Combing Events

March

Friday 6th
• District Swimming

Monday 9th
• Labour Day Public Holiday - Students do not attend school.

Tuesday 10th
• District Tennis

Wednesday 11th
• Whole School Assembly 9.10 am
• Year 1 Walk to South Beach 9.15 - 12.30

Friday 13th
• Ride to School Day

Monday 16th – Wed 18th
• Year 6 CYC Urban Camp

Wednesday 18th
• 2A, 2D & 2E Excursion to Immigration Museum

Thursday 19th
• 2B & 2C Excursion to Immigration Museum

Friday 20th
• Prep Incursion Pet Education Program
• PTA CARNIVALE 3.30 - 6.30pm

Monday 23rd
• Summer Lightning Premiership

Thursday 26th
• Regional Swimming

Friday 27th
• 9.10 am Whole School Assembly
LAST DAY OF TERM
2.30PM DISMISSAL

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM
THURSDAY 12th March
at 6.45PM
in the Staff Centre

Principal Report

School Council Election- As nominations equalled the number of vacancies for School Council no ballot was required. Ben Veevers, Andrew Frood and Sarah Fountain were successful in the 3 Parent category vacancies and Hugh O’Brien and Donna Gadsby the DET employee vacancies created by the election process. The next School Council meeting on 12th March is our AGM providing an opportunity to thank retiring members, co opt for Community Members and other vacancies and welcome our new members to School Council. Fred Tatana and Justen O’Connor are retiring as Parent members and Julie Christie is retiring as a DET member from School Council. I would like to thank Fred, Justen and Julie for their time, involvement, ideas, consideration and overall contribution as school councillors.

Curriculum Information Nights- It was great to see parents taking the opportunity to learn about our curriculum and teaching practices at the Curriculum Information Nights this week. We have one session to go tonight for Year 5 at 6.30pm to 7.10pm and Year 6 at 7.20 to 8pm. A reminder that your child’s class blog is another great ongoing source of information about your child’s program. If you haven’t subscribed already it’s a terrific idea to do so.

Swimming Sports- following our successful school swimming sports last week our Mount Martha Primary School swimming team will compete at the District Sports tomorrow. Best of Luck!

Carnivale- Preparations are well underway for the Carnivale with just over two weeks to go! It is shaping as another fun and fantastic event. The Carnivale committee has done a terrific job preparing for this major event. We do need extra helpers though. Helpers for such jobs as running stalls, setting up and pack up as well as those last minute jobs are required. Please let the Office know if you can help.

School Crossings- Our school crossing supervisors do a terrific job assisting members of the school community to cross our busy streets. Waiting behind the yellow line until the whistle sounds, walking across the crossing and ensuring that preschool children are closely supervised are a few ways to ensure a safe crossing. Remember also that adults are significant role models so parents using the crossings when flags are displayed is another helpful strategy to promote safe crossings. Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards

Martin Page, Principal.
**End of Holiday Club (Vacation Care) at MMPS**

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Sadly, Camp Australia has notified the school that they will no longer be conducting a Vacation Care Program during the school holidays on our school site.

Camp Australia approached the school approximately 2 years ago and expressed an interest in establishing a program to assist parents to care for children during the school holiday periods. We were more than pleased to accommodate their program on our site and the working relationship between the 2 organisations has been very positive.

However, the number of children attending the program has not been sufficient to make the program viable from their perspective. Camp Australia have a number of other venues within a reasonable distance providing the same service. They have undertaken to let families that used the MMPS Vacation care service know about those services.

For all queries in relation to the closure of this service please contact the Camp Australia Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 or email oshc@campaustralia.com.au.

**MMPS Skoolbag App**

Just a quick note to let you know that you can now access Version 3 of Skoolbag. It should be ready to download in both the Apple App and Google Play Stores. There is also a dedicated iPad version in the iPad App Store!

If you have an earlier version of Skoolbag installed on your devices, you will see this new version as an app update, and it will install like any other update. Some of you may already have automatic updates switched on, in which case the app will update itself.

**New Version 3 features include:**

- Supports iPhone 6 and 6 Plus resolution
- Rotation/landscape view when viewing landscape on larger resolution devices.
- New interface design and content navigation improvements
- Colour coded for each school
- Support for the Custom Form Builder
- iPhone Version has new Accessibility mode for visual impaired users.
- iPad Version!

Please encourage as many parents/carers as you can to download and use the app as the school uses it regularly to update and remind our school community about events and activities plus key dates.

**Travelsmart concern**

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are “shadowing” their children in their car as the children ride to school along Dickinson Grove and Legacy Drive. It is fantastic that parents are encouraging and supporting their children to ride to school. However, there is some potential for accidents to occur by using this practise of driving alongside them to monitor their progress. Please consider how you might support your child to become more independent on their bike without using this practise. A great way to do that would be to ride with them and model safe riding practises. Perhaps this could be practised on the weekend when traffic is lighter around the school.

Hugh O’Brien
Assistant Principal
Mornington Peninsula Shire

Mornington School Holiday Program
Venue: Civic Reserve Recreation Centre
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April
7.30am – 6.30pm

Bentons Square School Holiday Program
Venue: Bentons Square Community Centre
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April
7.30am – 6.30pm

Bookings can now be made online at www.mornpen.vic.gov.au

For further information please call our office on 5950 1650

Congratulations to our lucky winners of the 30 free passes for the Melbourne Victory versus Perth Glory soccer match this Saturday night 7th March.

All winners have been notified including the 2 students who will lead Melbourne Victory on to the ground.
Swimming Sports Special Edition!

The Swimming Sports last week has proven to be terrific writing stimuli for many students. Here are some excerpts from their recounts about the special days. Well done to these students for their use of some amazing vocabulary and sentence structure to help the readers believe that they are actually there!

Swimming Sports  by Gus 5A

I walk into the humid atmosphere and the still water is mesmerizing. We get all of our stuff together and Mr Sweatman says, “Year Six fifty metre freestyle please come down to Ms Gadsby”. As soon as the first people dive into the water, it goes from still to an immediate ripple. It was a great race to watch, but they got exhausted quickly and began to slow.

He called down the Year 5 freestyle. That was my age group. My race was about to start. I was anxious to dive in. “Go!” I’m off and it’s tight. But I quickly begin panting. I fall to second and pause for breath at the other end.

Swimming Sports  by Isabelle  5B

Bam! We are in now and everyone is squabbling to get a seat with a good view of the Mount Martha 2015 Swimming Sports. I got a great view of the Mornington Secondary College pool from under the Flintoff banner.

“Hello everybody and welcome to the Year 5 and 6 Swimming Sports,” shouted Mr Sweatman……………….

Swimming  by Liana 5B

It was the day of the 2015, Year fives and sixes swimming sports. We arrived at the pool and the water was still and motionless. Everyone’s butterflies were getting out of control! Everyone was getting changed and chattering like chatterboxes. Next thing I knew I was standing on the slippery diving board, staring down to the bottom of the clear, deep pool…………………

The Great Victory!!!  by Charlie B 4C

“LET’S GO BORDER! LET’S GO!!” came a roaring sound from where Border was sitting, well … actually standing.

I reached the end of the pool and the crowd went wild!! They were jumping around like a pile of monkeys or they were on a sugar rush! I looked around and I was first!! I felt like doing a little victory dance but I was too exhausted.

The atmosphere was marvellous and it was blasting all around the room. I was hoping I would get my token soon because I was getting a bit chilly.

I finally got my token. I was wondering if I was fast or they were slow. At least it was a sweet, sweet victory.

Swimming Sports  by Ruby 5A

………………  It was finally my turn for the first race. I could hear Mr Hartwig counting down, 3, 2, 1 go! The beeper blared and off we went. I leapt into the water and started my freestyle. I didn’t check where my competitors are. It doesn’t matter very much, but I push harder and approach the wall. I tumble turn, push off and break out into the second lap of the freestyle going harder and faster with every stroke.

Each and every stroke gets me closer and then from the underwater murkiness appears the wall………………

The Blue Ribbon  by Atty 5A

Stroke, stroke, breath, stroke, stroke, breath. My arms glide gracefully through the water. A special technique forms like it does every time. I breathe each breath like it’s my last. I don’t check where my competitors are. It doesn’t matter very much, but I push harder and approach the wall. I tumble turn, push off and break out into the second lap of the freestyle going harder and faster with every stroke.

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I was glad I came first, but I feel even prouder that I participated!
Swimming Sports by Mackenzie S. 5C

“On your marks!” yelled Mr Hartwig as I walk up to the starting block. I am petrified and my heart is telling me to stay but my head is telling me to run away!

“Get set!” I do a little pin drop into the water.

“BEEP!” I push off the wall and off I go. I am kicking my legs so fast I am like a dolphin.

I get to the end of the lane and I spin my head around so fast. I can see Maddie a bit behind me but I see Liana in front by a little smidge, so I bolted for it. I was getting tired but I can’t stop because I have got to win this………..

Have a look at the great Beach Program snapshots in the Year 3 corridor.
Re: Monash University Clinic for Children and Youth (MUCCY).

We would like to remind you of the School Readiness service being offered by Registered Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy students at Monash University, Peninsula campus.

Children are able to access this service if they:
- Are due to enter prep next year;
- There are some concerns regarding their motor or sensory development e.g. pre-writing, fine motor, gross motor skills;
- They are not currently accessing private or public Occupational Therapy services;
- They are not eligible for other Early Childhood Intervention Services i.e. not presenting with complex developmental needs.

Families can refer themselves to the service. They will be offered an individual school readiness developmental assessment, a summary report and feedback session. There is a fee charged to access this service.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact the MUCCY Intake Worker.

Email: mucky.pen@monash.edu
Ph: 03 9904 4023
Website: http://www.med.monash.edu.au/ot/services/mucky/
2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2015.

Our school has registered to be part of the 2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 20th 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.

At the Carnivale on Friday the 20th March we will have a KidsMatter – Anti-Bullying stall where we will be provide information, display student work and give away wristbands for the National Day of Action.

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

Make sure you visit our Carnivale stall and 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 on Friday, 20th March 2015.

Thank you,
The KidsMatter Team.
SPORTS NEWS

School Swimming Sports

What an amazing two days at Mornington Secondary College. We had over 400 students compete in the School Swimming Sports last week. From 50m Freestyle events to 25m Butterfly events, everyone had a wonderful morning at the pool. Chants were heard from pool side and with that in mind; our 80 to 100 swimming events took place. What an amazing standard from all students with 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. Maddi G & Cooper S broke a record in the 25m Freestyle events and Sophie broke records in 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. What a way to finish her primary school years.

A special relay was held at the end of the Year 5/6 Swimming Sports featuring a Staff v Student relay event. Mr Sweatman, Mr Page, Mr Hartwig and Ms Gadsby unfortunately finished a very close 2nd to our strong Year 6 team of Mia, Fynn, Luke and Sophie!

Huge thanks to all the parent helpers who assisted with finish judging, kickboard assistance, recording and supporting. All the teachers did a wonderful job to withstand the noise of the Carnival. Thanks Team.

The winning house will be announced at our end of term assembly – who will be our winning house for 2015?

District Swimming

On Friday our School Swimming Team will compete in the Mornington District Swimming Carnival at the Pines Pool in Frankston. Fingers crossed that individuals and relays teams do their very best and can progress onto the Division Swimming next week.

Congratulations to the following students who made it into our School Swimming Team:

Year 6 : Fynn, Luke, Mia, Zac, Lily, Regan, Sophie, Heath, Dean, Layla & Grace
Year 5: Atty, Jamie, Olivia, Harrison, Mason, Tia, Liana & Mackenzie
Year 4: Katie, Brodi & Jemma, Henry, Edward, Sam & Cooper
Year 3: Reeve

Jogging Club

Jogging Club will start Tuesday 17th March. Every student has either the same card or a new card ready for 2015. Prep students will be taken around the track during a PE lesson so they become familiar with the route that needs to be followed. The track is as follows:

Start at the basketball courts near the Prep playground, run around all three basketball courts and head down the ramp towards the oval. Then run around the oval on the red track, continuing up past the gym on path past Prep playground and return to the basketball courts to get cards marked off.

Let’s make a huge effort to see more students jogging the track this year!! Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at Year Level or Whole School Assemblies.

Cameron Sweatman
PE Teacher
Session Times
Friday 13 March, 6.30pm
120 minutes, no interval

Pricing
Free event
Bookings required, contact Box Office 03 9784 1060

About This Event
A community call to action proudly presented by Frankston City Council and Sisterhood Frankston & Mornington Peninsula. Australian of the Year 2015 recipient, Rosie Batty, will be among a group of local speakers.

Warnings:
Not suitable for children u/16 years
As part of the 100 year ANZAC Celebrations there will be a free activity at the Carnivale’ for children to make poppies to be sent to Federation Square as part of a display of Respect and Remembrance.

Can you help? We are in need of people to trace and cut out swatches of fabric to be used to make these poppies at the Carnivale’. If you could spare some time, perhaps while you’re watching TV in the evening, we have small bags of fabric which can be collected from the office. Thank you to those families who have already donated red fabric for this project, we would gratefully accept any further donations of red fabric (can be patterned) that you may have lying around.

SCHOOL TERMS 2015
TERM 1 30th January to 27th March 2015
TERM 2 13th April to 26th June 2015
TERM 3 13th July to 18th September 2015
TERM 4 5th October to 18th December 2015
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