Banksia Bulletin

MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 10th August, 2017

Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.

Principal Report

Science Night - Next Thursday 17th August we will be running a Science Night at the school from 7pm to 9pm. All year levels will be running activities or displays of science work and it promises to be a fun and exciting event. Hope to see you there!

Parent Opinion Survey - On line access to the Parent Opinion Survey has been provided to a random sample of our families last week. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the survey. The accuracy of the feedback provided by the survey in such areas as our teaching, curriculum, organisation and management is assisted by as large a return rate as possible**.** All surveys are anonymous. Please complete surveys by the 27th August. Thank you for your feedback and your time in completing the survey.

NAPLAN - We are expecting that NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 will be sent to schools next week and then distributed to parents. The tests which were undertaken in May provide additional information to compliment assessments in Literacy and Numeracy undertaken by the classroom teachers during the year. The results are also useful at a whole school level as we reflect on the impact of our programs and practices.

Protective Behaviours - As part of the KidsMatter framework implementation, the Child Safe Policy and school wellbeing approaches our students will be completing units in Protective Behaviours this semester. Protective Behaviours is a personal safety program resourced by DET as part of the Victorian Curriculum, aiming to promote resilience in children, young people, and adults, using empowerment strategies, clear communication, and awareness of "safe" behaviours. Ultimately the aim is to reduce violence in our community and prevent child abuse. This includes working with children to know and name the main external parts of the body and the agreed names for the external sexual parts. Being able to name their body parts can assist those children who need to report abuse.

Jogathon - A reminder that forms and money are due to be returned to the school by Friday August 18th. Thank you all with your assistance with this event.

2018 Prep Transition - "Story Time Sessions"- A reminder that bookings close tomorrow, Friday 11th August at 2pm for our Story Time sessions**.** Bookings are made by using our PTO online booking system at www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au. There are 3 sessions running on Friday 18th August 9.30 to 10.30am, Tuesday 22nd August 2.00 to 3.00pm and Friday 25th August 9.30 to 10.30am. This is the start of our transition program for 2018 Preps which aims to build familiarity with the school and make starting school a little easier.

Senior Sport - Congratulations to our Senior Girls' and Boys T - Ball teams and Boys Soccer who have won through to the Regional Playoffs next week! Congratulations and Good Luck!

New Playground and Bike Shed - There was certainly a buzz in the air when the new playground opened last Thursday! I think all the students gave it a try over the Thursday and Friday and it provides a different level of challenge to complement our existing equipment. To avoid congestion, Year level access to the playground is on the alternate time to when students have rostered access to the oval. Use of the bike shed continues to build with students appreciating the covered and secure space. We have retained some external bike racks which can be used for busy times particularly during our Bide Ed program. Great to see these improvements to our school being so well used!

Kind regards

Martin Page
Principal

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Monday 14th
- Year 2 Richard Galbraith Cartooning incursion

Tuesday 15th
- Regional Soccer and Teeball (Girls)
- UNSW Maths Test

Wednesday 16th
- Year 6 visit to Dromana Secondary College Bus departs 8.45am and returns 12.00pm
- Regional Teeball (Boys)
- Year 5 visit to Mornington Secondary College Bus departs 9.30am and returns 1.30pm

Thursday 17th
- Year 4 visit to Mornington Secondary College. Bus departs 9.15am and returns 2.45pm.

- MMPS SCIENCE EVENING 7.00 - 9.00pm across the entire school

Friday 18th
- 2018 Prep Story time Session 1 9.30am - 10.30am Bookings are essential

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT Thursday August 10th 6.45pm in the Staff Centre

2017 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7th August** to **Sunday 27th August**.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September.

For further information, please speak to you child's teacher or visit: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September 2017, when families shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Ticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box which is located in the school office foyer. Anyone from the community – staff, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends - who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers for our school. In the past we have received valuable resources that have assist in supporting our Literacy, Numeracy, Science and Lunchtime programs. Student will all receive a sticker sheet. More will be available at the school office or can be downloaded at https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/page/wk51-earnandlearn-get-involved

There are thousands of education resources available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program so start collecting now!

Karen Walker

Assistant Principal

JOG-A-THON

Reminder that all money needs to be returned to the office by **Friday 18th August** please make sure you collect it all from family and friends.

Everyone that receives 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 include basketballs, soccer balls, vortex howlers, cricket sets, AFL footballs, netballs plus a lot more. These will be drawn at our Assembly which will be on Tuesday 29th August.

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

NOTICEBOARD

Hi Families,

Trivia Night this week! Looking forward to a great night with some awesome Silent Auction items donated by great local businesses and families. You should have received your tickets so remember to bring them along for the chance to win prizes.

Cheers,

Elle & SEC Team

TERM III CALENDAR		Father's Day Breakfast	Thurs 31st Aug
Trivia Night & Silent Auction	Sat 12th	Footy Day Lunch	Thurs 21st Sept

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PTA BLOG Mmpsptablog.wordpress.com or via the school website

Recognising children's mental health difficulties

Suggestions for parents and carers

KidsMatter Children's mental health difficulties and how to get help – parents and carers

Some children have emotional and behavioural problems that are mild, short-lived and can be resolved with minimum help and support. Others may have difficulties that seem more serious, and interfere with everyday life. Their emotions or behaviour seem to be different to other children of their age. When problems occur for more than a few weeks and interfere with school, home, friendship or daily life, it is probably time to seek assistance.

The following signs may indicate your child has a difficulty that needs professional attention:

- frequent, unexplained temper tantrums
- unusual fears
- difficulty in going to sleep or staying asleep
- sadness and feelings of hopelessness that don't go away
- avoiding friends or family and wanting to be alone most of the time
- refusing to go to school on a regular basis
- inability to get along with other young people
- hyperactive behaviour or constant movement beyond regular playing
- noticeable decline in school performance
- frequent aggressive reaction
- severe difficulties with concentration, attention, or organisation
- significant changes in behaviour over a short period of time.

Things to take into account when deciding on the need for treatment include:

1. How severe the symptoms are
   - How much distress they cause
   - How often they occur
2. How much impact the symptoms have on the child
   - At home
   - At school
   - Elsewhere
3. How the child's behaviour compares with that of other children the same age
4. Any particular experiences within the child's family, school, community or culture that may be influencing the behaviours of concern
5. How the difficulties are affecting the child
   - Behaviour
   - Emotions
   - Thoughts
   - Learning
   - Social relationships.

Your doctor or school psychologist/counsellor can provide further advice.

This resource is part of the KidsMatter Primary initiative. We welcome your feedback at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

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SCIENCE EVENING

WHEN: **Thursday 17th August**

TIME: **7:00pm – 9:00pm**

To celebrate National Science Week Mt Martha PS is hosting a night of scientific experimental fun for the whole family. Come on down and participate in experiments across all levels of the school. **Get your passport stamped at each year level and go into the draw to win some fabulous prizes!**

Activities will be taking place in the following classrooms.

Prep's – Rooms 26, 27, 28, 29

Year 1's – Rooms 20, 21

Year 2's – Rooms 34, 35

Year3's – Rooms 2, 4

Year 4's – Room 16

Year 5's – 5, 6, 7, 8

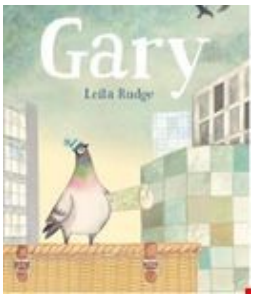
Year 6 – Open Learning area

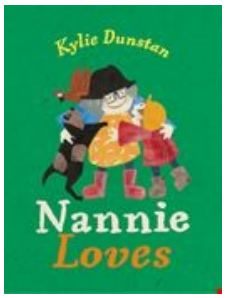
12–20 August 2017

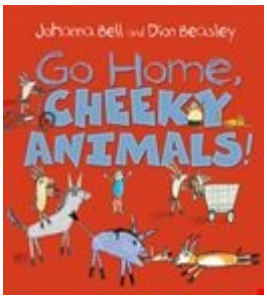
national science week

Keeping you in the Literacy Loop

The Children's Book Council of Australia have announced their shortlisted books for the 2017 Book of the Year Awards. Here are some of the titles should you wish to try them out! Our Library already has many of these books and others have been purchased and are being read to classes this term.







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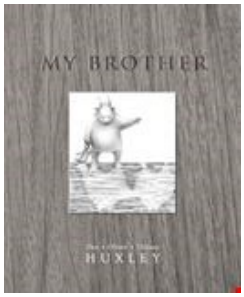

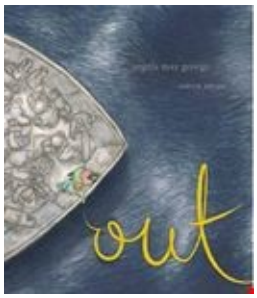

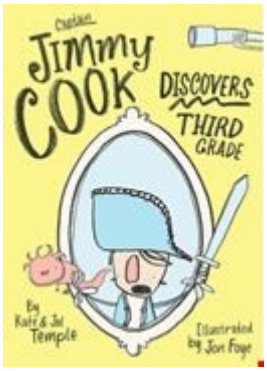

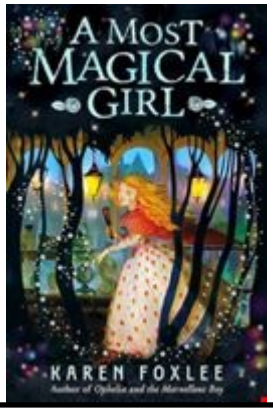

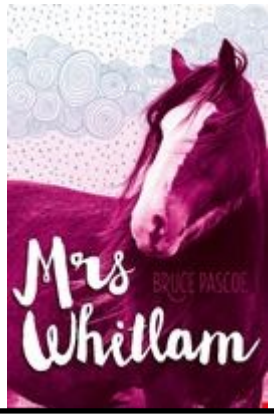

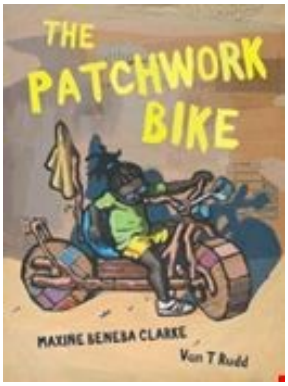

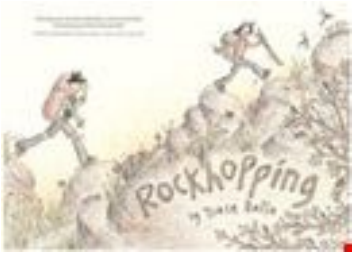

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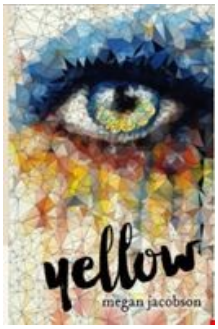

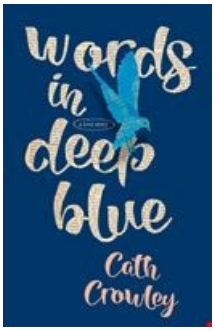

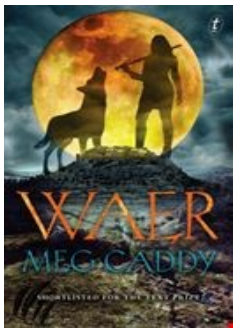

Thank you to those parents who have completed the Parent Reading Survey. The data we obtain from this will assist us at MMPS to work more effectively, involving parents and the community in promoting reading and building lifelong readers.

Book & Movie Character Dress-Up Day

Wednesday 6th September

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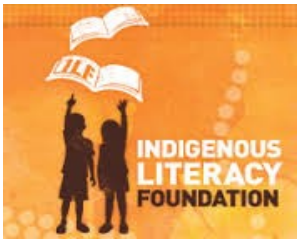

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Mt Martha Primary School strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please alert the office to any hazards.

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**

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