Principal Report

**Mother's Day Stall** - A huge thank you to our PTA members and helpers for organising and running the Mother’s Day Stall today and the Mother’s Day Raffle selling tickets for the last couple of weeks. Raffle sales finish off this week. Good Luck! We had so many excited students taking time to choose that special gift from the wide range on offer! Thanks again PTA!

**Walk for Louis Tate** - On Saturday 22nd May there will be a walk around Albert Park Lake commencing at 1.30pm in memory of Louis Tate. Please follow the link for more details or to donate in support of Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia. [https://give.everydayhero.com/au/walk4louis](https://give.everydayhero.com/au/walk4louis).

**School Cross Country** - Congratulations to all our students for their participation in the School Cross Country on Wednesday. The hills make the course fairly challenging and the students all gave their best. Results from the cross country assist in the selection of our cross country team that will participate in the interschool competition.

**Annual Report Meeting** - At next week’s School Council meeting on Thursday 12th May we will present our 2015 Annual Report. This report summarises the schools’ achievements and activities for 2015. After the meeting the report will be posted on the school website.

**NAPLAN** - NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 is on next Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May. Please see the additional information later in this issue.

**Prep 2017 Transition** - On Wednesday 11th May we will be having a 2017 Prep Information Evening. A school tour will commence at 6.30pm with the Information Evening to start at 7.15pm. 2017 Prep Enrolment Week is Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May with school tours on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th May starting at 9.30am. Tours usually take about 45 minutes. Please meet at the school Office. No bookings are required.

Enrolment forms for our 2017 Prep (Foundation) students are now available from the Office. To assist planning we would like enrolment forms returned by 27th May.

**Gold For Green/ Read More In May** - This newsletter contains information about these two events occurring this month. Gold For Green Day is on the 17th May where we aim to involve our students in gardening activities in the school assisting to build their awareness of this aspect of the environment and also improving our grounds. Some materials are still required and helpers are always appreciated. “Read More In May” aims to encourage regular reading with students recording the number of books read, the amount of nights read or the total time read. There is also a family aspect with the “Families Are Readers” competition. Both events are another great way to be involved in the school.

Kind regards

Martin Page
The Heroic soldier

by Liana

How did I end up in this position? Stuck in a wheelchair for the rest of my life. Not being able to run or walk and it all began when I lied about my age to go to Gallipoli.

I remember the boats arriving at Anzac cove. I was excited and determined. I got my gun ready, put on my peak cap and jumped out of the boat. All of a sudden there was a deafening gunshot. My mind and heart were racing. Unexpectedly, bullets started flying everywhere. Loud screams and cries for help. I ran. Sprinted out of the water, gripping my rifle in my sweaty hands. As I was running up the hill a sight stops me. My heart felt like it had just snapped in half and all the great things in the world were gone. My brother. Lying in the brown sand. Covered in blood. With a bullet in his chest...

At the time I felt a mixture of emotion. Angry, dispirited, determined. But I realised I had to keep moving before I turned out like that. As I looked around the only thing I could think about was surviving. I ran as fast as I could. Up the steep and bumpy hill. I raised my gun and aimed it at the Turks above me. I was gradually making my way up the hill, then everything went black and I tumbled down the hill into unconsciousness.

When I slowly opened my eyes I was no longer in a field of raining bullets. I was in a tent, on a bed, with sheets the colour of the brown sand where I saw my brother lying. I slowly got up then a young woman, about my age startled me. I said, "Where am I?" Then she replied quickly and said, "You are in a tent in Gallipoli. I am a nurse. You have had an injury. You got shot in the leg at Anzac Cove. We found you because we were the second group of ships to come. You will no longer be able to fight. We will hopefully be able to send you home. My leg utterly throbbed. I remember being absolutely shocked to hear this news and relieved to be going home.

They took me on a big boat back to Australia a lot like the one I came to Anzac Cove on. I was so happy to see my wife Mavis again and my beloved daughter, Elizabeth.

2 years after this incident I got a wheelchair. The war was still going and I felt greatly sorry for all the surviving soldiers, the families of the soldiers, the nurses, all still struggling and fighting through this madness.

2 years after that, in 1918 a peace treaty was signed and it was declared the war was over. Although I am stuck in a wheelchair I still have still had an amazing and eventful life.

This is a true story of a man called Elliot Kirkpatrick who passed away at the age of 76. It is very important to remember the ANZACs with pride and respect. We must learn from their bravery and courage. War is a very bad thing and really affects the whole world. Remember, they risked their life so we could live a happy and enjoyable life.
25 of April 1914

I was terrified, I was excited, I don’t know how I felt waiting on the battleship with 50,000 young Australians. I was waiting in line to get onto a lifeboat and go to shore. I suspected my comrades were terrified, suddenly I am at the front of the line… I climb into a lifeboat petrified, I do not know why I enlisted to go to war! I guess I thought it was the right thing to do, anyway, I’m here now and I can’t go back...

The steam boats then towed us closer to shore under the cover of darkness. Unfortunately, the Landing formation is lost. From there it was up to us. We start rowing the rest of the way to the shore when a steam boat lets off some sparks… the whole mission is jeopardized! The Ottoman soldiers showered us with bullets as we swam to shore. The sight was horrifying soldiers were dead everywhere, shot in the boats, lying on the ground, some even drowned because their packs were too heavy when they tried to swim to shore. I made it to shore, all the while the enemy were shooting all they had at us.

We advanced up the hill to higher ground and the enemy fled their trench. Seeing my fellow Australians dead around me I pushed on…

By then I had been fighting for ages, I was regretting coming to war, I was not fighting for anyone else anymore. I was fighting to stay alive. My hands were bloody from scrambling up the rough landscape. I was absolutely exhausted and my leg was in immense pain. Then came the order to dig in.

By Vivienne 6A
Charles Farnbach's Story

I remember the day that we landed. I remember it too well. I am old and dying so I have decided to write this down so people remember me. I want it to be passed down generation by generation.

It all started when I signed up for the 14th platoon. Young and foolish as I was. I was 19 and seeking for adventure and excitement. Once I found out I was in the 14th platoon I was ecstatic. Straight away I was picked up in a car and taken to a small training facility to join my platoon. Onlookers. I and so many others were excited like we had never been before. It was like the biggest adventure.

I quickly got my platoon's respect and trained for months until finally we were called for duty. I and my comrades were herded onto a boat that set off with many any of us had ever been on.

Finally after a painfully slow boat ride we were woken at 12:00pm to pack our bags and go into one of the first fleet boats. We were also told to keep as quiet as possible so the enemy would not hear us coming.

As we sat in the boat we were excited, scared and nervous. Our nerves grew as we sat. Then the tow boats started to bring us toward shore. The silence was deadly as the land of our enemy's expanded into a barren landscape. Then one of the tow boats let out some sparks.

The enemy was alerted and a flare went up illuminating the whole fleet. Gunshots hailed down on us. Some soldiers jumped from the boat and started to swim toward shore but I hid on the bottom of the boat. Finally the tow boats stopped, unable to go any further into the shallow water. By now the gun shots were deafening spraying the water with bullets and wounding soldiers before they got the shore. They were either dying from the wound or drowning because of their packs.

I jumped out of the boat and started wading through the shallow water. A volley of shots hailed around me but miraculously missing me. "Hel..." screamed a soldier but was cut short by a bullet hitting him and instantly killing him. I kept on wading but then something hit me in the hand I cried out in pain. I had only 2 thoughts in my head survival and what had hit me in the hand. Was it shrapnel or was it a bullet? I looked down for a second and groaned. It was the worst one of the 2, a bullet.

I was bleeding heavily needed some cover. I stumbled toward an overhang on a cliff. I fell underneath it and with one hand opened my pack.

Next I opened my med-kit. I hastily wrapped a bandage around my wound and then I passed out.

After that it was a blur. I was carried to a makeshift hospital. I was then taken to England and then Australia where I have stayed ever since. I am tired now and must sleep. I hope you enjoyed my story.

By Tal Farnbach 6A 2016
My Country, My Fight

The moon dips below the horizon and Captain Faik swears. With the loss of the moon we had also lost sight of the ships that had been sighted on the horizon.

“Lieutenant Faruk, I need you to keep an eye on the ships, I need you to report to Ottoman Headquarters if anything out of the ordinary happens,” orders Captain Faik. ‘Lieutenant Emir, come with me and we will go see Major Adil, he has called for you.” I follow him to the trench.

“Lieutenant Emir, I just got a call from Major Adil, he needs backup and I’m sending you, Lieutenant Yusuf will also be there.

“Ah, Lieutenant Emir, go down there where Yusuf his, I want you two to go down to that bush down there and lay low, if anyone comes… shoot them.”

“Sir, yes, sir,” we reply without any enthusiasm, we were being given a death sentence. We would never return from that bush alive but an order was an order and we had to follow it. Yusuf and I climbed down to the bush right near the shoreline, where the ANZAC’s would soon be landing.

After what feels like hours of waiting we finally see the soldiers. There is complete silence and then… BANG!! There are body parts strewn all over the beach, blood on the sand and the moaning of dying men. I open fire and shoot a man who was pointing his gun at me. He groans and falls to the groan, this is nothing like training, I just killed a man!! My heart stops and I sight another man pointing his gun towards me, before I can even lift my gun, I hear a bang sound and Lieutenant Yusuf falls to the ground. I do not have time to think I just panic and in my panic I forget about the man with the gun. I hear a sharp crack. It took me a few second to realise that it was me that was shot, then the pain hits. I slump to the ground in agony, the pain is blinding. I can’t move my legs and before I realise what is happening I start rolling down the hill.

When I open my eyes again I am not where I landed. There is a soldier sitting above me… he is not one of ours. I panic and reach for my gun, it’s not there! The man starts talking in a language that I do not understand, it must be English. I manage to catch a few words as there was a man in our village who was English, when the war started the soldiers came and took him away. I hear the words safe, injured, not hurt you, cave and hidden. I’m presuming he was telling me that we were hidden and he would not hurt me. He pointed to himself and said ‘Adam,” then he pointed to me, I guessed he was asking me my name, so I said, “Emir.”

Adam smiled and handed me a cup of water, he pointed again to the rock walls surrounding us and repeated, “Cave, hidden.”

Suddenly there is a bang and Adam’s neck snaps back, he slumps forward and I see the bullet hole in the back of his skull. I lift my eyes and see a man standing at the mouth of the cave. The man steps closer and I see who he is… it’s General Abdullah, the most fierce and ruthless soldier in the Ottoman Empire.

“Ah, Lieutenant Emir, I thought I heard voices. Well, talking to the enemy, that is punishable by death,” General Abdullah raises his gun and points it at my head. I go to move but can’t move, the bullet in my waist had paralysed me. “Crack,” goes the general’s gun. Something warm trickles down my neck. Weakly I whisper, “My Country, my Fight,” then everything goes black...

By Isabelle Year 6

Recent News .................

Last week we had a visit from Annie from Andrell who has been assisting us with our Big Write and VCOP program development. She interviewed some year 1, 3 and 6 children about their writing. She was amazed at their level of knowledge about writing conventions, their friendly manner and enthusiasm for writing. As a Showcase School, we will be in a position to show other schools what our teachers and students have achieved by opening our doors to visits and sharing our journey at Showcase Schools Forums.
NAPLAN Assessment 2016

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students will complete the NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives. Students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au. If you have any questions about the NAPLAN please contact your child’s classroom teacher or myself.

A pamphlet with more details will be received by all families with students in Year Three and Year Five.

Karen Walker
Assistant Principal

Whole School House Cross Country

With the track marked out, flag bunting in place and the sun shining; we knew we would have a great day for our school Cross Country event. What a way to bring our whole school community together!

The day saw some very memorable moments and some very exhausted competitors crossing the finish line. Students showed persistence and were able to complete the required distance for their age.

Every race saw points awarded to our 4 House teams with the final result of who won kept a secret till our next whole school assembly. Who will it be…….

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Thank you very much to the staff, student teachers and parents who assisted with marshaling at checkpoints around the track and sports leaders for acting as ‘Hares’ for all the races.

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.
Environment News.

Gold for Green Day. 17th May 2016.

We hold Gold for Green Day every year to raise awareness of how we can make a difference by changing our actions in relation to the environment.

Here is a little background information:

Our Prep Forest is in its seventh year and it’s hard to imagine the oval bank just covered in grass as it was in 2010. We won a State Schools Garden Award for the best Biodiversity Garden with this project in 2015. Our prize voucher will be used to purchase many of the plants for this year’s activities.

This event is affiliated with Planet Ark’s Schools Tree Day. Schools are allowed to hold events on any day in the year. Our results are recorded and count towards the national tally.

Each Year Level is involved in various environmental projects. Some of this year’s include the Prep Forest planting; a Snow Gum Avenue; Mini Gardens and recycled material creations.

Donations and Assistance Needed:

- Succulents to plant, small cuttings would be ideal.
- Old teapots (no lid required) at least 25.
- Small bowls e.g. Asian food bowls, 120 required to make mini gardens.
- Gum nuts and other small seed pods.
- Small pebbles to decorate mini gardens.
- Volunteers on the day to assist each class.

Please drop any of these things off at the office or Jenny Spiridis’ classroom as soon as possible.

Your child’s classroom teacher may ask for extra assistance closer to the event.

Gardening Group.

Every Thursday lunchtime, weather permitting we run a gardening group from 1-1.30pm. It would be great to have some adult assistance to help with gardening jobs such as barrowing mulch, pruning, planting etc. Please sign in at the office and meet us at the green shed.

Thanks

Jenny Spiridis.
Dear Schools, Mums & Dads,

PSW Retail Stores will be closed on the following days for stocktake.

MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL - Thursday, 2 June 2016.

We do apologise for any inconvenience.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th May.** Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time on Monday and Tuesday during school hours. From Wednesday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what’s on offer during the following times:

**Wednesday 25th** 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm  
**Thursday 26th** 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm  
**Friday 27th** 8.30 - 9.30am only (there is no afternoon session)

A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children’s literacy pleasure. This is a great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

Georgina Street  
Book Club Coordinator.
BRASS DEMONSTRATION

Last week, some of our students in Years 2 and 4 participated in a brass instrument workshop with our wonderful tutor, Mr Adam Carson. Students were given the opportunity to play trumpets and trombones, learning the correct mouth position and playing techniques.

Vacancies are available for trumpet and trombone lessons. Instrumental music forms are available from the office for interested students.
Walk for Western Port

The rain poured down and the wind whipped us from behind. It was the ‘Walk for Western Port’. Mietta, Billy and Ms Gadsby, the ‘I sea, I care’ ambassadors for Mt Martha Primary School were doing this walk to raise awareness of Western Port Bay and its wildlife. They were also joined by some of our family members. (Lachie, Esse, Milla, Stuart, Bob and Freda)

Our photo taken with all the other ambassadors and then it was announced that we could begin the walk, although it was blowing a gale and the trees were dropping leaves and large water drops on us. We walked along a dirt track and admired the mangroves and the swans.

Despite the weather the walk was enjoyable and we were able to help raise money for the Dolphin Research Institute to continue its research and education programs.

Billy and Mietta
Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are most welcome to visit our school. Your child may soon be joining our learning community.

Enrolments for Foundation Year 2017 will be taken at school during the week of 16th - 20th May.
Enrolment forms need to be lodged at the school office by Friday 27th May 4.00pm.

Confirmation letters will be mailed by Friday 24th June.

2017 PREP ENROLMENT WEEK

Mt Martha Primary School
Monday 16th to Friday 20th May

Please consider taking the opportunity to visit our school for a tour on either Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, or Thursday 19th where you will see our current Prep students in their learning environment.

Children being enrolled must reach five years of age by April 30th 2017.

When you come to enrol you will need to provide the school with:
• proof of age - a copy of a birth certificate or extract of birth
• an Immunisation History Statement indicating your child’s immunisation status
• Proof of residency

All the enrolment information you require will be provided at the school office.
For the present, we hope to meet you on one of our school tours.

Yours faithfully,
Martin Page, Principal.
Mount Martha Primary School
Educating Children of Today for Tomorrow

2017 Prep Information Evening

Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7.15pm
in Staff Centre

A school tour will commence at 6.30pm from the school office.
Please note no bookings are required.

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Family Life Victoria will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Thursday, June 2, 2016

Our programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

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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.

Our school purpose is to ensure a high quality and engaging learning program that builds on the capability of every student.