Welcome back to all our students, staff and community and all the best for a great Term 3. We have an exciting term ahead with a vast array of special events in store. We have the Jogathon coming up soon, Literacy and Numeracy week, swimming for Prep and Year 1, Footsteps Dance program Year 4, Year 5 camp to Sovereign Hill to name just a few. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be in the role of Principal for this term whilst the process of appointing a new Principal for Mount Martha Primary School takes place. I am really looking forward to working in this role with the students, teachers, parents and school community.

The Term has got off to an excellent start with our students returning bubbling with enthusiasm and eager to take on the challenges of a new school term. Our students are keen to work towards the learning goals that were discussed during Student Led Conferences in the last week of Term 2. We welcome seven new students to Mount Martha Primary Indigo Prep, Chloe Year 1, Jack in Year 2, Lachlan and Joseph in Year 4 and Kayleigh in Year 6. We wish our new students every success as they settle into their new school environment and trust they will feel “at home” very quickly.

We also have some staff changes for this term. We welcome back Jill Bull from her long service leave. Jeny Wallace who was in Mrs Bull’s position as Year 6 teacher, is now teaching 5D for 1.5 days a week while Bill Nickeas teaches Japanese to our Prep, Year 5 and Year 6 students. Nicole Van den Acker is working in 1A whilst Karen Allison is on long service leave for all of Term 3. Hazel Roberston is teaching the Visual Arts program whilst Julie Christie is on long service leave for the next three weeks. We welcome these staff members warmly to Mount Martha. We are very fortunate to have such terrific teachers to work with us during our staff members' periods of leave.

Thank you to our students and teachers for their contributions to a fabulous final assembly for the end of Term 2. Congratulations also to all our Term 2 award winners – well done! I am sure that Mrs Beckworth really enjoyed the lovely song “Hey Jude” that was sung in her honour and the beautiful book that was presented to Mrs Beckworth with contributions from all classes in the school. I know that Mrs Beckworth was thrilled and felt that she would always treasure the book. The bird bath and plants that were given to Mrs Beckworth have been added to her native garden and she has expressed that when she looks out into the garden it will provide her with fond memories of her time as Principal at MMPS.

Karen Walker
Acting Principal

The CATS study: The Childhood to Adolescence Transition Study

The CATS study is returning to Mount Martha Primary School!

If your child is in grade 5 and participated in the CATS study last year, we will be back with our iPads and measuring stations this year to conduct the next annual session.

If you have any questions about the study please contact the study team on (03) 9345 6732 or email cats@mcri.edu.au.

Thank you for participating in CATS!

George Patton (Project Director), Lisa Mundy (Project Manager) and the CATS team.
Parents’ and Teachers’ Association Noticeboard

Welcome back to Term 3 - I hope that you had a lovely break despite a rather wet few weeks.

Term 3 Events -

公然 Chocolate Day – Thursday 31 July - Hopefully you have received the notice for the Hot Chocolate Day. This was greatly enjoyed by the kids last year, so please get your forms in by Friday 25 July and support our ‘Enjoy Winter’ event.

Dads/Mums – the flyer has gone out this week for the Inaugural Annual Parents Movie Night. It should be a great night with the cult classic Monty Python’s ‘LIFE OF BRIAN’. Get your slips returned by Friday 1 August to secure yourself a spot.

Jane Mogensen, PTA President.
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