**COMING EVENTS**

**JULY / AUGUST**
- Thur 17th July - 18th Sept
  - Yr 4 Footsteps Dance Company Incursion
- Thurs 31st July - 28th Aug
  - Yr 1 Swimming at Kings Swim Centre

**AUGUST**
- Thurs 21st - 11th Sept
  - Yr 6 Bright Sparks Program
- Tuesday 26th
  - 2015 Prep Story Time 2 - 3pm
- Wednesday 27th
  - Year 5 Visit to Mornington Secondary College
- Thursday 28th
  - 2015 Prep Story Time 9.30 - 10.30am

**SEPTEMBER**
- Monday 1st
  - Sun Smart - Hats on
  - Year 6 Walk to Mt Martha Park
- Tuesday 2nd
  - Whole School Assembly 9.10am
  - 2015 Prep Story Time 2 - 3pm
- Thursday 4th
  - 2015 Prep Story Time 9.30 - 10.30am
- Friday 5th
  - PTA Fathers Day Breakfast
- Saturday 6th
  - Working Bee at MMPS 9am - 12pm
- Mon 8th - Wed 10th
  - Yr 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill Ballarat

**Book Week Dress Up Day** - at Mount Martha Primary yesterday was fantastic! The parade held on Wednesday saw our students and staff go to extraordinary efforts with their costumes. We had an array of book and film characters represented that stretched from classic fairy-tale characters to many favourite modern movie characters. Well done to our English committee, led by Julie Moncrieff, for bringing the event together to help celebrate Literacy/Numeracy Week.

**HATS** - Monday September 1st is the official day set by the Anti-Cancer Council for wearing our sun smart hats whenever we are outside. It seems like we had only just announced hats off. To be ready, it is time to start hunting out the plain navy sun smart hats. Parents are asked to check the condition of their children’s hats and discard those that are faded, torn or frayed. Bucket and slouch hats are available from the uniform shop.

**Term Four Excursion Packs** – Students this week should bring home the permission forms and information around all the incursions and excursions that are planned for Term 4. We are hoping that this advance notice will assist families planning in what for many is an expensive time of the year.

**2015 Student Supplies** – The School Council meeting last week approved the student supplies, essential items and voluntary contributions for 2015. The feedback received was positive around the book pick up day being in December. This year the book pick up day will be Wednesday December 3. This will coincide with the last of the 2015 Prep Transition sessions. Copies of the student supply notice will be sent home early Term 4.

Karen Walker
Principal

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**Before and After School Student Supervision**

Teachers supervise students in the school grounds between 8.45 – 9.00am and 3.30 – 3.45pm.

Students waiting after school to be collected should wait in the school ground or on the seats along the school fence between Gates 2 and 3 on Glenisla Drive. If the children are not collected by 3.45pm the teacher supervising the crossing will request the children to wait in the administration foyer until they are collected.

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**PSW Uniform Shop at MMPS**

Please be advised the PSW Uniform shop at MMPS will be closed on Thursday August 28. It will resume as normal on Tuesday September 2 at 3pm.
Keeping you in the Literacy Loop

Great Book Swap

We have had a terrific response this week to our Book Swap. Keep those books coming in, with a gold coin donation. We need some more books for parents, so if you have one or two on your bedside table and would like to swap them for new ones, please drop them off at the special table in the office foyer. Next week the children will share their books and have the opportunity to bring home a new one! How exciting!

Book or Movie Character Dress Up Day

Here are a few of my favourite costumes from our dress up day. Thank you to everyone for making such a great effort to get involved!
There are now 4 LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES in Mt Martha!

- 35 Watson Rd (outside Mt Martha Pre-School)
- Scenic View Drive (cnr 2 Banksia Grove)
  - 42 Dominion Rd
  - 28 Morlyn Drive

Visit one soon or visit: littlefreelibrary.org to start one of your own.
Happy reading!

CBCA Books of the Year have been announced. The children have had many of these books read to them over the past few weeks. For the full shortlist, notables and honour books visit the CBCA website: http://cbca.org.au/awards.htm

And the winners are:

- Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan
- A Very Unusual Pursuit by Catherine Jinks
- The Swap by Jan Ormerod
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Want to know more about Literacy and Numeracy Week or The Indigenous Literacy Foundation? Check out the following links for loads of information and ways that parents can get involved.


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Reading and ICT.

The students in Year 4 have been working really hard with Mrs Forward recording a picture story book for their Prep Buddies.

They have been recording their voice on a laptop and then they are making a QR reading code which is being attached to the back of the book. The Preps will use IPads to read these codes to hear their favourite stories.

Below are some of the children’s codes which you can listen to if you have a QR reader on your smart phone or IPad device.

![QR Codes](image1.jpg) ![QR Codes](image2.jpg) ![QR Codes](image3.jpg)

Jungle Drums written by Graeme Base. Read by Ethan H

David Gets In Trouble. Read by Liana.

Frazzles Fantastic Day. Read by Vivienne F

TravelSmart

As the sun begins to shine a bit more each day it is great time for kids to walk to and from school. Mt Martha is a beautiful place to live and many people have moved here because of this. It is the perfect place to enjoy the natural environment we are so lucky to be surrounded by. Mt Martha House is a ten minute walk to school, a healthy way for your child to start the day and a positive way to help reduce the traffic from the front of the school.

For those new to the school, the Kiss and Go areas outside the school are no parking areas between 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm. Do not park there if you intend to leave your car and go into the school to collect your child. This information should be passed onto whoever is picking up children from the school.

**No parking signs**
You are allowed two minutes (or the time specified on the sign) in a ‘No Parking’ area only if you remain within three metres of the vehicle and you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. Otherwise, if you stop, you are considered to have parked, even if you stay in the vehicle.

**No Stopping sign**
These signs tell you that you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.

Thanks for helping keep the children safe.

TravelSmart Committee
SPORTS NEWS

WINTER/COLD DAYS

As we are now having a few colder days, students need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for PE lessons. The School Gym is not heated and can be cold during the day. Wearing a jumper/jacket is advisable as they can always be removed as students warm up. Appropriate footwear is an essential part of the PE program. Wet footpaths and rain on concrete surfaces makes the need for footwear with good grip an important component of our Health and Safety for children.

JOG-A-THON

On Wednesday 6th August, the whole school participated in the Jog-a-thon. This is a major fundraiser with all the money raised going towards improving the play equipment.

Everyone who receives money from our Jog-a-thon will go into a large raffle to win some amazing brand new sport equipment. Things that can be won are basketballs, soccer balls, vortex howlers, cricket sets, AFL footballs, netballs plus a lot more. These will be drawn at our final Assembly on Friday 19th September.

All money needs to be returned to the office by September 5. Please make sure you collect it all from family and friends.

Thank you to all the staff, sports leaders and parents for assisting at our checkpoints.

Cameron Sweatman, Physical Education Teacher.
**WORKING BEE!**

Mt Martha Primary School is having a Working Bee in Term 3 and we need YOU please!

**Date:** 6 September 2014  
**Time:** 9am – 12pm.  
**Location:** Mt Martha Primary School Grounds

**Jobs to be completed:**

**Outside jobs**
Sensory Garden (adjacent to netball courts) – we need to get some new sand into the circular rock sand pit and we would also like to spread some new “Lilydale” toppings across the whole area (Sensory Garden). The gardens need a good prune too!

**Inside Jobs**
Prep and Year One gallery areas, repairing and /or replacing worn book box sets, re-housing of some books, general tidy up.

Bring your wheelbarrow, rakes and shovels to assist with the above outdoor tasks if possible.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Morning tea and drinks provided.

Please complete this attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day. If you can only make it for an hour it would be appreciated. If you can bring along useful other tools like a pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would also be very beneficial.

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Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday September 6 at the school Working Bee.

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

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Please return to the office as soon as possible.

Hope to see you there!    Jenny Spiridis, Julie Moncrieff and Hugh O’Brien
Owner’s Risk Reminder

All personal property brought to school by students, staff and visitors is at the owner’s risk.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and there is no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

This notice reminds all parents/guardians, staff and students that Mount Martha Primary School discourages everyone from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. This includes but is not limited to mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars on school premises.
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