Martha 174 and St Macs 75,” said the umpire. We jumped up and cheered we had won the grand final by 99 points yay. We congratulated the other team and then ran over for the presentation. We were so proud.
**Softball**  
**Keegan 6A**  
It was our turn to field and we got in our positions. Grant pitched the ball, bang! I jumped without realising and caught the ball. Then everyone celebrated because I stopped a home run. Then it was our turn to bat, bang, I hit the ball and got a home run. Then the whole team had a great time and Grant was the best pitcher. Over all it was 6 to 5 and we won.

**Sports Report for Kanga Cricket**  
**Jasmine 6A**  
She stood there anxiously waiting for the ball to come firing her way… The bowler bowled the cherry red ball, she hit it…. Everyone watched as the ball went flying through the air, 4!! Yelled the umpire! Mt Martha let out a giant cheer of happiness from the side lines. It was her partners turn; she walked over to the wickets, picked up the big, wood bat and got into position. The bowler got ready to swing, 1 GO! She swung her arm up and threw a perfect ball, she hit the ball. They then all waited for the umpire to give a score…4!!!! Yelled the umpire, Mt Martha had won! YAY cheered Mt Martha!

**Kanga Cricket**  
**Ashleigh 6A**  
She takes one smooth step, her eyes squinting from the shining sun. Mornington throws an amazing bowl; no one knows where it’s going to end up. The ball bounces in front of the batter and Mt Martha takes a smooth swing. Mornington scrambles around to catch the flying ball, but they are too late. The ball’s out of the field! “Six!” yells the umpire, with a smirk on his face. Mt Martha wins. The girls scream, all the players bowled and batted well. They won by 99 points. At the end we all got Milo!

**Kanga 8s**  
**Anastasia 6B**  
The bowler balled a fantastic ball it goes straight to Anastasia and she smashes another 6 wwhhoooo! Sasja’s turn she SMASHED the ball over the fence definitely a 6 to remember. Last over and the bowler bowls, Anastasia runs to the ball and she hits the ball so far. The game has ended. Amazingly Mt Martha wins. The girls scream, all the players bowled and batted well. They won by 99 points. At the end we all got Milo!

**The Rampaging Rounders Team**  
**Will 6B**  
We lined up ready to play rounders. St Macartans looked as fierce as ever. We won the toss and chose to bat. If we win this game, we win the whole day. I step up as quickly as the referee says, “Batter up!” The sun is burning down my neck. I stare deeply into the pitchers eyes. He pitches the ball and…WHACK!!! I smash the ball over all the fielders. Laine gets a home run and I get to second base. I feel so good. Jayden is up next. Smash!! He hits the ball so hard that it almost hit the fence on the other side. I make it home. My team cheers loudly. It is a great feeling. At the end of the game our team wins well. St Macartans don’t seem too happy about it.

Thank you to Mr Sweatman, the Year 5 and 6 Staff and volunteer parents who made this day possible. Without your support for these days they would not be available to our children. To our fantastic students you were good sports all day! Congratulations on your fine efforts.

**Mrs O’Connor, Year 6 Teacher.**
Family Maths Problems
Here are some ways you can enjoy Maths with your family.

Just a minute.
You will need:
A clock (with numbers 1 to 12, which shows seconds).
Pencil and paper.

What to do:
1. Watch the clock for one minute
2. Lie on the floor and shut your eyes.
   Open them when you think 1 minute has passed
   Were your eyes closed for - more than a minute, less than a minute, 1 minute?
3. Try these and write your answer on your paper
   How many times can you jump in 1 minute?
   How many times can you hop in 1 minute?
   What else can you do in one minute?

Leafy Patterns
You will need:
- 3 different kinds of leaves
- paper, pencils and scissors
- tracing paper

What to do:
1. Carefully trace around the leaves. Cut the shapes out.
2. Now make a pattern with your tracings on a bigger piece of paper.
3. First, make a pattern using one kind of leaf shape (You can fold the tracing half too).
4. Then see if you can make a pattern with 2 or more of the leaf shapes.
You may like to colour your pattern.

Lining up.
What you need:
Cardboard, scissors and sticky tape
Ruler and a pen or pencil

What to do:
1. Look around your home for examples of lines that are vertical, horizontal, diagonal and parallel.
Which lines are found more often? Talk about the reasons why this is so. (Try thinking of a builder’s job and how to build strong houses).
2. Now build a little model house out of cardboard. It has to stand by itself!
3. Some measuring may be useful beforehand, and don’t forget that proper corners are important. Cut out windows and doorways before you stick your house together.
4. Can you find all the types of lines you found around your real house in your cardboard house? How many parallel lines?

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader
Mt Martha Primary School is having a Working Bee in Term 4 and we need YOU please!

Date: 26th October 2013.
Time: 9am - 12pm.

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. We are going to move the smaller sand pit nest a few metres further into the Garden so there are some rocks to be moved to accomplish that task. General tidy up tasks – relocating rocks to dry river bed and weeding. We would like to try and paint some of our poles bright yellow. There will be other tasks to complete as well.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea 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 like a wheelbarrow, spade, shovel, secateurs, gloves, saws etc that would also be very beneficial.

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday October 26 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.
Term 4 Events –

I hope that all the MMPS families enjoyed the break and are back ready to face the final term of 2013!!

**Oak’s Day** - Ladies I hope that you have your table sorted or alternatively a few friends ready to purchase your ticket on Wednesday 17th October. Please see the flyer attached for further information. 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 email Anthea on Argent.five@bigpond.com or phone 0413 299426 if you can help in any way. All the information you will need is on the flier attached to this edition of the BB.

Let’s start summer off with something cool – ‘Zooper Dooper’ Day – Friday the 6th of December – order forms will be coming home closer to the date.

Do you need an idea for a Christmas gift or do you desperately need updated family photos? – well PTA are holding a photo portrait day in early December– more details to follow- but photos guaranteed to be back before school breaks up. Location will be the beautiful Briars!

Please join us at our next meeting to be held on **Wednesday the 23rd of October**, 7pm in the Staff Centre. If you can only come to one meeting then make this the one!

Looking forward to a fun final term!

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

**PTA CASSEROLE CLUB - Volunteer Cooks**

I would like to help with the PTA Casserole Club

Parent Name: .......................................................... Contact Number: ........................................

Child/rens Name: ..................................................... Class: ........................................
Tickets for the Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon will go on sale at 8.30am on Wednesday 16th October until sold out.

Tickets will be sold in the Mount Martha Primary School Administration Building foyer.

Tickets can be purchased individually, in small groups, or as a table of up to ten.

Please note: group bookings require a Group Captain who will be responsible for purchasing and distributing the tickets. A maximum of 10 tickets (one full table) can be purchased at any one time.

The top grey section of the order form needs to be filled out for each group member and returned with payment from the Group Captain (required for catering and planning purposes).

Tickets must be paid for on the day of ordering.

Tickets will be sold on a first in first served basis except where priority tickets have been offered to people who have volunteered to help with planning and preparation for the day.

Tickets will be issued to the Group Captain within ten days of purchase.

Tickets are non-refundable.

Additional copies of this order form are available at the office.

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SCHOOL TERMS 2013
TERM 3    15th July 2013 to 20th Sept 2013
TERM 4    7th October 2013 to 20th Dec 2013
2014
TERM 1    30th January 2014 Year 1 - 6 commence
4th February 2014 Preps commence

A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve. is reserved for STAFF PARKING. Use Eco Park or Glenisla Dve

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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