Welcome to Term 4

All the excitement of catching up with friends and sharing holiday experiences has been clearly evident this week. The teachers and support staff have loved welcoming everyone back to school.

Welcome to the following students who commenced with us this week: Jade in Year 1, Ella and Jed in Year 2, Thomas in Year 3 and Grace in Year 4. We wish them and their families a happy and rewarding time at Mt Martha Primary School.

THANKS

The donations collected on behalf of the SRC at last term’s Concert nights totalled $1231.

Thank you to everyone who contributed on the concert nights. The SRC will be deciding how these generous donations will be shared across the selected charities.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS ABOUT Sexting

'Sexting' means sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically (eg by mobile phone, app, chat, social networking or email). With modern technology this can be done instantly, but it can have serious and lasting consequences.

For people under 18, sexting is illegal. It is a criminal offence to take, possess, or transmit a naked image of a person under the age of 18 years. It doesn’t matter if your child took their own photo and willingly sent or published it. You cannot ‘give someone permission’ to break the law. Penalties for these offences are very serious and can result in your child being placed on the sex offender’s register.

It is important that you regularly talk to your child about their experiences with communications technology. Make sure that you continually reinforce that your child should come to you if they have any problems, if they see something that they know is wrong or anything that upsets them.

If you require further support, please speak to your child’s teacher, Mrs Forward, Mr O’Brien, Mrs Walker or myself.

Please remember we are happy to help,

Judy
Hugh
Karen
Beckworth
O’Brien
Walker

Kids In Transition Program for Prep to Year 2 Students

This term we are once again offering the KIT program for children whose parents have separated or divorced. The confidential and fun sessions give the children opportunity to explore their feelings in a safe environment. Karli Ray, social worker, will be running the sessions co-facilitated by me. The group will be a maximum of ten and will meet once a week for an hour over several weeks. If you are interested in your child participating please complete the slip below and return it to me via the school office or classroom teacher. If you would like more information please call me at school on 5974 2800.

Mary O’Brien, Wellbeing Support Teacher.

KIT Program for Prep to Year 2 students

Name of parent/s .............................................................. Contact number: .................

Name of child or children ............................................................... Class: ................................

I would like my child/children to participate in the KIT Program.

Parent signature:..................................................................
The Association for Children with a Disability is running a ‘Leading: the next steps’ workshop in the Southern & rural Hume region for parents/primary carers of children (0-18) with a disability.

Leading: the next steps

How you can think, plan and achieve goals for your child and family

How can you create a fulfilling life with choices, purpose, friendship and happiness? If you want to take the lead in achieving these goals for your child (0-18) and family, then this workshop is for you!

Build on the strengths and skills you already have as a parent to better identify, plan and achieve your goals.

Our presenters are parents or siblings of a person with a disability so they do understand issues from a family perspective.

Southern Region

When: Wednesday 24th October 2012
Time: 9:30am – 2:45pm
Where: Caulfield Park Pavilion,
        280 Balaclava Road, Caulfield (melway ref: 59 C12)
Cost: $20pp – members $40pp – non-members


Places are limited so be quick to book at: http://trybooking.com/32010 or phone the office on 9818 2000.

Note: - Membership is free for families for the first 12 months so they can join at the time of booking and only pay the $20.

Morning tea and a light lunch included.

We will step you through:

• Planning and goal setting
• Tips and strategies in learning to take the lead
• Growing your knowledge and resources
• Building positive relationships with professionals
• Developing your advocacy skills

For the full colour version of the Banksia Bulletin each week log on to the school website at 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.
SPRING SHOOT – CHILD PORTRAITURE

All students will have the opportunity to be photographed in free dress by Aussie School Photos professional photographers at school on

TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2012

This FREE DRESS DAY SUPPORTS STATE SCHOOLS RELIEF.

State School’s Relief is a charity that provides free new school uniform items to families in need on the Peninsula and across the state.

On the 16th October students need to wear casual clothes and bring a GOLD COIN donation.

All money collected will be donated to State School’s Relief.

Aussie School Photos will photograph each child in a variety of poses in order to offer studio quality photo choices to parents.

The day will be very different to a traditional “school photo day” with photographers spending considerable time with each child individually. This will ensure the photos are similar to those available from a ‘High Street’ studio, but at a fraction of the cost.

As such, parents are encouraged to take particular care with their child’s grooming and dress on the day.

Proofs of selected images will be sent to parents and while prices start at $20 there will be a wide range of photo options and price points to choose from. Great ideas for Christmas gifts.

Importantly there is no obligation for parents to purchase, but those who do will deal directly with Aussie Photos either ‘on-line’, by phone or by post. Final prints will be delivered directly to parents’ home address.

In recognition of your school hosting this event, Aussie Photos will contribute, in the name of Mount Martha Primary School, the sum of $1,384 directly to the STATE SCHOOL RELIEF fund …a very worthy charity that offers assistance to many children in need.

Parents not wishing their student to be photographed need to send written notification to the class teacher no later than Monday 15th October.

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Calling All Parents!

Researchers from RMIT University, Monash University and University of South Australia are looking for parents of children aged 5-12 years to complete an online survey. The survey will take between 30-60 minutes.

The study is investigating parents’ opinions about different treatments for ADHD. The researchers are looking for a diverse range of parents to complete the survey, including parents who have a child with ADHD as well as those who do not. All the information you need to complete the questionnaire is provided.

We would love to hear what YOU have to say.

Please go to the website for more information and to take the survey:

http://www.rmit.edu.au/psychology/adhd-opinions

If you have any questions, please contact Cara Miles at c.miles@student.rmit.edu.au or Leah Brennan at leah.brennan@monash.edu or on 9903 0941.
Family Maths Problems

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

A spoon of macaroni

You will need

2 tablespoons of macaroni or cornflakes

What to do

1. Measure out the two tablespoons of macaroni.
2. Share the macaroni between the people in your family, by estimation (a few for mum, a few for you and so on).
3. Count to see if each person has the same number.
4. Can you share them evenly?
5. How many will each person get? (There may be some left over).
6. How many macaroni pieces are there altogether?

Bird’s eye view

You will need

♦ paper and a pencil

What to do

Pretend that you are a bird and you are flying over your backyard. Look down at the backyard…….What can you see? Trees? Fences and footpaths? A clothesline? A barbecue? The cat next door, staring up at you?

Draw a map of your backyard, showing what you could see if you were a bird.

All my own

What you need

♦ paper and a ruler
♦ pen or pencil

What to do

You are going to design your ideal cubbyhouse or tree hut. First draw the design to show how it would look if you were standing outside the entrance. Show how big it would be.

Work out the area of the floor (length X width). Now draw a plan of the floor space inside. Draw in any furniture you would be using – using the correct scale. Don’t forget to work out how you’re going to get in and out of your cubby – and if there will be enough natural light in it.

Something extra

What would those items cost second hand from the Trading Post, catalogues or on the internet.

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader.

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!
MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

CURRICULUM DAY
WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2012

COME IN AND JOIN US FOR OUR

Happy Halloween

DRESS UP AS A

COST: $35.00 PER CHILD (LESS CCB% AND CCR)

CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438 858 FOR BOOKINGS AND AN ENROLMENT FORM

HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH
BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED

REMEMBER YOUR HAT FOR OUTSIDE PLAY!

BOOKINGS CLOSE TOMORROW FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER!
Super October Saturday!
13th October, 9am – 12pm at

Mount Martha Community Bank®

What’s “S.O.S” I hear you ask?
Well, it’s going to be SUPER day at You’re Community Bank.

We are offering SUPER incentives
For your schools and clubs,

SUPER Fun with a certain SUPER Piggy
And as always, SUPER Service!

Including

Financial health check (Club receives $10)
SUPER Face painting
Free SUPER sausage sizzle
Visit from piggy.

Lots more SUPER fun!

What makes a good school?

Parents, how much of what you hear about schools can you trust?

Chris Bonnor, co-author of What makes a good school? gives you the tools to help you choose the right school for your child.

When? Tuesday 16th October, 7.30pm
Where? The Studio, Peninsula Community Theatre, Wilsons Road, Mornington
RSVP: smatterschools@ymail.com
Book early as seating is limited!

School choice has become one of the most agonising issues of parenthood... get the strategies you need. Come along and be informed.

A free event proudly sponsored by Smarter Schools. http://smarterschools.smarterhq.com

Chris Bonnor is an education writer and consultant, a former principal & Fellow of the Centre for Policy Development.
Hello MMPS Families

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that everyone had a wonderful break.

Term 4 Events

Recycled Clothing Swap Night – Thursday 18th October – please see the flier included in this week’s BB for further details. Last year involved - sipping bubbles, eating treats, shopping and catching up with friends - a perfect night!

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 31st 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.

Oaks Day Lunch – Thursday 8th 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.

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!

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday 23rd October - 7pm in the Staff Centre. Hope to see you then.

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

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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 Friday 26th October 2012.

(Please note that wristbands are non refundable)
**Life Ed Merchandise**

Suzy will be selling Harold items in support of the Mornington Committee. We have available:

- Small plush Harold $8.00
- Calculators $5.00
- Keyrings $3.00
- Bouncy balls $3.00
- Tattoos $0.50
- Pencil cases $4.00

Suzy will be selling these items at the start of lunchtime every day until Wednesday 17th October at the Van. Suzy, Life Ed.

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**Year 6 Market Day Is coming!**

Many **FUN** and **Funky Stalls** will be run by Year 6 students on Wednesday 31st October. They 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, 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.
Swap your style…

at Mt Martha Primary School’s 2012

Women’s Clothing Swap Party!

When: Thursday, October 18th

Time: 7pm for a 7.30 start, until 9.30pm

Where: Mt Martha Primary School Staff Centre

Cost: $15 (includes a glass of champagne & nibbles)

(All funds go to Mt Martha Primary School’s playground projects)

Bring items to swap – clean & in good condition

(All those clothes, shoes or accessories hiding in your wardrobe which are too good for the op shop!)

Bring along your adult family and friends to this fun fundraising event!

(For more information, contact Di Johns: 0425 791 934)

(Last day for ticket sales: Friday 12 October, 2012)

YES I would like ............... tickets @ $15 each, for the clothing swap party!

I have enclosed a total amount of $......................

My Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Child’s name: ....................................................................................................................................................................Class: ..............

(Tickets will be given to your child to bring home)

Please note: this is an event for adults.
Women’s Clothing Swap Party!

How it works...

★ Bring items to swap that are **clean** and **in good condition**, including: clothes, shoes, bags, belts, scarves, hats, jewels, anything wearable really!

★ You can bring your items on the night, or drop them in to school during the day (on 18th October).

★ For each item you bring you will receive one token.

★ Tokens can be swapped, or extras purchased on the night for $3 each!

★ For each token you can take one item with you.

★ Once you donate your items, they are no longer yours!

★ Any left over items will be **donated to local charities**.

★ Please **tell your friends** and family – encourage them to come along, or just donate items for the swap!

★ It’s a great way to **spruce up your wardrobe** for next to nothing...

★ It’s **good for the planet** to be reusing, reducing and recycling...

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Did you know? Swapping 1 suitcase (20kg) of clothes saves enough energy to run a TV non-stop for 1.7 years. Swapping clothing diverts it from landfill where organic materials produce methane, a greenhouse gas with 20 times the global warming capacity of CO₂ (www.planetark.com).

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...SO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!
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.

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Uniform Shop: 1800 337 396
Tuesdays: 8.45am—9.45am
Thursdays: 3.00pm—4.00pm
Cash, credit card & EFTPOS facilities.
Sorry, no cheques accepted
Online ordering available at: www.psw.com.au
PSW Frankston
21 Playne St, Frankston
(03) 9769 6510
Shop Hours Mon to Fri 8.30am-5pm & Sat 9am-5pm

The Power Walk for Dress for Success - Sunday 14th October 2012 at The Briars - Visitor Centre Nepean Hwy, Mt Martha (Mel 145 D11). Registration from 8.30am. Walk starts at 9.30am. Dress for Success Mornington Peninsula is a not for profit organisation that supports & assists disadvantaged women to build confidence and thrive in work and life. To register visit www.trybooking/BXIZ. For more information contact 9770 0220.

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Calm, Rebalance & Revitalise!
Thu 9.15am - 10.30am ($12)
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Contact Melissa: 5974 2589 or 0419 589 029
Trial 1st class free!
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Moving house? Cleaning out? For all your hard rubbish and green waste needs. Call Barry Oates on 0417 541 673
Residential and trade inquiries welcome.

‘Cleaning Divas’
Let us put the sparkle back into your property! Experienced with Police checks.
Call Penny on 0414 289 353
Dough Raiser

For all families participating in the Dough Raiser Program at Bakers Delight Bentons Square and Mount Eliza, please let our staff know at the beginning of the sale what school or club you are from.

From each purchase, 5% of your total purchase will be donated back to your school or club.

Eliza Square  
Shopping Centre,  
85 Mt Eliza Way  
T: 9775 2233

Bentons Square  
Shopping Centre,  
Cnr Bentons & Dunns Rd  
T: 5977 0277

Present this voucher to receive a free Traditional or Hi-Fibre Lo-GI Loaf.

Valid until 31/01/13. Only valid at participating bakeries. One offer per person, per day.  
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Bentons Square and Mount Eliza