Principal Report

PTA and Class Blogs - Each class at Mount Martha has established a class blog. They are another great way to keep informed about what is happening in your child’s class and at the school. The PTA also has a blog to inform our community about upcoming events. Links to subscribe to the blogs are available from the school website. http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/. The blogs also give an opportunity for parents to post comments back and students are particularly excited when a post is made about an activity and/or their work. The blogs can also give parents a lead in to discussions with your child about “What did you do at school?” Looking forward to seeing our list of subscribers growing!

Year 6 Camp - Our Year 6 students are off to urban camp next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They are sure to enjoy the experience of navigating their way around the CBD using public transport, visiting some terrific sites and enjoying activities the city has to offer. Have a great time!

End of Term One - Term one has been relatively short this year and has really flown by! Advance notice that Thursday 24th March is the last day of Term One with Friday 25th March being Good Friday. Please note the earlier dismissal time of 2.30pm on the Thursday. We will be having a whole school “end of term” assembly on the Thursday commencing at 9.10am.

Safety on the Way to and from School - With Ride 2School Day last Friday it is again timely to remind students of strategies for safe travel. Reminding children of road rules, awareness of other road and path users, dismounting from bikes and scooters when it is congested on a path as well as an assessment of skills and building them up as required all help to keep the journey to and from school safe and enjoyable. The upcoming holidays may provide the opportunity to undertake extra supervised practice, with a bike ride also a great way to pass the time with your children. Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards

Martin Page
Help our Friends in Fiji

Help is urgently required for Makai and Malu’s family, who along with their community have been severely affected by the recent cyclone in Fiji. Makai is a Prep student at MMPS and asks that our school community assist in a variety of ways.

Items Urgently Required

- Donations of the following items can be left in the Fiji Friends Box at the school Office.
  - Baby & children’s clothing
  - Linen
  - Feminine products
  - Baby formula & nappies
  - Tarpaulins
  - Teabags, sugar, flour
  - Cooking oil, dry and sweet biscuits

Collection finishes last day of term.

Sausage Sizzle

Bring $2 for a Sausage after school on Thursday 10th March.
All proceeds to Red Cross Fiji to help immediately.

Watch out in the school newsletter for our Term 2 Fundraiser to directly assist the schools affected!
Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2016.

Mt Martha Primary School has registered to be part of the 2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 18th March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Mt Martha Primary School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

Students at all year levels will be participating in activities leading up to the Day of Action, and on the day, that focus on the anti-bullying campaign.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years.

Download these free apps now in the Student's section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

If you are able to come into school next week, take the opportunity to view the fantastic work that students have been doing related to KidsMatter, You Can Do It and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Thank you,
The KidsMatter Team.
SPORTS NEWS

School Swimming Sports

What an amazing 2 days at Mornington Secondary College Swimming Pool. We had over 400 students compete in the school swimming sports last week and everyone had a wonderful morning at the pool. Chants were heard from pool side supporting our 4 teams as the competition began! What an amazing standard of swimming from all students and some students pushing for a spot in our school team.

We had a few records broken which is always an exciting moment for the school and for the individuals. Mason D broke a record in the 25m freestyle and Breasktroke and Mia L broke a record in 25m Breastroke.

A special relay was held at the end of the Year 5/6 swimming sports featuring a Staff versus Student relay event. Mr Page, Mr Hartwig, Miss Smith and Ms Gadsby were gallant in their win over our Year 6 team of Harrison, Jordan, Olivia and Atty!

Huge thanks to all the parent helpers with finish judge, kickboard assistance, recording and supporting. All the teachers did a wonderful job to withstand the noise for the Carnival and tackle the heat. Thanks Team.

THE FINAL PLACINGS:

Yr. 5/6 Swimming Sports

4th place: Gardener 3rd place: Curry 2nd place: Flintoff 1st Place: Border

Yr. 3 / 4 Swimming Sports

4th place: Flintoff 3rd place: Curry 2nd place: Border 1st place: Gardner

OVERALL

4th – Flintoff 3rd: Curry 2nd: Gardner CHAMPIONS: Border

Congratulations to the following students who made it into our school swimming team:

Yr6 : Faye, Vivenne, Liana, Mia L, Olivia, Atty, Jordan, Harrison, Billy & Max
Yr 5: Jemma, Katie, Brodi, Seb, Jackson T & Josh H
Yr 4: Scarlett, Ruby C, Lucinda, Lachlan, Reeve, Harry & Sam
Yr 3: Indianna
District Swimming

Congratulations to our school swimming team for their performance at the Mornington District Swimming Carnival. The weather was amazing, sun shining and our school team was blitzing in the pool!

Overall, Mt Martha was the **District Swimming Competition Winners** with a score of 101 points. Outstanding effort by all our swimmers in their races and a huge thank you to Ms Gadsby and Mr Whelan for assisting with the day.

From this Carnival, we had some students who were successful in making it to the Division Carnival where they competed against some strong competition from students from all over the Mornington Peninsula. Congratulations to the following students for making it to this high level of swimming:

**Finished 1st**
- Attty C – 11yr old Freestyle & Breastroke
- Brodi C – 11yr old Breastroke
- Jemma T – 11yr old Butterfly
- Harrison Q – 12/13yr old Butterfly

**Finished 2nd**
- Reeve Q – 9/10yr old Backstroke
- Katie B – 11yr old Backstroke
- Brodi C – 11yr old Butterfly
- Harrison Q – 12/13yr old Breastroke

**Boys 11yr old relay**
- Brodi, Seb, Jackson & Josh

**Girls 11yr old relay**
- Atty, Olivia, Jemma & Katie

**Boys 12/13yr old relay**
- Jordan, Harrison, Max & Billy

**Girls Medley relay**
- Liana, Faye, Atty & Jemma

Jogging Club

Jogging Club has started with a record breaking number of students jogging of a morning. Certificates or milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies.

**Jogging Club is run by Sports Leaders every Tuesday – Friday 8:30 – 8:55am**
Hi MMPS community,

At the PTA AGM last week, we had two of our members retire from their positions. On behalf of the PTA and school community I would like to extend a big thank you to Trish Pell and Deanne Johnstone.

For the year that Trish was President she had every event so well organised, ensuring that each event ran smoothly and always with her lovely smile and calm demeanour.

Deanne has been Secretary of the PTA for the last three years and I am sure has been looking forward to giving up minutes and agendas! Thank you for always running a tight ship and keeping us on track.

Again thank you both for your time and commitment to the Executive roles, it has been greatly appreciated. We are thrilled that you will still be a part of our PTA Family in 2016.

Trish has left big boots to fill but I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of a great team including Jo O’Reilly our new Secretary with Fiona Lowe and Jodi Simpson to continue as Vice President and Treasurer. We are looking forward to more fun events for the students and families for the rest of this year. More details on these events will be in next week’s BB.

Please feel free to come along and join the PTA team to ensure these events and FUNdraising for the MMPS community continues.

Till next time......

Elle Baker
PTA President

THANK YOU

Just wanted to say a final big THANK YOU to everyone who helped me during my time as PTA President. I was overwhelmed with the support I received from the PTA committee, office staff, teachers and the many fantastic families that volunteered their time as it made my role so much easier. It was a very rewarding experience and we had tons of fun along the way. I highly recommend you joining the PTA, there is no set amount of work you need to do, it’s just what you can give. It is fun and I have met so many new friends in this fantastic school.

I also wanted to warmly welcome Elle Baker as the new PTA President this year. She is a wonderful mum taking over this role and we are going to have another awesome year. She will be the best.

Many thanks again.

Trish Pell
School Holiday Program

Easter School Holidays - Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

Easter school holiday dates:

- Week 1: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April 10am – 4pm
- Week 2: Monday 4th to Friday 8th April 10am – 4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited!

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Phone 5978 7935
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

First Aid News

We have had an incidence of Impetigo (School Sores) reported in the School Community. Impetigo is a communicable disease and is highly contagious. The condition is characterised by collections of small, crusting blisters that usually form on the face or limbs. Care should be taken with newborn babies due to their lack of immunity. A child with impetigo should be kept home from school until appropriate treatment has begun (please see your Doctor). For return to school, sores on exposed areas are to be covered with a waterproof dressing.

If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5974 2800 between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Lorraine Stuart
First Aid Officer
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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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Our kids matter.
KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.

CONTACTS

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