Principal Report

Jogathon - With a break in the wet weather on Tuesday, all classes have completed our annual Jogathon event. Most classes completed laps of the Jogathon course on Friday morning but steady rain in the afternoon required the Year 4 and 6 students to wait until Tuesday morning to complete their event. Congratulations to all our students for their outstanding participation! A reminder that forms and money are due to be returned to the school by Friday 12th August to be eligible for the special prize draw at assembly on Tuesday 16th August.

Parent Opinion Survey - A final call for the return of Parent Opinion Surveys. Thank you to those parents who returned the Parent Opinion Surveys already. To meet DET timelines surveys are required back tomorrow at the latest. Please return completed surveys to the Office. Thank you for your feedback and your time in completing the survey.

2017 Prep Transition - “Story Time Sessions” - a reminder for 2017 Preps that as part of the Prep transition program the school is offering Story Time sessions. Bookings are made by using our PTO online booking system at www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au. Bookings are now open until 2pm on Friday 12th August.

New Portable Update - work on the new portable is progressing steadily. We have had carpet installed and data cabling and electricity connected. There are a few more fitting jobs and outside works to complete. In the Sensory Garden the garden planter boxes and outdoor classroom have been reinstated and rocks replaced back in circles. The Sensory Garden is not open to the students yet but we can see it being a focus for our next Working Bee on Saturday 20th August.

School Crossing - a reminder to all in our school community to please use the school crossings. They provide a safe place to cross at our peak traffic times. This important road safety strategy is reinforced to our students when they see adults using our crossings as well. Thank you for your assistance.

Senior Girls’ Football - Good Luck to our Senior Girls’ AFL team who are competing in the Regional finals today in Bentleigh! They have won through at both the District and Zone levels already and are sure to be excellent ambassadors for Mount Martha Primary School.

Kind regards
Martin Page
Principal
The Children’s Book Council of Australia have announced their shortlisted books for Book of the Year. Here are some of the titles should you wish to try them out! Our Library already holds many of these and others have been purchased and are being read to classes this term.

**Early Childhood Readers**

- *Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas* by Aaron Blabey
- *Ollie and the Wind* by Nina Crews
- *Perfect* by Sunny Perks and Peter Backwood
- *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* by Alison Lester
- *My Dog Bigsy* by Alison Lester
- *Mr Huff* by Ursula Dubosarsky
- *Ride, Ricardo, Ride!* by Fiona Lucas and Tania McCartney
- *My Dead Bunny* by Sue Collins
- *One Step at a Time* by Philip Pullman and Anita Jeram
- *Surls Wall* by Claire Johnson

**Picture Story Books**

- *Cleo Stories of a Frog* by Morris Gleitzman
- *Run, Pie, Run* by Lyndell Morgan
- *Sister Heart* by Lyndell Morgan
- *Molly and Pim and the Millpond Trees* by Martine Murray
- *Star Delight* by Emily Rodda

**Books for Younger Readers**

- *The Great Book Swap*

**Great Book Swap**

Bring a favourite book to swap from **Monday 22nd August (Week 7)** and take home a new one over the following weeks. Don’t forget to bring a gold coin donation to support literacy in our Indigenous Communities. Parents can leave their books in the special box at the office.

**Book & Movie Character Dress-Up Day**

**Wednesday 24th August**

Come to school dressed as your favourite book or movie character!

Gold Coin Donations please!

Want to know more about Literacy and Numeracy Week or The Indigenous Literacy Foundation? Check out the following links for loads of information and ways that parents can get involved.

Activities will take place during Week 8 of this term. On Friday 2nd September everyone at MMPS will participate in Read For Australia, which is a national simultaneous reading event celebrating reading together and involving parents, carers and the broader community. The 2016 ‘Read for Australia’ book is “My Two Blankets”, written by Irena Kobald and illustrated by Freya Blackwood. It was the Winner of the 2015 Children’s Book Council Award for Picture Books.

This story describes how a little girl arrives in a new country, and creates a safe place for herself under an ‘old blanket’ made out of memories and thoughts of home. As time goes on, and with the friendship of another young girl, she begins to weave a new blanket, one of friendship and a renewed sense of belonging.

Some key messages to parents and educators from the book include:

- Supporting the development of empathy, which is the ability to share the perspectives and emotional feelings of others. We can do this with children through sharing stories.
- Ensuring books have suitable content. Children can learn about empathy and inclusivity through listening to stories.
- Encouraging and role modelling inclusive, fair play.

**NUMERACY ACTIVITIES**

There is a range of classroom based maths activities on offer this year. Keep a look out on class blogs for information about up-coming activities.

**MATHLETICS EXTRAVAGANZA**

During Week 8, classes will be timetabled to include some special Mathletics into their program. We are looking forward to some extra points and some great competitions.
On Friday 29th July, we held our whole school Jog-a-thon. The weather didn’t go as planned which meant our Year 4 and 6 students had to complete their events the following Tuesday. The other Year levels braved the cold wind and completed their events on the Friday. It was so good to see the huge smiles on all the students as they received their checkpoint marks.

I have measured the track and it is **430m** in distance. So there are some opportunities for our students to practise their Maths skills as well.

All the money raised needs to be returned to the office by **Friday 12th August**. Every dollar makes a difference around the school and assists us in providing a fun and engaging environment for our students.

Everyone that raises money from our Jog-a-thon will go into a large raffle to win some amazing brand new sport equipment. Items that can be won are basketballs, soccer balls, vortex howlers, cricket sets, AFL footballs, netballs plus a lot more. These will be drawn at our next Assembly which will be on Tuesday 16th August at 9.10am.

Thank you to all the staff, sports leaders and parents for assisting at our checkpoints.

Cameron Sweatman
WORKING BEE at MMPS!

Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2 parents - we are asking for your help at our Term 3 Working Bee!

Date: Saturday 20 August 2016
Time: 9am - 12pm.

We need to start rebuilding the Sensory Garden after the instalment of our new classroom. We need to spread new gravel and lots of tan around and other minor jobs to make this area ready for play!

**If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, Pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea provided.

Please complete this attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day.

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday August 20 at the school Working Bee.
My name is ________________________ and my child/ren’s names are ______________________________________

Please return to the office as soon as possible.
Our food has changed drastically over the last 30 years, and so have food-related problems.

Additives are now used in healthy foods such as bread, yoghurt, juice and muesli bars as well as in junk food. Many additives have been shown to affect health, behaviour and learning in children and adults.

This talk focuses on children and includes:
- Arguments, oppositional defiance and tantrums
- Bedwetting, sneaky poos and sticky poos
- Asthma, itchy skin rashes and migraines
- Difficulty falling asleep and frequent night waking
- Depression, unexplained tiredness and difficulty concentrating
- Hidden and new food additives
- What's wrong with fruit? Natural food chemicals

The talk is hosted by local dietitian Joey De Backer. She has personal experience in managing and healing food intolerance in her family. Joey can do talks for schools, parents and health professionals; provide resources and do individual consultations.

**When:** Monday, 29 August 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Where:** Theatre, Mornington Secondary College, 1051 Nepean Hwy, Mornington


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SCHOOL TERMS 2016
TERM 1 29th January to 24th March 2016
TERM 2 11th April to 24th June 2016
TERM 3 11th July to 16th September 2016
TERM 4 3rd October to 20th December 2016

A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve is reserved for STAFF PARKING. Please 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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