Principal Report

Next week will be the last full week of term and it is certainly a busy time of the year. Students have many activities planned next week. Please check the “Coming Events” and notes that are coming home with your child/ren.

Last week For Lunch Orders - Don’t forget that our lunch order system ceases this week. Tomorrow is the last day that you can order a lunch for this year. Bakery Made, the company that supply lunch orders for our students, will not be providing their usual service next week (Dec 12th – 16th). Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Instrumental Concerts – Congratulations to our students who performed at the instrumental music concerts last night. The audience was treated to some really wonderful and entertaining performances that showcased our students’ talents and learning. We finish our instrumental concerts tonight with what is sure to be another quality event. Well done everyone!

Graduation - On Tuesday many of our Year 6 students attended their secondary colleges for next year as part of the state wide Orientation Day for 2017 Year 7 students. Our Year 6 students were excited to be part of the secondary college program and meet new fellow students and teachers. Next Thursday is the Year 6 Graduation evening providing the students with a chance to reflect on and celebrate their years in primary school.

Student Reports - Semester 2 reports will be going home for students on Monday 12th December. The reports provide both students and parents with information on their achievements, areas for improvement and how parents can assist with their learning at home. Congratulations students for your achievements this year!

Urgent - Library Books and Take Home Readers- All library books and take home reading material should be returned to the classroom as soon as possible. We have a terrific collection of books that need to be maintained for use by our current and future students. Thank you for your help.

Lost Property - A reminder to please check our Lost Property section near the Art Room before the end of the year. Thank you

Final Assembly for 2016 - Our final assembly will be held on Monday 19th December at 9.10am in the gymnasium. We hope to see many of our school community attend the farewell assembly for the 2016 school year.

Last Day of Term - A reminder that school finishes on Tuesday 20th December at 1.30pm. Our middle “block” after recess will run from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Students will have their main snack at 11-11.30am. Parents should consider if their child requires a slightly larger snack to get them through the additional class time.

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 that week and start in classes on Monday 6th February (part time 9-2.15pm each day).

We are looking forward to a great week ahead to conclude a wonderful year at Mount Martha Primary School.

Kind regards
Martin Page
Principal
Library News

Thank you to all our student readers who have enjoyed borrowing and reading books from our school Library throughout the year. I am sure you have seen new additions to our Library that were part of your personal Wish List.

It is now time to return all borrowed books to the Library for our annual check for repairs.

Many thanks to our Parents and Teachers Association for running the highly successful Book Fair in 2016. A hearty thanks to Georgina for her co-ordinating role.

Thank you to our volunteers who support our school in processing books in readiness for student use. A specific “Thank you!” to Mary, Kerry and Maria.

A big “Thank you!” to Zac in Year 6 for his role in promoting books this year and writing an article for our Banksia Bulletin.

Enjoy reading over the Summer vacation. Remember to check the Holiday Program at our local Mornington Library.

Steph Otte  Library Resources Co-ordinator.

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WHAT’S IN IT FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES?

● BERG MM works with Mt Martha’s schools and kinders so our kids – the next generation – discover the magic of the natural world. Vital stuff!
● Fantastic events for kids and families – Family Estuary Day, bushland explorer walks, planting days with kids, finding waterbugs…
● A great newsletter, website, Facebook page…

NO TIME, YOU SAY?

That’s fine. Membership doesn’t have to mean ‘doing stuff.’ It simply shows your support, and that makes BERG MM stronger and more effective. (And if, one day, you find you’ve time to help us as well, that’s an added bonus!)
Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the KidsMatter Parent Survey this term. Your responses and comments provided valuable information for the KidsMatter team to plan for next year.

Parents indicated a strong interest in continuing to strengthen home-school collaborative partnerships and to instigate or improve more regular communication between parents and teachers. Our KidsMatter focus for Term 4 has been to examine how to build stronger relationships with families and to identify the methods of communication that best suit our parents. Your comments have been very helpful in providing direction for 2017.

The results of the survey also strongly indicated that parents and carers would like more information about children’s wellbeing and mental health, building resilience, cyber safety and dealing with bullying. Our school has provided parent information sessions on “Resilience” and the “You Can Do It program” during the past two years. Throughout each year, students work on the You Can Do It foundations which include building resilience, getting along with others, respecting cultural differences and dealing with bullying. Introducing the Protective Behaviours program this year has provided students with more support in knowing how to keep themselves safe. Cyber bullying is also constantly addressed in ICT and classroom activities. Teachers are always happy to talk to parents about these important programs in our school.

Next year our KidsMatter Component training focuses on helping students with mental health difficulties. We plan to provide parent information sessions about child mental health and wellbeing to respond to the needs identified in the Parent Survey.

Please don’t hesitate to contact your class teacher, either this year or in 2017, if you require further information or support.

Thank you for your great support of the KidsMatter initiative. We wish all of our families a safe and happy Christmas.

Kindest regards,

Karen Hodgkins and the KidsMatter team.
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2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR ORDER FORM

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CHILD'S NAME ___________________________ CLASS ___________________________

CALENDARS $20 EACH

QUANTITY __________________ TOTAL $ ________

CASH / EFTPOS / CREDIT CARD AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE

Please return this order form to the school by Friday 9th December 2016
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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**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: _______________________________

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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. |
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