**Instrumental Music**

Limited places are available for lessons at school to learn to play the trumpet or trombone. These two instruments are available from the school for hire. Tuition to play other brass instruments might also be available for students supplying their own instrument.

**Suggestions**

Families who would like to send their ideas for school improvement electronically are invited to do so using the email contact mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Suggestions continue to be accepted through the Suggestion Box at the school office.

**Off to Secondary College in 2013**

There is a free parent session (details below) full of practical tips to help your child with the step from primary school to secondary school. This is a really important step in any child’s life and some ideas and tips from this session will make this transition easier and more successful for you and your child.

The presenter Angie Wilcock is an Australian expert on this phase of children’s lives and how best to support this age group. She is also a very engaging and fun speaker and a mother of 2 children. She has appeared on 'Mornings with Kerrie- Anne with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Dr Andrew Fuller ('experts’ in this field).

Angie will outline the developmental changes children experience during this middle years phase (10 -15 yrs). Time is then given to ‘stress triggers’ at home and strategies to deal with them. Four main areas are covered: Balancing work and play, Organisational Skills, Attitude and Time Management Strategies. There will be time to ask questions also.

Parents are really important in this journey and make a big difference at this vulnerable time. Parents’ interest in their child's education is the single most powerful predictor of achievement by age 16” (BECTA study, 2009).

**Mon 17th Sept 5.15 – 7.15 Community Hub Rosebud West. 11a Allambi Ave.** Dinner and child minding will be provided (free) Bookings are required, please book via Robyn@fmlpllen.com.au or Frances@fmlpllen.com.au ph 5975 2445.

This seminar is provided free through our local LLEN and Southern Youth Commitment.

**Parent Information Forum - Sexting and Cyber Crime** involving young people.

When: Next WEDNESDAY 12th September
Where: Peninsula City Church, 252 Frankston-Flinders Road, Frankston.
Parents of students from ALL SCHOOLS are invited to attend.

Information will be presented on current Cyber and Sexting issues amongst young people, and the associated laws and consequences relating to this behaviour. Victim support agencies will also offer advice on these matters.

**Leading Senior Constable, Chris Dawson from Mornington Youth Resources** will be a speaker on the night, as well as representatives from the Victoria Police Sexual Offences and Child Abuse investigation Team (SOCIT), Department of Human Services (DHS) and South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault (SECASA).

The event has been organised by the Peninsula City Church (and Police Chaplain Graeme Watkinson) as a service to all parents on this growing problem. Please note: No under 18's to attend.

There is no need to RSVP, simply attend on the night.

_Anna_
**New School Website**

Our school has a new website – http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/ Our new website enables the school to communicate in a meaningful, timely and economical way with our school community. The site has a completely new vibrant layout and now you are able to browse article headlines and click on the “read more” button if you are interested in the article. A bit like a newspaper!

There are three major benefits of our new site. Firstly, we control it. We can upload and change all the content, forms, notices and photos at will. This means our website has become a very dynamic, constantly changing, up-to-date source of information for all things happening at the school.

Secondly, our new website now has the ability to generate sponsorship funds if enough local businesses get involved. Sponsorship can be for a school term or even just one month of the year. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the new school website please contact Hugh O’Brien to discuss this in more detail. We would be delighted to hear from parents within our own school community who might be interested in becoming a school website sponsor.

Thirdly, you can subscribe to receive an electronic copy of our school newsletter the “Banksia Bulletin” on a weekly basis. Simply, visit the new website, click on the “Subscribe to Newsletter” button just below the main “What’s happening next” calendar. Fill in the details and soon enough you will get notified by email everytime the Banksia Bulletin is online and ready for you to read.

We hope you support our school’s new website and if you have any ideas or feedback on the content that you would like to see on the site please let us know. Over the next few weeks the website will begin to contain more up to date information.

**Australian Music Examinations Board Awards**

At our final assembly on Friday September 21st five (5) awards will be presented to students at MMPS.

Students who will receive awards from the above organisation are Benjamin, Thomas, Anisha, Camille and Kate.

Well done to those students on their outstanding achievements in this area of the Performing Arts.

**Hats**

Monday September 3rd was the official day set by the Anti Cancer Council for wearing our sunsmart hats whenever we are outside. Parents are asked to check the condition of hats and discard those that are faded, torn or frayed. Bucket and slouch hats are available from the uniform shop. Please refer to the back page of this newsletter for the operating hours. Children without hats at recess breaks will be required to stay in the designated shady area in the amphitheatre.

**Thank you**

Today Barry Ward the National Manager of GasSafe Australia (and dad of 2 students at MMPS) voluntarily tested all our gas heaters and fitted carbon monoxide alarms in 18 locations throughout the school. Barry did this for free on behalf of his company for the benefit of the entire Mt Martha school community. On behalf of the staff, children and parents a big thank you to Barry! If you are interested in finding out more about the work that GasSafe undertake, then please ring 1300 955 759.

Hugh O’Brien
Assistant Principal

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**FOUND iPhone in local proximity of the school. Please contact the school office.**

**GENERAL REMINDERS:** Closing dates for Payment & Permission Notes for extra curricular activities.

Year 3: Camp Friday September 14 is last day to submit.
Here are some ways you can enjoy Maths with your family.

**Coin Garden (Prep – Year 2)**

You will need
- Some coins of different shapes and sizes
- Paper, pencil and eraser
- Coloured pencils or textas

What to do
With your parent you are both going to make a picture of things in the garden using only coin shapes for the trees and flowers. You can make the shapes as simple or as fancy as you like. Trace round the coin shapes, joining them up. Practise a bit first. (The 50c piece is very good for fitting petals around or for treetops). You can also overlap the shapes or just trace part of the curve of the coin. Colour your plants when you have finished.

**Big Spender (Year 3 & 4)**

You will need
- A toy catalogue or advertisement with toys in it

What to do
1. You and your best friend have collected $20.00 to buy birthday presents for someone else on behalf of your whole class.
2. Look through the catalogue. What would you buy if you could only buy one item?
3. What would you buy if you could buy more than one item?
4. How much change would you get from each?
5. How much money would you need to buy the three most expensive items in the catalogue?
6. Make up a sentence about what you did.

Some more to do
Now try it with $40.00. Try spending $40.00 to the nearest cent. This may mean buying more than one item.

**Beyond 2000 (Year 5 & 6)**

You will need
- Pen and paper
- A calendar might be useful

What to do
How old will you be at the end of century (to the day)? First have a guess and then solve the problem. (Don’t forget about leap years).

Donna Gadsby
Mathematics Coordinator

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**Lucy Magoo School Foods**

Lucy McGoo School Foods is now offering a selection of hot foods – Gourmet Party Pies and Rolls.

There were plenty of wonderful literacy activities in classrooms last week and below are some snapshots of children’s work. Thank you to our school community for raising $236.10 to be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Year 5 students have written some amazing responses from watching the Indigenous Literacy Foundation’s information DVD.

**The New Book By Elsa 5C**

In my hands I hold a beautifully wrapped book; I carefully peel off the wrapping as my excitement starts to rise. Finally I tear the last piece of wrapping off and in my hands is the most fabulous new book. I run my hands down the cover and it feels so soft the pictures are so detailed. It is probably the best present I have ever received. I open the book and read the first paragraph, taking in each and every word.

As each day passes I read more and more as the book becomes so intriguing and interesting that I can’t put it down. Every word has a meaning now and if I don’t know the meaning I will find out. As each character enters and leaves I let my imagination run wild. I imagine each character, their looks, their characteristics and every tiny detail about them.

After reading nearly every day I am coming to the end of my fabulous book. As the last page comes closer and closer, I start to feel both sad and happy. I was happy that there was a good ending but I am sad that my book has come to an end. I hope to be able to read another one just like it soon.

**The Book Bus By Isobel 5C**

Just standing here waiting for a bus (that everyone keeps talking about) is making me exhausted because it’s sooo hot! I’m standing, looking at a plain, dusty with nothing on it. Suddenly I hear this noise that makes me jump. It sounds like a motor whirring in the distance. I’m the only one standing out here, apart from an old dog lazing underneath the shade a tree. I think about joining him, but then I see this odd rectangular shape on the dusty dirt road. Suddenly a huge bunch of kids start swarming towards the road, the shape is closer now and I can see what it is! It’s the Book Bus! I am so excited to get my new book!
Prep B’s children designed some lovely pictures about their special friends.

Year 2A have been continuing with their study of author Roald Dahl.

TravelSmart

The sun is finding its way out past the clouds more often than not recently. It time to start thinking about walking to school again!

What a great way to get a dose of Vitamin D, catch up with friends and get some exercise. Forget the traffic woes, park at Mount Martha House to drop off or meet your kids after school. What an easy way to get to Tennis lessons!

Part way is a great way to miss the traffic and give your child some managed independence. There is a crossing supervisor half way between school and the Mount Martha House car park and it is only 400m!

Give it a go today, be part of the solution.

TravelSmart Committee.
Hello MMPS Families

Footy Day - Thursday 20th September - the whole school takes part in celebrating ‘football’ - children can come dressed in their team’s colours and participate in activities, as well as cheering on their favourite team in the Footy Day Parade - and PTA will be providing a hot lunch on the day. Order forms have been included in past newsletters. Please note that late orders cannot be accepted due to the ordering and purchasing of the food and drinks.

Year 5-6 Movie Night - Thursday 20th September - opening night at the Rosebud Cinemas - Notices have been sent with the Year 5 and 6 children, forms are to be returned by Monday 10th September - tickets cannot be purchased on the night, (we understand that some students have commitments on this night but this has been arranged so that the children can see it on opening night !)

Oaks Day - WOW! 20mins and 160 tickets sold. Thank you to the MMPS community who have made this event a success. It is going to be a fantastic day. Thank you to Amy and Amanda and their band of helpers who are putting this event together. If you are a business or part of a business who can donate a prize for the raffles and silent auction please fill in the form attached to the BB. Remember this is the second biggest fundraiser for the school. All the information you will need is on the flier attached to this edition of the BB.

Recycled Clothing Night - now that Spring has sprung and the weather is starting to warm up remember when you are cleaning out your wardrobes to keep in mind the MMPS Recycled Clothing Swap Night - this event was a great success last year. This event is scheduled to be held on Thursday October 18 (pencil it into your diary now)

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18th September, 7pm in the Staff Centre. We would love to see you there!

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

MISSING

Several named uniform items are missing from their owners.

This weekend all families are asked to check the names on the uniform items their children are wearing.

Should you find items belonging to a student other than your own please return these items to the school office.
Mount Martha Primary School P.T.A. Presents

Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon

Thursday November 8th

Safety Beach Yacht Club
11.30am - 5.00pm

Tickets go on sale Monday the 3rd November at 8:30am.

$80 per person.

Includes glass of sparkling on arrival and a three course lunch.

Door Prizes, fashions on the field, race sweeps and silent Auctions.

With full live coverage of the Oaks!

15 tables of ten available.

SOLD OUT

Donations for prizes

Anyone interested in donating products or services to be used as prizes or auction items on the day please contact Amy Chinnick via email at amy@ozooloo.com.au

Last year we were lucky enough to receive items such as original art, wine, cameras, vouchers and much more. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Every business that donates also has the opportunity to put advertising or promotional items in the bags that each lady will take home on the day.
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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