Only one week to go! Amazing Adventures Film Night

Months in the making, the excitement builds in anticipation of our Film Festival. The film nights are being held at Rosebud Cinema on Tuesday 29th October and Wednesday 30th October starting at 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing the culmination of our students’ fantastic film work.

International Teachers’ Day

“International World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.”

On Friday 25th October we will take the opportunity at Mount Martha Primary School to thank our teachers for the wonderful work they do in educating our students. Our teachers constantly seek to inspire and develop a love of learning in our students. They support the students as they grow and learn and motivate them to “think, imagine and become”.

Happy World Teachers Day to all of our teachers.

Teachers Professional Learning

Our teachers are constantly learning and keeping abreast of the latest knowledge and trends in teaching pedagogy and practice. Term 4 has seen a focus on ICT and “coaching” to build teacher capacity. Pictured with staff is guest speaker Charmayne Layne working with staff on developing coaching skills.

“My teachers help me learn, they listen to me and help me to be creative too.”

Keely - Year 4.

“My teachers help me in the playground if there is a problem. They talk thing through and also have good suggestions.”

Tori - Year 4.

‘My teacher is fun because she gives us good things to do.”

Kasper – Prep.

“My teacher gives us good maths things to do. I really like maths.”

Blake – Prep.

“My teachers are always happy and willing to do something to help us.”

Oliver - Year 6.

“My teachers have given me confidence to have a go. If I don’t understand something they put in the time to help me learn new things.”

Isabel – Year 6.

“My teachers explain things so well so I can understand and get smarter.”

Kate Year 6.
“The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn.”
John Lubbock

Prep 2014 Information Night
Starting school is a very important milestone in a child’s life. Paving the way for a smooth transition to school for our new preps is paramount in our planning at Mount Martha PS. We have already welcomed our 2014 preps to “Story Time” over the past few weeks. Last Thursday evening it was their parents turn to come to school and learn a few things! We are aware there is a great deal of information to take on board for parents at this time and we did aim to keep it simple and give those parents the opportunity to ask questions and feel at home during that Information session.

Thank you to Lucinda McKillop along with the Prep team for providing such an informative and friendly information night for our Prep parents for 2014. We look forward to welcoming our new Prep students and their families to our school community next year.

Sporting Congratulations
Congratulations to Sophie M who recently gained first place in the High jump event at the Peninsula District Sports. Fantastic effort Sophie and good luck for the State Championships on October 28.

Congratulations are in order for two of our staff members who have recently competed in the International Masters Games held in Geelong. Donna Gadsby blitzed the field yet again in the swimming events with 10 medals - 4 relay events, 6 individual events and gold in the 200 and 100 metre Breastroke. Despi O’Connor competed in the Women’s basketball competition and her team won a gold medal. Well done to both Donna and Despi on their achievements.

Farewell to Katherine Kallady
Over the past 5 years Katherine Kallady has supported students and families at Mount Martha PS in her role as School Psychologist. Katherine is now taking up another position outside the Education Department and will therefore be leaving us in November. We thank Katherine for her dedicated work and commitment to the wellbeing of our students. Her additional support through the “Fun Friends” Program and KidsMatter initiative has been highly valued at Mount Martha. We will miss Katherine’s bright and breezy personality and wish her all the best with her new venture.

Year 3 Camp Coming Up!
The Year 3 School camp held at Somers is only a few weeks away! The children and parents have been busy in pre camp preparations from finding the right sleeping bag to making sure all the clothing items are labelled. Last week a camp information night was held for parents to guide them through the ins and outs of what to expect and how to support their child through the camp experience. Thank you to the Year 3 team for providing the evening and helping to demystify the process! Thanks also to Mr Sweatman for his informative talk on the Somers Camp.

Working Bee
We are hoping to get a good turn out for our working bee this Saturday from 9.00-12.00. We are blessed with the most beautiful environment at Mount Martha but our expansive grounds do need constant maintenance. There are lots of jobs on the agenda – all help even for a short time is valued.

School Uniform Reminder
Thank you to the families who have provided feedback on the School Policy Draft last term. The new policy with some minor amendments will be presented at our next School Council Meeting. Once ratified by School Council the new policy will be provided to the School Community.

In the interim the current policy still stands and is provided with the BB today. I would appreciate students making an effort to comply with school uniform policy.

In the interests of our students presenting in a neat and tidy manner I would ask our girls to refrain from wearing long sleeved skivvies under short sleeved summer dresses. Similarly the wearing of leggings under summer school dresses is also not acceptable. Thank you in anticipation of your support on this matter.

Pam Anderson, Acting Principal.
Cyberbullying and the illusion of anonymity (an article from Think U Know)

Sites like ask.fm and qooh.me are built on the premise that anonymity is somehow liberating; that by not having to identify yourself, you can truly express yourself. With young people and some adults, however, this often translates into doing things without fear of consequence. It can encourage people to think only about themselves, and not their impact on others. Children and young people need to be aware that there are always ways and means of identifying something that is sent digitally. There is always a record or trace left behind that can be used to identify who said or did what. Before you say anything online, you need to make sure it something that you are willing to face the consequences of.

Conflict resolution

Many instances of cyberbullying and bullying occur because of poor conflict resolution skills. From a very young age, children need to learn how to make ethical decisions and to deal with conflict in an appropriate age. This includes conflict that may occur online or through mobile devices. An emotion experienced for only a few moments can remain forever if expressed digitally. When emotions are running high, it’s a good idea to turn away from social media and apps and do some activity that helps to regulate emotions. It might be going for a walk, listening to music, playing a game or even just getting outside. Developing strategies to calm down can help young people to resolve conflict with a more clear head and allow them to use the skills necessary to overcome conflict without hurting themselves or others.

Hugh O’Brien
Assistant Principal.

Library News

As we are nearing the end of the school year, we will be doing a much needed stocktake of the library. We are asking all parents if they could do a big search at home for any of our library books. We know we have many outstanding loans, not just from this year but over the last few years. Your child will know if they have any outstanding books. If they are not sure they can get their teacher to check during the next library session. Your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated.

Thank you,

Maria Harvey, Library Assistant.

Bula Books- 10000 books for Fiji

Please bring in pre loved books to send over to the children in Fiji who lost all their books in a flood last year.

Jake and Amy Stewart visited Fiji and with their family they have started this project. They aim to fill a shipping container.

Your class SRC rep will be collecting your books during November. You can watch our collection grow in the office foyer.

Check out the Bula Books project online, Facebook and YouTube.

Megan Kohlman, Student Representative Council.
Welcome back to Term 4 and what a busy term it will be! At the end of Term 3 many of our students played in the Summer Lightning Premiership, competed in District Athletics and many joined the Jogging Club.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

The following students represented Mt Martha at the Southern Peninsula Athletics carnival on Wednesday 10th October 2013, with some very pleasing results.

**12/13 year old**
- Poppy - 1500m
- Lucy – 100m & Long Jump
- Jacinta – Triple Jump & 200m
- Deakin – Shot Put
- Beth – Discus

**11 year old**
- Ella – High Jump
- Mitchell – Triple Jump
- Josh McC – Long Jump & 200m
- Josh L – Discus
- Brodie – High Jump
- Alison - Long Jump

**9/10 year old**
- Fynn – Long Jump & 200m
- Cameron – Hurdles & High Jump
- Sophie – High Jump
- Flynn – 100m
- Coen – Triple Jump
- Layla – Discus & Shot Put

**RELAYS**
- 12/13 Girls – Jacinta, Nicole, Isabella & Lucy
- 9/10 Boys – Coen, Flynn, Cameron & Fynn
- 11 Boys – Jack, Josh, Jake & Ethan

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the students who made it through to the Regional Athletics Championship at Casey Fields. This was the last carnival before they compete at State level. The following students competed in their events and with some pleasing results:

**12/13 year old**
- Jacinta – Triple Jump - 4th
- 200m - 7th overall

**9/10 year old**
- Sophie – High Jump 1st

Sophie has now qualified for the State championships on Monday 28th October. The school and I wish her all the best at that top level.

JOGGING CLUB

Only a few weeks left of jogging club till we close for 2013. 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. **Jogging club finishes on Friday 29th November**

SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP – REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to our Senior Kangaroo’s Girls team who made it to the Regional Championships. The girls will play on Tuesday 26th November for a chance to make it to the State Championships. We wish the girls and Mr Nickeas all the best for the big day.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.
Resilience - Year 6 discuss what it is and how to get some!

This week students in Year 6 have been discussing resilience. We have looked at what it is and what its traits are. We have discussed situations that may require it and have shared our own stories that stretched our own resilience. You can check out our class discussions on our blog! Here is a reflection from one of our students, Phoebe.

Be resilient and keep trying because it will be okay in the end. Don’t live up to any ones expectations. Be the best version of you and that’s it! Realise the more you put in the more you got out. Be positive because no one likes negative. If things don’t work out try something new and accept change. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle. Believe in yourself and love yourself. Live your life the best way you can. Above all, get up off your feet and before you give up, try......

Australian Masters Games

I was absent from school for the first week of term 4 as I was competing at the Australian Masters Games in Geelong. I play basketball regularly with friends across the Peninsula and we compete at tournaments around Australia as well as in local competitions. I had been training for many weeks in the lead up to this event and the team was hoping for a finals berth. We took two teams to this competition this year and were entered in the same age group. We were representing Mornington Breakers, with our teams being Purple and Gold. I was in the Breakers Purple team that played 5 games and went undefeated throughout. The games were all close, competitive and of a high standard. The Grand Final was played on Saturday 12 October in Geelong. At half time the scores were even at 18 all, but Breakers Purple were able to overcome the defences of the Crimson Cruisers and went on to win 40-26. It was a great win and was well supported by our family and friends that had made an early trip across the bay to see us play.

Thank you to Mrs Anderson for allowing me to undertake this opportunity and to my team for going without me for a week! Although competitive, Masters Games are also inspiring as you meet many athletes that have overcome odds, and age to be there. The experience always reminds me how important sport has been in my life and how the friendships you form there are with you forever.

Bike Ed

Bike Ed is well underway with bike checks occurring last week. If you are able to help out your child's class in supervising activities please let your class teacher know ASAP. The skills learnt in Bike Ed help to prepare students for their time on the road which by year 6 is only some 3 years away! Lessons include bike skills and road rules that pertain to them as cyclists, pedestrians and generally road users.

You will see plenty of bikes on the road on Wednesday (Year 4), Thursday (Year 6) and Fridays (Year 5) so please be cautious and remember your car is bigger and faster than a bike.

So remember please give 1 metre distance from a cyclist.

Mrs O'Connor, TravelSmart Coordinator.

Student Safety – Parking around the school

We still have some parents using the staff car park in Melrose Drive as a drop off and pick up point for their children. This is an extremely dangerous practise and contravenes an important component of our Occupational Health and Safety rules. Staff members are trying to enter the car park between 8am and 8.45am and are finding that there are cars reversing out and/or there are no available car parking spaces. Teachers are not expecting to find children alighting from vehicles and walking across the car park. This same school rule applies to the staff car park on Glenisla Drive. At no time should parent vehicles be in that car park without specific permission e.g. to unload items. We are very fortunate to have Eco Park adjacent to our school. The Park has many car parking spaces for parents to use when picking up or dropping off children or when visiting the school on other matters. An alternative to Eco Park is to park a little bit further away from the school and “Park and Stride” to school. We seek your cooperation in this matter.

Hugh O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Operations Manager.
More ways schools can help create a sense of belonging

As part of KidsMatter Primary, schools look closely at ways they can continue to build strong positive relationships with all students and families. This includes things like:

- Making the school environment welcoming for all students and families
- Encouraging teachers to get to know all their students and their families
- Identifying ways of improving communication with families
- Making sure that school policies on safety, welfare and discipline are clearly communicated and support a sense of belonging for children and families.

What parents and carers can do

Parents and carers can work with school staff to help create a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school, it helps children feel at home with school. It also makes it easier to pick up any problems early when they are easiest to resolve.

- Find out about the school and what your child is learning; participate in information sessions
- Make time to listen to your child tell you about what he or she is doing at school
- Let your child's teacher know if he/she is having difficulties and discuss what kinds of things you can do at home and school to help.
**Family Maths Problems**

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

**Leaky Cups**

What you need
- A large container of water, such as a sink, buckets or bath.
- Cups and mugs of various sizes.
- Paper and pencil

What to do
It’s a hot day and you are very thirsty. Here is a nice big cup of cordial.
Oh no! That cup is leaking. Quick, pour it into the next cup.
That’s leaking too! (Did it hold the same as the first cup?)
Pour again. This one is a good cup, it does not leak. Hooray!
Keep pouring until you have used all your cups and mugs.

Which cup holds the most?
Which cup holds the least?
Do any hold the same amount?
Talk about what you found with your parents.
Draw the cups you used on your page.

**Make a shape**

You will need
- 12 cards or 12 dominoes

What to do
1. Make a shape with the twelve things.
2. Make two more shapes using the same twelve things.
3. Draw the three shapes that you made.
4. Count them number of sides around the outside of each shape. Write this number on the shape.
5. Using the twelve things, see how many letters of the alphabet you can make.

**Measured words**

You will need
- paper and pencil
- dictionary

What to do
1. How many words can your family come up with that have something to do with time?
2. Here are a few to start your list: yesterday, soon, just a tick, second.
3. How about words that deal with quantities?
Here are a few: dollop, teaspoonful, pinch, and litre.

How many did your family find? (There are more than you might think.) Write them down.
How many of these were exact units of time or quantity and how many were approximate.

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

Term 4 Events –

Oak’s Day – This is our second biggest fundraiser of the year and our only social event for MMPS ladies. If you have not purchased a ticket yet and you still want to be a part of this fabulous day please contact Anthea on 0413 299 426 or email Argent.five@bigpond.com. Remember you don’t have to fill a table – just get a group (big or small) of friends together and come and join in on a fun day. **Your $80.00 includes lots of extras this year, so less to pay on the day!**

Thank you to the Mt Martha community and MMPS families and businesses who have generously donated items for the Oaks Day auctions and raffles. Your support is amazing! If you would like to donate towards this wonderful event, please contact Anthea at Argent.five@bigpond.com or 0413 299 426 to arrange collection.

A big thank you to the three lovely MMPS mums who took this event on:- Anthea Argent, Vicki Barber and Michelle Lawrence. Without your enthusiasm, energy and determination Oak’s Day would not be going ahead this year, so please support Oak’s Day – it will be fantastic!

Do you need an idea for a Christmas gift or do you desperately need updated family photos? PTA are holding a photo **Portrait Day Saturday 30th November at the Briars**. Notices and fliers will be coming home with order forms – **please have your order in by Friday 15th November** to secure your time spot for the day. The company Aver & Line offer professional family and individual portraits. Please check out their website to get a taste of what they can do [www.averandline.com.au](http://www.averandline.com.au)

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

Some things that PTA are in the process of doing – the new preps for 2014 afternoon tea, “Our School Scout Raffle”, organising the Carnivale for 2014, confirming dates for other events for 2014 (eg. Mother’s Day Stall, Footy Day Father’s Day Breakfast, a ‘Hollywood’ themed social night and more).

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

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Stepping Up to Secondary School

Do you have a child starting secondary school in 2014?

Three interactive parent sessions – so that you and your child are better prepared for starting secondary school and the challenges that come with adolescence

Session 1 – Adolescent Development, Setting Expectations for Teens
Date: Tuesday 12th November 2013
Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm
Where: Seawinds Community Hub,
11 Allambi Avenue, Rosebud West

Session 2 – Supporting Kids to Build Healthy, Positive Friendships
Hopes and Fears about starting high school
Date: Tuesday 19th November 2013
Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm
Where: Seawinds Community Hub,
11 Allambi Avenue, Rosebud West

Session 3 – Staying safe, Cybersafety & Drug and Alcohol
Date: Tuesday 26th November 2013
Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm
Where: Seawinds Community Hub,
11 Allambi Avenue, Rosebud West

Cost: Free
Bookings: Essential Sue Weatherill 0447 500 380 or susan.weatherill@anglicarevic.org.au or Clare McLeary 5950 1666 or clare.mcleary@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Tea and coffee will be provided

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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.

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Uniform Policy
Mt Martha Primary School

**Rationale:**
- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

**Aims:**
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To enhancing the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.
- To strengthening the spirit of community within the school.
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To preventing bullying and competition on the basis of clothing.
- To encourage students to develop pride in their appearance.
- Reduce the risk of solar skin damage.

**Implementation:**
- After consultation with the school community School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The wearing of the designated school uniform (appendix 1) will be compulsory at Mount Martha Primary School.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement Policy.
- Parents, teachers and students are responsible for ensuring that the appropriate uniform is worn.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions (unless otherwise specified).
- For safety reasons jewellery will not be permitted to be worn with the exception of sleepers and studs in pierced ears and wrist watches.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. For health and safety reasons hair that is shoulder length or longer will be tied back. Hair ties/bands are to be navy, white or red.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Body transfers are not permitted.
- The only hats that is acceptable from September 1st to April 30th is a navy Sunsmart hat (bearing school logo or plain) consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats are to be worn outside only.
- School uniform navy or red fleecy beanies are optional uniform items that can be worn 1st May to 31st August. Beanies are to be worn outside only.
- The only school bag/backpack is a Mt Martha bag bearing the school logo.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each term.
- Prescribed clothing items are attached.

**Discretion:**
- Support for families may be available through the school’s wellbeing contact.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council.
School back-pack bearing the Mt Martha logo

**Girls Summer Uniform:**

- Red and white gingham dress
- Ink navy windcheater or fleecy vest or jacket
- Red, white or ink navy Polo shirt
- Ink navy shorts or skorts
- Socks white, ink navy or red
- Sturdy school shoes, sneakers or closed toe and heal sandals
- Navy slouch/bucket hat
- Red, white or ink navy hair ties and head bands

**Girls Winter Uniform:**

- **Ink, navy, red or white long sleeve crew-neck Tee-shirt**
- Ink navy, red or white long sleeve polo shirts
- Ink, navy, red or white long sleeved skivvy
- Winter tartan pinafore or skirt
- Socks white, ink navy or red
- Ink navy windcheater
- Ink navy tracksuit pants.
- Ink navy boot-leg pants.
- Red or ink navy fleecy beanies
- Red, white or ink navy hair ties and head bands

**Boys Summer Uniform:**

- Red, white or ink navy Polo shirt
- Ink navy shorts or trousers
- Ink navy windcheater or fleecy vest or jacket
- Socks ink navy, white or red
- Sturdy school shoes, sneakers or closed toe and heal sandals
- Navy slouch /bucket hat

**Boys Winter Uniform:**

- Red long sleeve crew-neck Tee-shirt
- Ink navy, red or white long sleeve polo shirts
- Ink navy tracksuit pants or gaberdine trousers
- Ink navy windcheater or fleecy vest or jacket
- Socks ink navy, white or red
- Sturdy school shoes or sneakers
- Red or ink navy fleecy beanies.

**Shoes:** The colour of the shoes is to be black or as close as possible to the school colours of navy or white. Laces are to match the shoe colour. Non school uniform coloured shoes or laces e.g fluro are not acceptable. Sports shoes are to be worn for all PE lessons.

**Evaluation /Review**

This policy was ratified by school council on

This Policy will be reviewed in 2016