Principal Report

Hot Chocolate Day - The school welcomed the first day of Winter yesterday with a Hot Chocolate Day. As you can imagine preparing over 700 hot chocolates requires a very good system and lots of dedicated helpers. Luckily we had both! Thank you Trish and the PTA for coordinating the event and all our terrific helpers for a great team effort on the day! The PTA have some more terrific events coming up including a student disco this term and a parent’s Trivia Night early in Term 3. Have a look at the PTA page in the newsletter in the next few weeks for more details.

End of Semester Reporting - Term 2 finishes on Friday 24th June and with three weeks to go teachers have been busy preparing the students’ first semester reports. Reports will go home on Monday 20th June with Tuesday 21st June a Pupil Free Day when we have our Student Led Conferences. Bookings open on Tuesday 14th June with passwords sent home with the eldest in each family on Tuesday 7th June. Bookings are made via the Student Led Conferences link on the MMPS website. Reports and the conferences together provide a great way to see our student’s achievements this semester.

Working Bee – Thank you to our families who attended the Working Bee last Saturday morning. Our main job was to plant some additional plants, mulch garden beds and some general tidying up. We plan for one Working Bee per term and it is one way can keep our school looking attractive for our students. Thanks again!

2017 Prep Enrolments - A reminder that 2017 Prep Enrolment forms and information are available from the Office and due back as soon as possible. This includes forms for siblings of students already attending the school. Forms should be accompanied with a birth certificate, immunisation certificate and proof of address. Transition activities will start next term and during Term 4 for those students we have on our list for Prep 2017.

Lost Property – A quick reminder to check our lost property "collection" located near the Art Room before the end of term. There is a good chance it will be there waiting to be reunited with its owner.

Welcome - to our new student Thomas in Prep who commenced with us this week. We wish Thomas and his family a happy and rewarding time at Mount Martha Primary School.

Kind regards,

Martin Page
Working Bee – Saturday May 28th

We held our first Working Bee for 2016 last Saturday and we had 6 parents (plus 5 children) and 5 teachers attend the Working Bee. All who attended worked really hard until the rain came down at about 11am which brought the Working Bee to a premature halt! We managed to get a few tasks completed, but with so few numbers and the weather, the list will have to wait for the next Working Bee in Term 3.

We did manage to move some mulch from the back of the school to the gardens at the front of the school. These gardens received a lot of new plants on Gold for Green Day so it was good to provide some mulch for those plants. Some stakes were knocked in around the far side of the oval to protect new gum trees that were also planted on Gold for Green Day. Aside from that we did a little bit of weeding, removed some dead plants and branches and ate some beautiful fresh scones (with cream and jam) prepared by Mrs Bull. Thank you also to Mrs Spiridis, Mr Page and Mr Hartwig for coming along and helping out. Much appreciated.

Our next “Bee” will be in Term 3 and it would be great if a more parents could make it too that event and help look after our beautiful and quite unique school grounds. It really is good fun, the children love to contribute and is a great chance to meet other parents and assist in maintaining our beautiful gardens. Hope to see you there.

A big thanks to the following parents (and students) who came along and helped out last Saturday:

- Barnaby Lawrenson
- Trudy Mason (and Lukas and Elizabeth)
- Andrew Frood and Michelle Austin (and Emma and Amy)
- Dean Whitehead (and Cooper)
- Adrian Burrage (and Adele)

Hugh O'Brien
Convenor of Facilities Sub-Committee

Aboriginal Culture

Aboriginal culture is an important part of life and if we forget about Aboriginal culture it will be lost forever. Aboriginal weapons are spears, spear throwers, boomerangs, clubs and shields. The food they ate included berries, seeds, fish, sap and pollen. The way they caught the fish was, they crushed black wattle tree leaves up and all the juice slid into the water and sucked out all the oxygen, then the fish would go to sleep, rise to the surface so the Aboriginals could catch them. They would only take the male ones not the female or babies. Bracken is a type of plant that is so important because if you get stung by a bee or bull ant, all you have to do is crush it up then rub the juice onto your cut and it will heal in 2 seconds. The instruments are the didgeridoo. Aboriginals used flax to make unbreakable rope. They also used kangaroo grass to make damper.

By Liam D (4D)
Keeping you in the Literacy Loop

**Newsflash!** It is the end of May so all children need to tally their reading nights or hours and hand their calendars to their teachers to find the award winner! Good Luck!

**Families Are Readers competition entries**

We have had some great entries for our FAR competition and these are on display on the office foyer. These will be judged by Mr Page and winners announced next week.
HI MMPS FAMILIES,

Some great news from the PTA meeting last week it has been decided what we as a community can work towards with our fundraising events this year.

One of the projects that has been researched and identified by the School Council, Travel Smart Committee, Student Council and MMPS families is for a bike shed. This will be a great benefit to the students as there is currently not enough space for students to bring their bikes and they will then be able to store them in a secure area and out of the elements.

We will keep you updated as planning progresses but I can proudly say that as a community we have had a great start with our 1st major fundraiser of the year with the Mother’s Day stall and raffle raising over $3500!!!

Some other exciting events that the PTA plan on holding this year not only to socialise as a community but to also raise funds for the bike project will be a Trivia night in July and our full day Carnivale in November.

JOIN OUR PTA BLOG TO WIN A PRIZE!!!

We can put up to date information and pictures on the blog of events we are having and it is a great way to see what the Team are up to....JOIN BEFORE FRIDAY 10TH JUNE AND BE IN THE DRAW TO WIN!!! See our link below.

Hope you all have a great week and the kids enjoy Hot Choc Day.

Cheers, ELLE & THE PTA TEAM

NEXT PTA MEETING
Wednesday
13th July 7pm in Staff Centre

FOLLOW US ON

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

Mt Martha P.S. Social Noticeboard

DATES TO REMEMBER

STUDENT DISCO Friday 17th June Information sent home this week

SAUSAGE SIZZLE Saturday 2nd July Election Day

TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday 23rd July More info to follow
MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Student Led Conferences - PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 21st June 2016

COME IN AND JOIN US FOR OUR ‘M’ DAY!

NB: You can collect your child/ren from the Library and attend the
Student Led Conference and then return your child/ren to us!

COST: $40.00 PER CHILD (LESS CCB%/CCR)

CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS AND AN ENROLMENT FORM

HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

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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

A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve is reserved for STAFF PARKING. Please use Eco Park or Glenisla Dve.

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

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