Principal Report

Student Groupings - Planning for 2017 - Reminder
It is approaching the time of the year when the teachers 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 students in this way.

Carnivale - this year’s Carnivale is being held on Saturday 26th November from 10am to 4pm. It is sure to be a lot of fun and a great community day! The organising committee have been working hard in preparation for the event and plans are gaining momentum. Helpers will be needed to assist on the day - even an hour or two would be great! Tickets for the raffle will be sent home soon - there are some wonderful prizes to be won.

Working Bee - Thank you to the small group of dedicated parents and staff who were able to attend last Saturday’s Working Bee. The Sensory Garden was a focus with planting, spreading gravel, establishing the wicking beds and a general tidy. The work made a real difference!

Japanese Day - Our Japanese Day is coming soon on Wednesday 16th November. It promises to be a fun day with all students joining the fun of Japanese craft and sporting activities. A reminder that orders for the sushi lunch packs are due today 3rd November.

Year 3 Camp - We wish our Year 3s all the best for the Somers camp being held from Wednesday to Friday next week. Our Year 3 students, attending their first school camp will no doubt bring much anticipation and excitement. We hope the weather is fine. Our campers are sure to have a great time with many stories to share on their return!

2017 Prep Afternoon Tea - Our next transition activity for our 2017 Preps is the Prep Family Afternoon Tea next Thursday 10th November starting at 4pm to 5.30pm. Another great opportunity for our 2017 Prep Families to build familiarity with the school.

Welcome - Welcome to our new students Lola and Harry in Year 3 and Grace in Prep who commenced with us this week. We wish Lola, Harry and Grace and their families a happy and rewarding time at Mount Martha Primary School.

Kind regards

Martin Page
Principal
NUDE FOOD DAY 2016

Last Wednesday was NUDE FOOD DAY – A day to remind everyone about the importance of healthy eating and the impact of waste on our environment. Well done to everyone who brought in a NUDE FOOD lunch and especially to this year’s winners – 2E – who had the least amount of wrappers in their lunchboxes.

Here are the students in 2C receiving their prize of a fruit platter. Well done!

Sally Giles, Year 5 classroom teacher.

FIRST AID NEWS

Head Lice Whole School Approach

Head lice are still around so we have designated this weekend for a whole school approach to the problem. Please check your child's hair for live eggs or lice. Should you find any, there are two choices of treatment:

Chemical: Treat and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in 7 days.

Non-chemical: Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

Head lice need 14 - 17 days to mature to egg laying stage, so if you leave a comb in the shower or bath and comb through the conditioner when you wash your hair each week, you will remove the lice before they are able to lay more eggs and we would soon be rid of this itchy problem.

 Conjunctivitis

We have had several cases of Conjunctivitis within the school community. Just a reminder that students must be excluded from school until the discharge has ceased.

Eye drops can be obtained from the chemist to assist with this and as with most contagious diseases; thorough washing of hands is the best defence.

Thanks for your co-operation.

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:

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey
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
Student Survey

Information for students and their parents and carers

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.
SPORTS NEWS

REGIONAL ATHLETICS
At the start of this term students who progressed to the Regional Championships went to Casey Fields Athletics track to compete.

Lenny T competed in the long jump against 16 other students. Leni managed to jump a personal best of 4.07m which placed him 8th overall in the event.

Olivia M competed against 15 other girls in the high jump and jumped 1.25m placing her 6th in this event.

Well done to both these students on representing themselves but also Mt Martha Primary School with distinction.

AMART COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM
Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You'll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend.

Thanks for your support.

JOGGING CLUB
We are into our last month of jogging club for 2016 and I’m sure we’ll see a huge number of students wanting to finish off the year well. Your card will then be carried into 2017 for you to continue jogging where you finished off this year.

Jogging club finishes on **Friday 25th November**. Which class will take out the Debbie Flintoff King Jogging club award? Who has done the most kilometres across year levels and the whole school? All will be revealed at our final assembly!

MISSING UNIFORMS
All our sporting activities require uniforms and equipment. We had students represent our school in summer & winter sport, cross country, athletics - **please check if you have any uniform items, singlet’s, new and old running tops and return them to school ASAP**.

They are important for our sporting teams and individuals for 2017.

Cameron Sweatman, **PE teacher**.
MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL
CARNIVALÉ
10am to 4pm
SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
FOOD - FUN - GAMES
MARKET STALL - RAFFLE
RIDES - SHOWBAGS
MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Hi Families,

One month to go to our first full day Carnivale! There is a lot of preparation going on behind the scenes to make sure this will be a great day for all.

- Stage Performances - Magic Show, Dance Troupes, Cheerleading and a DJ.
- Carnival rides which will be operating for double the usual time!
- Cake & Book Stalls
- Food Vans
- Market Stalls – plants, jewellery, wooden toys and much more!

And much, much more to see and do on the day. We need helpers on the day so if you are free to help for a couple hours while the kids are having fun, please circle a time block below.

Lastly still a few spots on our 2017 Calendar for some great Peninsula photos. Check your phones and send through (high resolution please).

For any information please contact Elle 0437 700 032 or ellebaker2006@gmail.com

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BOOKS

Boxes in the school office for all of those piles of books you no longer want. Please bring them in for the book stall or contact Elle to collect (details below).

CAKE STALL

The annual bake off for the Cake Stall will also be happening so start finding those family recipes! Plate packs will be coming home in the next two weeks.

CARNIVALÉ RAFFLE

Also part of this FUNdraising event is our Carnivale’ Raffle. Books will be sent home with some great prizes to win and the family and class who sell the most books will also be rewarded. We will also be selling raffle tickets outside the local IGA for the next 4 Saturdays so if you would like to help out complete the slip below.

STALL HOLDERS

Still a bit more room for stall holders if you have Public Liability Insurance.

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RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS OUTSIDE MT MARTHA IGA

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Prep 2017 afternoon tea

We are welcoming our new Preps to the school with an Afternoon Tea next Thursday 10 November from 4:00pm till 5:30pm. If you can spare some time from 3:00pm to help with food preparation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please return the attached slip to the School Office.

YES I can help!

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Catch the savings bug
Bendigo Student Banking

Whether it’s for the latest craze in computer games, for a new bike or just for a rainy day, we all know it’s never too early for our kids to start learning about budgeting and saving.

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Opening an account is simple. All you need is your child’s birth certificate and Medicare card. Representatives from the Bank will be at the school on Monday 17 October at 2.30pm or alternatively drop into your nearest branch at 5A Bay Road, Mount Martha or phone 5974 4518.

The parent of guardian will need to satisfy the criteria for the 100 point identification check. The Bendigo PiggySaver account is issued by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The Bendigo Bank. Bendigo VIC. 3550. The material contains general advice only. Please consider your situation and read the Terms and Conditions available from any Bendigo Bank branch, or visit www.bendigoprep.com.au before making any decision.

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2/42 Lochiel Ave, Mt Martha.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Balcombe Pre-school IS HAVING A HUGE CARPARK GARAGE SALE!!
Saturday 5th November
8.00am – 1.00pm
144 Bay Road, Mt Martha

CONTACTS

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SCHOOL TERM 2016
TERM 4 3rd October to 20th December 2016
SCHOOL TERMS 2017
TERM 1 1st February to 31st March 2017
TERM 2 18th April to 30th June 2017
TERM 3 17th July to 22nd September 2017
TERM 4 9th October to 22nd December 2017

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.

Our school purpose is to ensure a high quality and engaging learning program that builds on the capability of every student.