As we near the end of Term 3 it is hard to believe the year is flying by so fast and we are now looking ahead to Term 4. I am pleased to say my appointment as Acting Principal at Mount Martha Primary School will be extended to the end of the 2013 school year to cover the remainder of Judy Beckworth’s long service leave. I have really enjoyed leading the school through all the exciting events and happenings in Term 3 and look forward to a great Term 4 as well.

This term we have had a vast array of amazing school activities such as: Tabloid Sports, Whole School Assemblies, Fathers’ Day Breakfast, Footy Day Parade and special lunch, visits from the CFA, Bright Sparks program with Year 6 students and the continuation of filming for our Mount Martha Film Festival, Summer Sports Lightning Premiership, District Athletics Carnival and many more fantastic events.

We have also had many interesting classroom experiences on offer from Science days, to the Great Archimedes maths challenge, to grandparents mornings and more.

We thank our dedicated staff and our wonderful PTA for their hard work in organising these memorable experiences for our students and community.

**Year 4 camp Update**

This week our Year 4s are attending school camp at Mount Moreton at Belgrave from Tuesday to Friday. Reports so far indicate the children are having a great time and the staff and parents are holding up well! We wish them all the best for their last day of camp tomorrow which includes a ride on Puffing Billy!

**Planning Week**

This week teachers are working in their Year level teams to incorporate the new AUSVELS curriculum into teaching, assessment and reporting programs. The teachers collaboratively plan units of work in all curriculum domains for Term 4 during their planning day. The planning days are highly valued by our teachers and assist them in designing and creating a vibrant curriculum for our students.

**VPA Principals Conference**

Last week I attended the Victorian Principals Association Principals Conference in Melbourne. The theme of the conference was “Optimising Public School Education – Research and Renewal”. The conference was most informative and thought provoking with a selection of outstanding world class speakers. Keynote speakers from Finland, Singapore and the United States informed us about public education systems around the world. There were many lessons to be learnt in terms of the successes in education evident in other countries. Some of the common themes of successful public education systems were: - equity in funding, collaboration and co-operation both within a school and across the education system and a strong culture of professional learning for teachers. I have brought back a wealth of ideas and resources from the conference to share with the staff at Mount Martha.

Pam Anderson, Acting Principal.

**School Uniform** – Last week we provided the link for the School Uniform Policy draft in order providing feedback on the policy. To read the policy please see the link below. If you would like to offer feedback on the policy [http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/uniform_policy_draft_only__2013.pdf](http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/uniform_policy_draft_only__2013.pdf)

**Mt Martha Primary School Uniform Policy**

If you would like to leave feedback or make a suggestion on MMPS Uniform Policy please complete this slip and return to the office by Friday September 13.

Name: .................................................. Signature: .............................................
Dear MMPS community,

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our Acting Principal Mrs Pam Anderson, and Assistant Principals Mr Hugh O’Brien and Mrs Karen Walker. Together, they have worked to make our school a vibrant and stimulating place for learning.

This year, the Victorian Principals Association is calling on all members of their school community to recognise the efforts of their school Principals. I encourage you to take a moment of your day, to thank them for all of their hard work. We are fortunate to have such committed, innovative and compassionate leadership.

Whilst this letter is primarily about acknowledging Principals and Assistant Principals, I thought it was only fitting to acknowledge all who contribute to our wonderful school and make it such a rich learning environment for our children.

I would like to thank the school staff for their efforts so far this year. We are blessed to have such dedicated and collegial teachers who are always aspiring for innovation in teaching and learning at our school.

I would like to thank you, the parents of our MMPS students. With the many activities and fundraisers for our children to participate in, we may feel inundated at times. Please be assured that your contributions are extremely valued. MMPS is very fortunate to have such a connected and committed community of parents, grandparents and extended family.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the school councillors who meet regularly to discuss the future development and initiatives for our school. Their commitment and contributions are invaluable.

Please join me in recognising our wonderful leadership at MMPS this week and thank you again to all who make our school a safe, happy and stimulating learning environment for our children.

Yours Sincerely,

Kirsty Agg, (School Council President)

Parenting courses

Out of Bounds is a community organisation that conducts courses and Information sessions for parents. They will be conducting an 8 week course titled “Reclaim Calm and Respect in your family” starting on Thursday 17 October. The course runs for 8 weeks (one evening per week) at the John Madder Hall in Frankston. For more information please call Peninsula Health on 5971 9100.

Pets at school

Could parents please note that pets are not allowed on school grounds unless permission is sought from either the teacher or school leadership team. Permission is usually only granted where there is an educational link as to why the animal is required to be on the school grounds eg. Show and tell (organised with the teacher first), pet ownership information sessions etc.

In all other cases the pet/s should be either

- Tethered to a post/tree before you enter the school (using approved leashes and method so the animals welfare is not adversely affected)
- managed by another adult or older sibling outside the school grounds
- Stay with you as you wait/say goodbye to your child at the school gates at the start or end of the school day.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter as we try to ensure we are providing a safe and happy environment for the children at MMPS.

Hugh O’Brien

OHS Coordinator
Japanese Day

Japanese Day will be held at Mt Martha Primary School next Tuesday, September 17th. The day’s activities will include a whole school assembly, art/craft activities and a sports carnival, in which all students will be divided into two teams - red (aka) and white (shiro). Students are encouraged to dress in their team colours and are welcome to wear Japanese costumes (kimono, karate etc) up until recess. Parents are welcome to come along and see any of the day’s events.

Bill Nickeas, Japanese Teacher.

Operation Christmas Child.

Please remember to bring in a gift for Operation Christmas Child!

We are hoping each class will fill at least three shoe boxes with gifts that will be sent to children in underdeveloped countries for Christmas.

We need your gift by the end of term.

Thanks, Year 6 SRC Leadership Group.

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Goods needed for White Elephant Stall!

We are holding a White Elephant stall for the Year 6 Market. We would appreciate if you could donate any of these second hand items that you don’t use any more but are still in good shape:

- Toys,
- Books,
- Jewellery,
- Sports gear,
- Any other unwanted items.

We hope you can come to our stall with big smiles on your faces. You never know what treasure you might find.

Nina and Jessica 6A.

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TravelSmart - Hands Up for September

A “Hands Up” survey will be held on Thursday 19th September. So remember to walk, ride or Park and Stride. Our school results are then sent off to: “The Bicycle Network” who support schools in getting students out of cars and into their community where they can improve their mental and physical health, connect with their community and look after the environment. Fewer cars mean a greener, cleaner world and a healthier you! Can you make a difference?

Walk, ride or Park and Stride!

See you on the street on Thursday 19th September.

Despi O’Connor, TravelSmart Committee.
On Tuesday 3rd September, our school athletics team competed in the District Athletics Carnival at Ballam Park. We were blessed with amazing weather and all our students represented Mt Martha with pride and a positive attitude. Overall, Mt Martha finished with 22 first place winners. We came second in the Mornington District Athletics Competition. Congratulations to the following students who competed:

**Yr 3:** Josh & Alice

**Yr 4:** Mia, Cameron, Fynn, Layla, Coen, Callum, Flynn, Lily, Cerys & Sophie.

**Yr 5:** Jack, Izabella, Ella, Grace, Michael, Caitlin, Ethan, Brodie, Jake, Josh, Josh, Ted, Mitchell, Allison & Lachlan.

**Yr 6:** Beth, Poppy, Deakin, Amy, Harry, Lachlan, Nicole, Karl, Jacinta, Olivia, Isabella, Campbell & Lucy.

Some of the students who finished 1st or 2nd in their race will continue on to the Southern Peninsula Athletics carnival on Wednesday 9th October 2013. These students are listed below:

### 12/13 yr old
- Poppy - 1500m
- Beth - Discus & High Jump
- Jacinta - Triple Jump & 200m
- Isabella - Long Jump
- Lucy - 100m & Long Jump
- Deakin - Shot Put

### 11 yr old
- Ella - High Jump
- Mitchell - Triple Jump
- Jake - 100m
- Josh M - Long Jump & 200m
- Josh L - Discus
- Brodie - High Jump
- Alison - Long Jump

### 9/10 yr 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 (1st)
- 9/10 Boys – Coen, Flynn, Cameron & Fynn (1st)
- 11 Boys – Jack, Josh, Jake & Ethan (2nd)

### MILO CRICKET
On Tuesday, the Prep students were lucky to have staff from Cricket Victoria give them a sample of Milo Cricket during their PE lesson. Students were put through some basic relay cricket races and then used skills in a batting and fielding game. Everyone had a wonderful time and prizes were handed out to all the children who participated.

Milo in2cricket Centre is at the Mt Martha Cricket Club, Ferrero Reserve. Registration day is 9am - 12pm Sunday 13th October 2013. For more information you can contact Jason Jacoby 0407 343 619.

The program runs 9.30am to 11am every Sunday, starting 27th October till 22nd December.

### JOG-A-THON
Well done to everyone who brought back their money and went into the lucky draw for the prizes at assembly. We had a huge amount of entries with some very lucky students who received equipment.

Overall, we raised $10,000 which will be going towards upgrading the year 3/4 playground.

Thank you to everyone who collected sponsors and also donated to this event.

*Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.*
KidsMatter Primary at your school

Every child is different, every family is different, and every school is different.

This means that each school participating in the KidsMatter Primary initiative needs to look at the mental health needs of its children and families and work out how it can strengthen support for children's mental health. The KidsMatter Primary framework has been designed to help schools build on what they are already doing to promote children's wellbeing.

What schools are doing

Each school's KidsMatter Primary Action Team has the job of coordinating all the steps that need to be taken to get KidsMatter Primary going. These include:

- providing information about the KidsMatter Primary initiative to school staff, students and families
- checking what the school already does to support children's mental health
- working out where the gaps are and what can be done
- planning what to do to provide each KidsMatter Primary component at the school
- working out how to do it and getting it going
- seeing how it works and deciding whether anything further is needed.

Each KidsMatter Primary school will be supported by a person trained in the KidsMatter Primary implementation process who will work with the Action Team to plan and implement the four components of KidsMatter Primary. The KidsMatter Primary Implementation Support Person will also provide KidsMatter Primary education to all school staff so they understand what KidsMatter Primary is about and what they can do to support children's mental health.

Together they will be working on ways to make the school a more inviting place for children and families as part of the positive school community component.

The Action Team and school staff will be choosing school programs for teaching social and emotional skills as part of the curriculum.

They will be looking into how the school can support parents and carers by providing them with information and resources about children's development, children's mental health and parenting.

They will also be finding out more about children's mental health and working out how the school can assist children and families to find help when they have concerns about the mental health of students.

Implementation in each State and Territory will be supported by a KidsMatter Primary State and Territory Coordinator.
**Family Maths Problems**

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

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**I've got shoes and sneakers.**

*You will need:*
- Shoes
- Paper and pencil

*What to do:*
1. Get all of your shoes and sneakers.
2. Put your them into pairs
3. Put the shoes in a line.
4. Put the sneakers in a line underneath the shoes.
5. Are the shoes and sneakers all the same size?
6. Are there more shoes or more sneakers?
7. Use the shoes and sneakers to make a circle.
8. Take the laces out of a pair of shoes or sneakers – can you work out how to put it back in a gain?
9. Draw a picture of them.

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**Fresh from the fridge**

*You will need:*
- pencil or pen and paper
- a calendar

*What to do:*
1. Many packaged things in your refrigerator have a use-by date on them – cream, butter, margarine and so on.
2. Find as many as you can and carefully take them out to look at the dates.
3. Put then in order.
Which ones are nearly due and which ones have a long while to go? What was the furthest date ahead in days and months?

*What next:*
If you look in your kitchen cupboard, you would see cans and packets with dates on them too – much longer ahead, usually. You could talk about why some things keep longer than others.

Pick 6 things from the cupboard and arrange them in order.

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**Long arms.**

*You will need:*
- arms
- tape measure
- pencil and paper

*What to do:*
1. Get the whole family to line up so that each person is standing with arms outstretched to the sides. The family should be standing so that each person’s fingertips touch.
2. Each person should estimate how long the family line is from the outstretched fingers of the person on one end of the line to the outstretched fingers of the person on the other end. Write down the guesses.
3. When everyone has had a guess use a tape measure to get the exact length. Clue: a person’s arm span is approximately their height.

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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.

We require the use of a trailer to move mulch from the back of the school to the garden beds at the front of the school. If you can assist with that task please give Hugh O’Brien a ring on 5974 2800.

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

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Please return to the office as soon as possible.

Hope to see you there! Jenny Spiridis and Hugh O’Brien.
Parents’ and Teachers’ Association Noticeboard

Term 3 Events –

We have had a very busy term and to finish off we had the Father’s Day Breakfast and Footy day.

Father’s Day Breakfast - this was a wonderful morning – the skies cleared and with the smell of bacon and eggs wafting through the school many children with their Dad’s enjoyed a yummy breakfast and some time together in the playground. Thank you to Amy for running this event and her many helpers, also thank you to Pam and Karen for manning (womanning) the BBQs. Congratulations to William McAuley from 4D who won the fabulous Father’s Day Hamper. This event, including the sale of raffle tickets from the Hamper, raised just under $2500.00!

Footy Day – with children, staff and parents supporting the various football teams MMPS had a wonderful day celebrating AFL. Thank you to Michelle A. who ran this event with our wonderful parents, Joadie, Jodi, Trish, Sharalyn, Natalie, Deena, Michelle P, Effie, Rach, Nicole and Andrew. On the day they provided the children with a nice hot pie or sausage roll and fruit juice. We were lucky enough to source a pie van (thank you Lorraine) adding to the ‘footy’ atmosphere. A big thank you to 5A and the Year 6 Sports Leaders who delivered them to the classroom in record time! MMPS raised just over $800 for this event – fantastic effort!

Oak’s Day - Ladies you will see that the Oak’s Day committee are starting to plan for the big day. 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 at Argent.five@bigpond.com or phone 0413 299426 if you can help in any way. Remember this is the second biggest fundraiser for the school.

In Term 4 we will be organising the PTA event calendar for next year (2014), if this is something that you would like to be a part of please come to our next meeting the 18th of September – in the Staff Centre at 7pm. Some events that are already being discussed are – a Family Picnic, the Carnivalé, a ‘Hollywood’ Dinner Dance and more.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful term break – take the time to enjoy the beautiful Spring weather, and don’t forget to schedule in a few pj days!

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

FOOTY DAY 2013

[Images of Footy Day 2013]
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Mt Martha Primary School strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please alert the office to any hazards.

Community Notices

Mornington Farmers’ Market Saturday 14th September 8.30am - 1pm. Mornington Park, Schnapper Point Dve, Melway Ref 104 D10. $2 entry for adults, free for children. Proceeds from entry fees donated to local community groups. For further information P: 0401 026 687 - E: info@morningtonfarmersmarket.org.au - W: morningtonfarmersmarket.org.au


The Mornington Peninsula & Point Nepean National Parks are offering free school holiday activities. All Junior Ranger activities are free, but bookings are essential at www.juniorrangers.com.au. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings are to be made online.


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If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the ‘safety door’. The safety door is on the rear kerbside, away from traffic.