Principal Report

Melbourne Cup Day - A reminder that next Tuesday 1st November is the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday. No students are required at school.

Student Groupings - Planning for 2017
It is approaching the time of the year when the teachers begin to consider class groupings for the next year. Certain information is helpful in this process and parents, who believe that exceptional educational circumstances exist for their child/ren that should be considered in placement for next year, need to forward the information in a letter to the principal by Monday 7th November. Whilst parents are assured that this information will be considered, no guarantee for individuals is possible as the decisions made are the best for all students collectively.

To assist with class groupings, staffing and furniture needs please contact the office if your child is not returning to Mt Martha PS in 2017. Thank you for assisting our school in this way.

Working Bee - Unfortunately cold and unpredictable weather and some very muddy conditions required last Saturday’s Working Bee to be postponed. We have rescheduled it to this Saturday 29th October 9am to 12pm. There is more information in this newsletter. Hope to see you there. Weather is looking promising!

Important Dates - A reminder that 2017 Student Supply order forms were due last Tuesday 25th October. Payment is not required until Tuesday 6th December (book pick up day). This Monday 31st October all remaining 2017 incursion and excursion permissions and payments are due.

Skoolbag App - we use a variety of methods to keep our school community updated. One very useful electronic method is the Skoolbag App. We use it for such things as informing parents of the time when buses for a camp or excursion are due to return to school, reminders for a wide range of school events and when electronic copies of the Banksia Bulletin are available. Information as to how to download this free app is supplied in this newsletter. If you do not already have the app I encourage you to download it to assist our communication with you.

Lost Property - our collection of Lost Property has grown over the last 3 weeks! If your child has lost an item it usually ends up outside the Library in the Admin wing. Please have a look as we like to reunite items with their owners. Please also check that names on items is still legible. Thanks for your assistance.

Kind regards

Martin Page
Principal
WORKING BEE at MMPS!

Yr 3 & Yr 4 parents - we are asking for your help at our Term 4 Working Bee!

Rescheduled to - Saturday 29 October

Time: 9am - 12pm.

If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful. We do have some equipment but it would be helpful if you bring some too! Thanks.

There will be a list of tasks to complete around the school.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea is provided.

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

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Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday October 29 at the school Working Bee.

My name is ________________________ and my child/ren’s names are ________________________

Please return to the office as soon as possible.
Mathletics Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Mathletics Achievement awards for their ‘stellar performance in Mathletics’ this year.

Kya 5E
Bayley 2E
Isabella 4D

Donna Gadsby
Maths Curriculum Leader

FIRST AID NEWS

Chicken Pox

Several cases of Chicken Pox have been reported within the School Community. Chicken Pox generally presents with a low-grade fever, lack of energy and a rash which then transforms into blisters. Children must be kept home from school until all blisters have dried. Please be aware that children who have been immunised against Chicken Pox may still contract a milder form of the disease.

Impetigo (School Sores)

We have also had several cases of Impetigo reported.

Impetigo is a communicable disease, the condition is characterised by collections of small, crusting blisters that usually form on the face or limbs. Impetigo looks unsightly, but it isn’t dangerous and doesn’t cause any lasting damage to the skin. However, it is highly contagious and care should be taken with newborn babies due to their lack of immunity. A child with impetigo should be kept home from school until appropriate treatment has begun and the sores on exposed areas are covered with a waterproof dressing. Impetigo can be treated with prescription antibiotic ointments or creams, which need to be reapplied until the sores have completely healed.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the First Aid room from 10.45am to 2.15pm on 5974 2800.

Lorraine Stuart
First Aid Officer
Dear Parents and Carers,

Currently our staff, parents, carers and students are being surveyed about the KidsMatter initiative, to ensure that our programs are targeting the needs of our school community. We need as many parents and carers as possible to complete the survey to assist us with our planning and ongoing work in this important area.

By completing the KidsMatter Parent Survey, your constructive feedback and valuable suggestions will enable us to set the future direction for KidsMatter at our school. Through Component 3, we aim to strengthen home-school collaborative partnerships and provide practical and supportive information to families.

Please support our commitment to improving student mental health and wellbeing at Mt Martha Primary School by completing the survey and adding your comments.

The KidsMatter Parent Survey is available to complete online until mid-November. Paper-based surveys are also available from the office as required. We will continue to provide reminders and links in the Banksia Bulletin over the next few weeks. You can access the survey at:


A direct link will also be available on the Mt Martha Primary website home page.

To select our school you will need to type in:

**Mount Martha Primary School, MOUNT MARTHA, VIC** – The schools should appear as you type. This sometimes takes a minute to load.

**Select - 2016 Q4: Oct-Dec**

**Select the language and Year level.**

**Complete the survey and add comments at the end.**

During the next few weeks, teachers will be asking students to complete the KidsMatter Student Survey online during class time. Please read the attached information about the Student Survey. If you wish to have a look at the types of questions students will be asked, you can go to the KidsMatter website and click on Student Surveys to view the format. The KidsMatter Team will use feedback from the student responses to guide our KidsMatter approach at Mt Martha Primary and to address areas of need identified by students.

We thank you for your great support of both the Parent Survey and Student Survey. If you require further information please don’t hesitate to contact Karen Hodgkins, a KidsMatter Team member or your classroom teacher.

Kind regards, Karen Hodgkins and the KidsMatter Team.
What is KidsMatter Primary?

Our school is participating in an initiative called KidsMatter Primary to further improve the mental health and wellbeing of students at our school.

What is the survey about and how long will it take?

The survey asks for your views about aspects of the school that relate to supporting student mental health and wellbeing. We expect that it will take about 10 minutes to finish.

Why am I being asked to complete this survey?

It’s good for schools to think about how they are doing things and to hear from all members of the school community. This includes staff, parents and students. All the information plays a part in improving our school.

How is my privacy protected?

Your responses are completely anonymous and it will not be possible to identify you from your answers. The information you provide will be stored electronically in a password secured database, in accordance with the Australian Privacy Act 1988.

What happens to the answers?

Only summarised results are available and will be used by the school to assist with school planning. These results may also be used to inform the national development of the KidsMatter initiative. Please feel free to discuss with your teacher any questions you may have about this important classroom activity.

What choice do I have?

Completing this anonymous survey is entirely your choice and you can choose not to answer some or all of the items. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have about completing this survey with your teacher.

What do I need to do to participate?

Please read this information statement with your parent or carer and be sure you understand what it’s about. Your teacher will give you instructions about how to participate or you can visit: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/studentsurvey

If there is anything you or your parents do not understand, please talk to your teacher.

Thank you for your support.
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
It's not too late! There will be certificates for those who walk even once during the month of October.

To receive a certificate all you need to do is walk to or from school once! If you live further away or in a tricky location try one of the two Park and Stride spots and walk the rest of the way (Walara Shops and Mt Martha House). You can walk, ride, skate or scoot during this time. If you choose to skate, scoot or ride please remember to wear the correct safety equipment.

At school students will be encouraged by their teacher to fill in the class calendar on a daily basis, recording the way they travel to and from school.

This is a great time to teach your child to walk to school. Find a route and make it a habit!

**SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2016**

Walk or run and join in the fun!

Proceeds from this run are used to support the extensive Fit to Drive Program.


Sign on to our school team!

Choose the following registration type and choose YES to team.

Then search for “Mount Martha Primary”.

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Saturday 5th November
8.00am – 1.00pm
144 Bay Road, Mt Martha

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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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MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

CARNIVALE

10am to 4pm

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

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