Principal Report

Book or Movie Character Dress Up Day - Congratulations to our students for participating in the Book or Movie Character Dress Up day on Wednesday. The costumes showed flair, imagination and encompassed a wide range of characters from the classics to now! Everybody enjoyed the parade hosted by Willy Wonka (Mr Sweatman). Thank you parents for your support. The gold coin donations raised $601.25 and will be used to support the work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Working Bee - Last Saturday we had a terrific turn out for our Working Bee. Pruning, weeding, moving and spreading mulch and a range of other jobs on the “To Do” list were completed. Thank you parents, students and staff for making the day so successful. A special mention to members of the Mount Martha Rotary Club who worked on the day to assist our school community! (see article later in this bulletin).

PTA - We are so fortunate to have such an enthusiastic PTA planning and running terrific events for our school community. We have the Fathers’ Day Breakfast next Wednesday and Carnivale in November. Please see the PTA page in the newsletter for more details. Your assistance in these events helps them to run smoothly. Please consider helping out. Thank you.

Pupil Free Day - A reminder that our next Pupil Free Day will be on Friday 14th October. Our focus for the day will be implementation of the Primary Connections Science Program. No students are required to attend on this day. Out of Hours School Care will again offer a program.

Hats On - A reminder that hats are to be worn from the 1st September to the 30th April as part of the Sun Smart policy. 1st September is next Thursday so we will be expecting to see students back in their hats! Thank you.

2017 Prep Transition - “Spring Into Story Time” - We have had two of our Story Time sessions for our 2017 Preps. The children really enjoyed the dinosaur theme with stories and craft activities. Our Year 3 students are helping in these sessions and are already doing a great job not only helping in the sessions but also making links with our 2017 Preps. We have another session on Friday 26th August 9.30 to 10.30am, Tuesday 30th August 2.00 to 3.00pm and Friday 2nd September 9.30 to 10.30am.

Last Day of Term - a reminder that Friday 16th September is the last day of term 3 with a 2.30pm dismissal time. Term 4 commences on Monday 3rd October.

Planning for 2017 - our planning for 2017 really starts to gain momentum in the next few weeks as we begin to look at our grade structures for next year. Please let the Office know if you are leaving Mount Martha Primary School next year so we can work with our best estimates of enrolment at each year level. Thank you.

Welcome - Welcome to our new student Mitchell in Year 6 who commenced with us this week. We wish Mitchell and his family a happy and rewarding time at Mount Martha Primary School.

Kind regards

Martin Page
Principal
Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 Working Bee – August 20 2016

We held our third Working Bee for 2016 last Saturday and it was pleasing to see some new faces (plus some regulars!) attend the Working Bee. All who attended worked really hard and we managed to achieve a great deal around the school. The weather was dry but a fresh breeze kept everybody moving throughout the morning.

The main goal was to prune plants all around the school and place loads of mulch on garden areas in Area C. Sadly some plants that had not made it through the winter were removed from the gardens. You may notice the pathway from the gym is a little sparser now as the Correas that were in the gardens have been removed as they had begun to die. A big thank you to our friends from Mt Martha Rotary Club who volunteered to come down and help out for the morning. Thank you!

Plus, a very big thank you to everybody (parents, teachers and children) from our school community who came along and helped out at our P-2 Working Bee. It really is good fun and a great chance to meet other parents and assist in maintaining our beautiful gardens. We had a lovely morning tea with some cakes and biscuits and a large supply of fresh fruit. Plenty of cups of tea and coffee were consumed too!

Our next “Bee” will be early in Term 4 as we aim to get the Sensory Garden ready for our students. It has been closed while we positioned our new portable - which is almost finished and ready for us to occupy.

Thanks to Shane Mottram for volunteering his car and trailer so we could move mulch from the back of the school to Area C far quicker than using a “convoy” of wheelbarrows.

Facilities Committee

Environment News

We would like to thank Ian McDougall and his company for the gift of vertical planter boxes that we will be using to brighten up walls on some of the portable classrooms around the school. The placement of these will occur at next term’s working bee. His kind donation is very much appreciated.

Jenny Spiridis
Classroom Teacher
Music News.....

Opal by the Bay Visit

Last Saturday, students from our Senior Choir and some talented flute students entertained the residents at Opal by the Bay retirement home. Congratulations to all students involved. It was a pleasure rehearsing with such dedicated singers and musicians and their polished performances were greatly appreciated by the audience on the day.

Leanne Rault

Music Specialist Teacher
SPORTS NEWS

JOG-A-THON

What a huge effort from everybody with our Jog-a-thon. We raised $11,464 which will used to improve and add to play equipment around the school.

At our Assembly, Xavier G was congratulated as our highest money raiser ($371.50) and he won a bag of sporting equipment and an Amart Voucher.

Many other children who raised funds were drawn out of the hat and were lucky enough to win some prizes!

These students raised a large sum of money for the jog-a-thon:

The classes that raised the most money were:

1st – 2D $709
2nd – 1C $578
3rd – 1E $552
4th – 2E $547

Thank you to everyone for your support with this fundraiser.

45th National Karate Championships

Lilly W competed in the 45th National Karate Championships, competing against 15 girls from all over Australia, in her division. She has trained at Peter Hollowood's Dojo Ishinryu Karate in Mornington for the past 4 years. At the start of the year she began training in the Elite Group and was selected for the State Team. Lilly made the grand final of the Championship but faced a very strong opponent who defeated her.

Lilly is now ranked 2nd in Australia for her age group. She is very proud of her achievement. She would not have been there with the help and guidance of her Coach Sensei Peter and Julie. Plus thanks to the Mt Martha Primary School Council and to Julian from the Brown Cow Café too.
What a wonderful explosion of colour and fun in the Gym for our Book and Movie Character Dress Up Day. Expertly run by our own Mr “Willy Wonka” Sweatman, it was terrific to see so many wonderful costumes and to hear the stories that the children had to tell back in their classrooms! A lot of creative and expressive writing has also been produced. Thank you to all families who have spent their time preparing the children’s costumes.
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HI MMPS COMMUNITY,
Our Father’s Day Breakfast is next Wednesday which I am sure all the kids are looking forward to. Jodie and Deanne have been working hard organising, so see you there for a yummy breakfast and a lovely way to start the day and celebrate family.

Cheers, ELLE & THE PTA TEAM

DATES TO REMEMBER
FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
Wednesday 31st August
Orders are now closed

FOOTY DAY LUNCH
Wednesday 14th September

REMINDER SCOUT RAFFLE
All tickets whether sold or not are due back NOW.

Please make sure all order forms and notifications are received by the due dates to avoid disappointment, thank you.

YES I would like to help at the Father’s Day Breakfast

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TIME (please tick)

☐ 6 – 7 am  ☐ 7 – 8 am

☐ 8 – 9 am  ☐ 9 – 10 am

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PUPIL FREE DAY - FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER 2016

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BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER!!!
What's The Issue?

In a digital world where everyone is connecting and sharing, privacy starts to mean something different than simply guarding personal or private information. In this context, you might think about kids' privacy in three categories: privacy and security, privacy and reputation, and privacy and advertising.

Privacy and security: Private information (e.g., Social Security number, first and last name) that could put kids at risk for identity theft if it got into the wrong hands.

Privacy and reputation: Information that could be embarrassing or hurtful to them or others if posted publicly.

Privacy and advertising: Information about their habits and behavior online that companies collect in order to target them with ads and other content.

Why It Matters

The Internet opens up incredible opportunities for connecting and sharing. But if kids aren't careful, their reputations can be harmed, or their information used in ways they never intended. For example, your child may think he or she just sent something to a friend, but that friend can send it to a friend's friend, and so on. Or kids may innocently fill out an online form without understanding what makes them vulnerable to identity theft. Additionally, their online behavior will likely be tracked without them knowing by the industry, which has little incentive to be responsible.

Parents can help kids become aware of their "digital footprint"—all of the information about a person that can be found online—and how they can create a positive one.

Common Sense Says

Make sure kids get your permission before filling out forms.

Let kids know that you are the gatekeeper. They should ask your permission before filling out online forms, and they should always keep their Social Security number, birth date, address, and full name private.

Help kids think long term.

Everything online leaves a digital footprint. Help them think before they post so that they will be proud of their Internet presence down the road.

Remind kids that the Golden Rule applies online.

Remind kids that they will be treated online as they treat others. Whatever negative things they say can and probably will come back to haunt them, in more ways than they can imagine.

Help kids see through advertising.

The next time an ad pops up online, or you see that you are being targeted by ads specific to your interests, point it out to your kids. Let them know that some companies advertise to you based on what kinds of things you look at online.
Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour

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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COMMUNITY NOTICES

2017 Mornington Breakers Try Outs

Melbourne United Victorian Junior Basketball League (MUVJBL)

The Mornington District Basketball Association will be holding closed Try Outs for the Mornington Breakers participating in the Melbourne United Victorian Junior Basketball League in the 2017 Season.

Friday 7th October 2016 – All Under 12 Players
- 5.30pm – 7.15pm – Under 12 girls (current/new)
- 7.30pm – 9.30pm – Under 12 boys (current/new)

Saturday 8th October 2016 – Girls Program
- 10.00am – 12.00pm – Under 14 girls (current/new)
- 12.15pm – 2.15pm – Under 16 girls (current/new)
- 2.30pm – 4.30pm – Under 18 and Under 20 girls (current/new)

Sunday 9th October 2016 – Boys Program
- 9.00am – 11.00am – Under 14 boys (current/new)
- 11.15am – 1.15pm – Under 16 boys (current/new)
- 2.00pm – 4.00pm – Under 18 boys (current/new)
- 4.30pm – 6.30pm – Under 20 boys (current/new)

All eligible players wishing to Try Out must read the full information provided on our website and PRE REGISTER online to be considered for a team by no later than 30th September 2016. For full details and to register visit


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TERM 2 11th April to 24th June 2016
TERM 3 11th July to 16th September 2016
TERM 4 3rd October to 20th December 2016

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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.