Principal Report

As we nearly complete our second full week of term 1 it is great to see our students, parent helpers and staff participating in some terrific out of classroom activities. Students in Years 3 to 6 have had a terrific time participating in the beach program and, while many of our students are regular beach goers, there are always some skills to learn or practice. Thanks to the Mount Martha Life Savers for the additional assistance.

Year 5 Beach Program

First Assembly - Our first whole school assembly is scheduled for Thursday 25th February and starts at 9.10am. Assemblies always provide an opportunity to bring our school community together and share some of our activities and successes. Hope to see you there.

School Council Election - as indicated in the last newsletter we will be starting the process for election of School Councillors. Four parent member and two Department of Education and Training employee positions are up for election. The timeline is outlined in the table with nominations opening on Monday 15th February and closing at 4pm on Monday 22nd February. Nomination forms are available from the Office.

School Council Election Process and Timetable Mount Martha Primary School

| Notice of election and call for nominations | Monday 15th February 2016 |
| Closing date for nominations | Monday 22nd February 2016 at 4pm |
| Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted | Wednesday 24th February 2016 |
| Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed | On Monday 29th February 2016 |
| Close of ballot | Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 4pm |
| Vote count | Wednesday 9th March 2016 |
| Declaration of poll | Wednesday 9th March 2016 |
| Special council meeting to co opt Community members (the principal will preside) | Thursday 10th March 2016 |
| First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) | Thursday 10th March 2016 |
Welcome - back to Sassy in Year 3 who has commenced with us. We wish Sassy and her family a happy and rewarding time at Mount Martha Primary School.

Meet The Teacher - It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to share information with the teachers at the Meet The Teacher evening yesterday and we have many bookings for this afternoon and tonight. Establishing new relationships with class teachers and open lines of communication is important in the learning partnership we enjoy with students, parents, teachers and other school staff.

Punctuality - Please ensure your child is at school by 9am to ensure they can fully participate in the school program. An increase in classes has required a restructure our specialist timetable. The specialist program now starts at 9am with students leaving their classes for their specialist class promptly after the bell goes. This is easier for everyone if all students are on time. Thank you for your assistance.

Parking - While students are settling back in to school at the start of the year many parents opt to drive students to and from school. Adherence to parking rules assist traffic flow around the school making drop off and pick up easier. The Mornington Peninsula Shire rangers do patrol streets around schools and issue infringement notices to address illegal parking during pick up and drop off times.

The main areas of concern as noted by the council in the past are:

Parking overtime in the 'drop off bays', these bays have been designed to allow parents to quickly drop off or collect their child and then move on, thereby allowing as many parents as possible a chance to use these desirable parking spots.

Parking on nature strips, is prohibited as parking in this manner can impact on the 'line of sight' of vehicles or pedestrians, which is especially important in the vicinity of schools.

'No stopping anytime' areas are areas where it is not appropriate to leave a vehicle stopped, even for a short time. These areas are not considered a safe nor appropriate place to stop, or for a child to enter or exit a vehicle.

Double parking, can lead to traffic disruption and places the child who may be entering or exiting a double parked vehicle in a very dangerous position. Double parking even for a short time is not appropriate.

Stopped in a disabled parking bay, these bays are for use of people who hold a disabled parking permit only and should not be used as ‘a drop off or pick up bay’.

Stopping in a bus zone, bus zones are designated for buses only, using these bays even for a short time, can cause disruption to a bus, which in turn causes traffic congestion.

Stopping on a road with a yellow edge line, these lines are placed where it is not appropriate to leave a vehicle stopped, even for a short time. These areas are not considered a safe nor appropriate place to stop, or for a child to enter or exit a vehicle.

Student Health - We do our best to look after the health needs of our students. To assist us with this a reminder to update the school if any contact details have changed e.g. telephone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. Also please contact Lorraine at the school to supply updated asthma, anaphylaxis or other medical condition plans as required. A reminder that students should not be sent to school if they are unwell. They may be not in a state to participate in the program and there is a possibility that their illness may be spread to others. Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards

Martin Page

First Aid News

Medical Plans and Medication

As we would like to ensure that we can provide accurate medical care for our students we would like to remind you that Management and Action Plans for your child’s Medical Conditions need to be updated annually. This is particularly relevant for Anaphylaxis, Allergies and Asthma. Please note that the plan needs to be signed by the doctor before returning to the First Aid Room. Please also supply current medication in original box to be kept at school in case it is required.

Thank you for your assistance

Lorraine Stuart
First Aid Officer
Student Conveyance Allowance Application Private Car Travel

Students attending a Primary or Secondary School
An application on behalf of a student may be submitted if the student is:

- a Victorian resident
- school aged and enrolled (3) three or more days per week at a school; and
- attending a school/campus located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary

A student who meets the above requirements may be eligible if they:

- attend their nearest or designated neighbourhood government school/campus appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, or
- attend their nearest appropriate non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from the campus attended.

If approved the allowance payable is based on the one way distance to make the journey to and from school.

No allowance is payable if the journey to and from school could be made using a public transport service or contract school bus.

Before completing the form please read the information about the Conveyance Allowance Program at http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyance.aspx

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AND NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TUESDAY 1ST MARCH, 2016

SCHOOL PHOTOS - THURSDAY 3 March 2016

CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Class and individual photographs of all students will be taken at school on Thursday 3 March.

ENVELOPES WITH CORRECT MONEY ARE TO BE RETURNED ON PHOTO DAY ONLY

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN BEFORE THAT DAY

All children will receive an order form pack on Friday 26 February.
Packs range in price from $25-$45. There are 8 options you can choose from depending on how many photos you require.

** Sorry - No change available at the school office **

Each student will be given their own order form pack specific to their class.

Each student must hand his / her own envelope to the photographer on the photo day.

If the envelope is not presented the photo pack will not be included in the main delivery to the school.

FAMILY PHOTOS

Parents who want their children to have a Family Photo, need to collect a Family Photo envelope from the office from Monday 29th February. The photographer will collect Family Photo envelopes on photo day and the children will be called to pose for those photos during either the morning or lunch recess.

Correct uniform with attention to detail please.
A huge welcome to all the new families to Mt Martha Primary School. 2016 looks like being an exciting year with the PTA creating many memorable events for you and your family. It is a great opportunity to become involved with the school and a great way to meet new people as well as have some fun! Please fill in the slip below and hand it to the office if you would like to be part of our amazing team.

Yes, I would like to be part of the PTA for 2016 / I would like to help with the Carnival

Name:______________________________________________________________
Child’s Name:_________________________________ Class_______________
Contact Number:____________________________________________________
Email Address:______________________________________________________

MT MARTHA 2016 CARNIVAL

Yes that’s right……the Mt Martha Carnival has been moved to November.

In first term everyone is finding their feet, new Prep families are still becoming familiar with the school and a lot is going on. Also, this year we have so many great new amazing ideas for this Carnival and we realised we need more time and helpers to organise it. It has been mentioned previously in the PTA meetings to have it moved to later in the year and so we have decided to do it.

On behalf of the PTA we hope you are as excited as we are and we cannot wait for this spectacular event. It is going to be such a huge success!!!

We are starting the organising process now so if you can help in some way please fill in the slip below and hand it into the office. Thank you to all those wonderful families who have already offered their help. We will be in touch.

PTA AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Wednesday 2nd March 7.00pm

My time as PTA President is coming to an end and at our next meeting we will need new parents to fill some roles. Throughout the year many people have asked me ‘how it’s all going’ and I reply by telling them how rewarding this role is. I have never done anything like this before and so I was very nervous and unsure. But the satisfaction and happiness I felt seeing the children’s faces when we organised the events for them was truly amazing. I am working a few more days now so I cannot continue as President, however I will still be part of the team. Whoever takes over will have my full support and I look forward to 2016. Below are the roles that are available. If you have any questions or want to chat about anything, please don’t hesitate to contact me and I will give you my time. Thanks heaps. Trish Pell – PTA President pelly44@gmail.com

ROLES: President – Vice President – Secretary – Treasurer

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Name:________________________________________________________________________
Child’s Name:_________________________________ Class______________________
Contact Number:_________________________________________________________________
Email Address:_________________________________________________________________

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Family Day at Balcombe Estuary

FREE Family Fun

Sunday 28 February 2016  10.00am—2.00pm
The Rotunda, Mirang Ave Mt Martha

Terry Denton (limited numbers)
Face painting (10.00am—12.00pm)
Moonlit Sanctuary
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What’s happening on Family Day?

**ALL DAY** (10.00am—2.00pm)
- Craft activities with Bunnings
- Burrow in the bush with Gidja (from 10.45am)
- Ravishing reptiles with Moonlit Sanctuary
- Lego Smart City with Melbourne Water
- Model landscaping with Tony
- Spot a Bird with Birdlife Australia
- Swap a card/hear a yarn with The Connies
- Waterwatch & water bugs with Berg Mt Martha
- Marvel at the Murals in the Rotunda
- Sausage sizzle / drinks*
- Coffee with Coffee Maestro*
  *charges apply

**MORNING** (from 10.00 am)
- Make a mini book with Anni
- Create a critter with Dromana potters
- Face painting with Di and Helen

**AFTERNOON** (from 12.00pm)
- Draw with Terry Denton

**NB. Limited places. Bookings essential for Terry’s sessions.**
- Bookings can be made from 11.00am at the Membership tent.
- Each adult may book for up to 2 children.
- Children must be aged 7+

- Paint your world with Judi
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SCHOOL TERMS 2016
TERM 1  29th January to 24th March 2016
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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