Principal Report

Carnivale’ - The Carnivale’ was a huge success! There was a real Carnivale’ atmosphere at the school and you could see everyone was having a terrific time. It was amazing to see the transformation from school to Carnivale’ site and those many hours of organisation come together!

A huge “Thank You” to all those parents, grandparents, teachers, office and support staff and friends of the school who gave their time to assist before the event, helped run stalls and events, helped set up and pack up, baked items for the cake stall, performed on the stage and gave up time to assist with those many jobs to be done to make this event a success. Once again an awesome effort!

Another huge “Thank You” to the very generous local businesses and organisations who donated goods and prizes for Carnivale’ and the raffle. Our consideration and support for them in the future is always appreciated when they have supported our school.

Finally, extra special thanks to the organising committee who spent many hours sharing ideas, planning all aspects of the event, seeking donations, organising the raffle, sourcing rides and food providers, organising printing and marketing and doing those thousand other jobs to ensure the event was a success!

Instrumental Concerts - Last night we had the first of the Instrumental Music Concerts. The quality of their performances reflects so well on our students’ musical talent, their dedication to learning an instrument and the quality of the teaching. Congratulations to the students involved! We have two more concerts next week on Wednesday and Thursday evening to look forward to.

Parents and Community Volunteers Morning Tea - The support we have received during 2016 from parent and community volunteers in our school programs has been terrific. Our programs simply would not be the same without the generous support we receive from our wonderful volunteers. They plan and organise events through School Council and PTA, assist in classrooms, help with special events such as camps and incursions and assist on sporting days to name just a few.

As a small gesture of our appreciation we are holding a special helpers morning tea next Thursday 8th December at 11.00 a.m. in the staff centre. All volunteers are welcome.

Please see the invitation included in this newsletter.
Library Books and Take Home Readers - The school has some excellent literacy resources for our students including library books and take home readers. Keeping our collection of resources for students to use year to year is very important. Can parents have a look at home for any school books and return them to the classroom or library as soon as possible? Thank you for your help.

Book Collection Day - A reminder that Book Collection Day is **Tuesday 6th December** from 8am to 6pm in the Staff Centre. PSW our on site uniform supplier will be open 9am to 12noon and 1.30pm to 4.00pm for uniform purchases. * Please note that we are expecting the book packs to be delivered on Friday morning and this may impact on access to the large gate on the Glen Isla Drive entrance.

Student School Reports - Our teachers have been very busy preparing students’ school reports for Semester 2. The reports provide students and parents with information on their achievements and areas for improvement. Student Reports will be going home on Monday 12th December. This is also the day that students will have some time in their new class with their new teacher for 2017.

Final Assembly for 2016 - This year the final whole school assembly for 2016 will be held on Monday 19th December at 9.15 a.m. in the gymnasium. All welcome.

Start of School 2017 - a reminder that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2017 on **Wednesday 1st February**. 2017 Prep students will have interviews scheduled this week and start in classes on **Monday 6th February**.

Kind regards

Martin Page
Principal
HI FAMILIES,
Wow!! What can I say? I don’t know about all of you who came to the Carnivale’ but I think it was a great day!! Yes it started out a bit chilly but then as usual we had a sudden change and turned into a perfect day. All the preparation was worth it to see so many happy kids and relaxed parents having fun. So much to entertain from the great stage performances, rides, activities, food stalls and market. We have received some awesome feedback, thank you! Lovely to see the Community come together and enjoy the day. This is a page of grateful thanks… firstly to all who could make it and for having a blast, that’s what it’s all about. Those who couldn’t, well there’s always next year…

Have some very special people and businesses to thank for helping make the day a success and for their support:

The Stage Performers:
Emma Kaman School of Dance - www.emmakamananddance.com.au
MMPS Students playing guitar, drums and the band.
Magician - Lachlan Wilde - lachlanwildermagician@gmail.com
Mark Hogg Acoustic & DJ ‘The Antidote’

Softie, kindly lent to us from God’s Kitchen,
Mornington and Jetty Road Brewery.
Dromana. Thank you also for the use of the PA system.

Raffle donations:
Trigger Bros, RACV Cape Schanck Resort,
Mercedes Benz Mornington, Samsonite,
Indulge Beauty Co, Tinggo & Summer Lavin:
Check out our wonderful sponsors for further info on these businesses and lovely local people.

Congratulations to our Winners:
1st Prize - Ticket 2991 - Gloria
2nd Prize - Ticket 5033 - Corrie
3rd Prize - Ticket 1139 - Sienna
4th Prize - Ticket 0412 - Marcio
5th Prize - Ticket 4608 - Marnie

Mystery Key Prize:
Cocoon Campers – 3 night Glamping package for 2 people
won by - The Crowther Family
www.cocooncampers.com.au
Thank you to MM IGA team, Bunnings
Mornington for supplying two lovely people,
Jenny & Emma, to teach the kids about
planting, Bendigo Bank MM team, Chisholm &
Gamon (Amy) – for all your help.

The Food Vans were delicious with a great
choice or in my case I tried all of them:
Calamaro Brothers, The Three Agimos, Jim’s
Soulualakis, Red Hill Roast Coffee and the Ice
Cream Van.
flycat@bigpond.com,
nick@godskitchennornington.com.au,
souvaman5@hotmail.com,
info@redhillroast.com.au and
Natasha@matrixunfoodhire.com.au
If you would like to check out the Market
Stalls that were there: Moonface Studio,
Myndiah, Tully & Fox, Styled, Sealed &
Delivered, Tann Contemporary Jewellery,
Intimo (Victoria Ratfeld), Lisa B Jewellery,
Mornington Peninsula Friends of Lospalos &
East Timor, Indulge Beauty Co, Sugar Shack
& Thermomix (Anne-Marie Raymond).

Last but of course not least, the crew who
made it happen with lots of meetings and great
messages, Jo O’Reilly & Damien Van Rady! Also
our lovely Principals - Mr Page & Mrs Walker
who volunteered their time on their day off!
Our wonderful Office Staff - Loraine, Debra,
Kerry & Anna. Our great Groundsman, Andrew
PRA Team Extraordinaire - Trish, Rana, Camille,
Michelle, Amy, Ainslee, Callin, Jodi, Maria, Deanne,
Sonia Lia, Jemma, Rashi, Tanja, Anna, Ange & Scott. All the parents & Year 6 Students that
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and pack up, so appreciated for coming forward
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less screen time for me now!

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GREAT JOB TO YOU ALL!
Cheers, ELLE & THE PTA TEAM

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MMPS 2017 CALENDAR
PS: Keep your eye out for alyer to buy the MMPS 2017
Calendar. It looks beautiful,
designed by Sonia Barras
with local pics from some of
our school families. Great job
again Sonia, thank you.
EXCITING NEWS FOR 2017

A group of our teachers has been working hard over many months to research, read, view and record best teaching practice in spelling. It has been an interesting and valuable process in order to initiate a new and exciting approach to spelling for MMPS in 2017. There have been some key findings that we thought we should share with our parent group so that you get some background and understanding into what will form the basis of our Word Study@MMPS Program. More information will be provided early in 2017.

Why Word Study?

Research demonstrates that children do not learn to spell in isolation. It makes sense to view spelling as part of a more comprehensive Word Study program, that incorporates spelling, phonics and vocabulary. Children who are involved in not only looking at spelling from a phonics perspective, but can investigate and learn word meanings, build their vocabulary. They become “word watchers” who are much more likely to develop into good spellers. The vocabulary components link to our reading and writing programs very easily, allowing the children to work on their literacy skills in a more integrated manner.

Some important finding that will influence our approach:

♦ We use a variety of strategies to spell words and these strategies need to be explicitly taught. The six most common strategies we will be focussing on are:
  - What **sounds** can I hear in this word?
  - What does the word **look like** - is there a pattern I know?
  - Can I **connect** it to another word I know?
  - What does the word mean? Is there a **meaning** clue?
  - Can I use a chart, dictionary or other **reference**?

♦ Children learn better when they “discover” or make a generalisation about words that lead them to find their own rules and patterns.

♦ Children move through a series of stages of spelling, and these stages do not alter. (The rate at which children move through each stage does differ).

♦ Good literature is a key component of English and can be used to enhance, engage and enlighten a word study program. Phonics in isolation is not as effective as linking word study to the exploration of authentic texts.

♦ Learning spelling lists is a strategy predominately used by good spellers. Spelling homework will look very different in 2017! The children will be bringing words **TO** school rather than bringing them home.

Stay tuned for more information next year …
The following Instrumental lessons may be available during 2017. Please return this page to the School Office if you are interested in having your child:

(1) commence learning an instrument or

(2) continue learning the same instrument at school. If continuing with piano, please indicate which tutor your child has been receiving lessons from __________________________

Note: If you do not return this form your child cannot participate in this program. The enrolment form does not provide ongoing permission. Parental consent must be given to the Instrumental Tutor each year.

If you would like to register interest for more than one child, please complete a separate form for each child. Additional forms are available at the School Office.

First time hire of this instrument  Continuation of hire for current instrument

Limited places are available for lessons. Not all instruments are available to all year levels.

Please note that if your child is not immediately placed in the Instrumental Program then his/her name will be put on a waiting list. You will be contacted by the Instrumental Tutor when a suitable vacancy arises.

Student Name: ___________________________ Year Level in 2017: _____________
Parent Name/s: ___________________________ Contact No.(Home): _______________
Email Address: ___________________________ Contact No.(Mobile): _______________

Please note: A copy of Page 1 of this form will be provided to the instrumental music tutor.

AFRICAN DRUMMING
Please circle your preferred option below

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Please circle your preferred option below (Year level availability listed below each option).

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IMPORTANT: Completion of the reverse side by parents is required.
INSTRUMENT HIRE

Instruments available for hire from the school are Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone and Trumpet for $168 per year.

I would like to hire an instrument in 2017  I will supply my child with their own instrument

All instruments are to be returned to the School Office by Friday 1st December 2017. A late return fee will be imposed for those instruments not returned by this date. There is no hire available over the December/January school year break. This time is necessary for instrument maintenance and for the school to be able to meet hire needs for 2018.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds are calculated on a pro rata term basis (not on a weekly basis). Parents wishing to cancel their Instrument Hire Agreement due to unforeseen circumstances are to contact the School Office. If a refund is approved it will be calculated as follows; for example: If you return an instrument in Week 1 of Term 2 you will receive a refund for Terms 3 & 4. If you return an instrument in Week 10 of Term 3 you will receive a refund for Term 4. A pro rata refund will be issued for the remainder of the school year.

PARENT PERMISSION

I, _______________________________ give permission for my child _______________________________

(please print parent first name and surname) (please print student first name and surname)

to be withdrawn from his/her class learning program to undertake weekly instrumental tuition during class time.

PARENT’S NAME: _______________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _______________________________

DATE: / /
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| PREP INTERVIEWS: | Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd February  
Parents please attend with your child |
| PREPS START SCHOOL: | Monday 6th February 9.00am - 2.15pm |
| PREPS START FULL DAYS: | Monday 27th February 9.00am - 3.30pm |
| FEBRUARY OSHCP: | OSHCP offers a service for parents requiring care for their Prep children during these 4 weeks of early finish times. To register for this service please contact Gillian Reid on 0407 438 858, or collect a registration form from the school office. |
| SUNSMART POLICY: | Everyone is encouraged to be SUNSMART and the wearing of hats is compulsory until 1 May. Parents should supply their child with sunscreen to be kept in their school bag. |
| UNIFORM SHOP: | PSW will reopen on Thursday February 2nd 3.00 - 4.00pm  
Usual shop hours are Tuesday 8.45am - 9.45am & Thursday 3.00pm - 4.00pm |
| BANKSIA BULLETIN: | The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 2nd February. |
**PSW SHOP HOURS**

**PLEASE NOTE**

PSW’s last selling day is on **Thursday 15th December at 3pm**.

PSW will resume usual hours for 2017 on Thursday February 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2017 at 3.00pm.

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*Mount Martha Primary School Staff*

*invites*

*all Parent volunteers who have assisted with school programs and events during 2016* to a special celebration morning tea.

Please come along and join the fun and festivity in appreciation for your invaluable assistance and support throughout the year.

- **When**: Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} December
- **Time**: 11.00am
- **Where**: MMPS Staff Centre

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Summer School Holidays

Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Summer school holiday dates:

- Week 1: Monday 9th Tuesday 10th Wednesday 11th January 10am –4pm
- Week 2: Monday 16th Tuesday 17th Wednesday 18th January 10am –4pm
- Week 3: Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th Wednesday 25th January 10am –4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale

Phone 5978 7935

Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au

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T 03 5974 6888
Visit www.chisholmsgamon.com.au

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Absence Line 5973 7700 or visit the school website
E-mail: mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au
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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.