Welcome back everyone for Term 4! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday.

I am delighted to be starting as Principal at Mount Martha Primary School this term. I was previously the Principal at Dromana Primary School and look forward to now working with the Mount Martha community. A big thank you to Karen for all her work as the acting Principal last term.

I am already learning so much about the school and starting to try to remember everyone’s names. I have been visiting grades this week and have been very impressed with the way the students have settled back in to the school routines, their friendships and their learning.

This is always a busy term as students complete their school year and we finalise our planning to ensure a smooth start to 2015. This term we have some fantastic events planned. Some highlights include the Year 6 Bike Education Program, whole school Japanese Day, Science Incursions, Prep to 4 Life Education Program and Year 3 camp to Somers. Our Grade 6’s will be graduating and we will be increasingly focussing on our transition program for all our students to build familiarity with next year’s learning environment. Transition activities for our 2015 Preps and families are planned to make the start to school next year a little easier. The school is also very fortunate to have an excellent instrumental music program and our students’ performances at concerts this term will showcase their talents and progress. Students, staff and families will also have much to celebrate as we finish off the year! Please note the dates of our upcoming events as it is easy to miss something in busy Term 4.

Look forward to working with you.

Martin Page
Principal

Travel Smart

What a FANTASTIC effort students & families are making with walking, riding & scooting to school!! The reduced traffic on Glenisla Drive at peak times is noticeable and how nice is it to see a “moving” community. The beautiful bunting made by Karen C and her friends is adorning the school fence, Mt Martha House & Kinross St shops to encourage you to let your children walk from these places. Stickers for Walk to School October will be handed out at the gates throughout October. We will also be celebrating the mid point of October with a Coffee Van at Mt Martha House on Friday 17 October from 8am - 9am, so come and purchase a coffee & walk to school!!!!!! Keep Moving!!!

TravelSmart Committee

MILO CRICKET - MOUNT MARTHA CRICKET CLUB

Ferrero Reserve Seppelt Ave, Mt Martha.
Registration Day Sunday 12 October 9.00am to 12.00pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 16th October
6.45pm in Staff Centre
All welcome
Mt Martha Primary School offers an extensive range of activities that promote a positive school community and support student engagement, mental health and wellbeing.

- You Can Do It – Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum
- Whole School Assemblies
- Year Level Assemblies
- Acknowledgement Awards, KidsMatter/You Can Do It Awards
- Supervised Library access, including quiet activities at lunchtimes
- Lunchtime ICT lab usage
- Kids Teaching Kids ICT
- Supervised yard games
- Social skills/friendship groups at lunchtimes
- Junior and Senior Choir
- School Band
- Concerts
- Instrumental Program
- Kids In Transition program
- Most classes now have a parent representative and a parent contact register
- Literacy and Numeracy week activities
- Open days – open classrooms
- Inviting parents to school events – Expos, multicultural lunch, sporting events, swimming lessons at Kings…
- Working bees
- Inclusion of parents, carers, grandparents and community members in classroom activities
- Family Maths evening
- Twilight Market/Carnivale
- Father’s Day Breakfast
- Mother’s Day Stall
- Grandparent’s Day
- Registering for and participating in National days such as the anti-bullying day of action.
- Social events for parents – Trivia nights, Movie Nights …
- Movie Nights for students
- PTA events
- Curriculum information night
- Information sessions as requested by parents – i.e. Anxiety Forum
- Prep Information night
- Meet the Teacher evening
- Student Led Conferences
- Prep afternoon tea
- Prep year level maintaining links to pre-schools
- Excursions into our local community with parent/grandparent or carer support
- Year 6 Market
- Presence of teachers and principals at school crossing and in school yard before and after school
- Classrooms open to parents from 8.45 a.m. each day to chat to teachers
- Out of School Hours Care Program and Curriculum Day Care program
- Camp Australia Holiday Care program
- Jogathon, Cross Country, Inter-School Sports, Beach Program…
- Jogging Club
- Footy Day
- Environment Group
- Gold for Green Day
- Increased communication with families via phone calls, SMS, Skoolbag App., blogs, Banksia Bulletin
- Student Representative Council
Visitors to Mt Martha Primary School

Everyone except for students and staff are visitors to the school and are required to sign “in” on arrival and “out” just before leaving the school. This procedure is completed at the school office and is a vital part of the school’s occupational health and safety risk management. Visitors’ badges are now bright yellow for improved visibility and there is a new information sheet on the inside of the cover of the Visitors Book. To assist visitors this information is printed on the back of each badge.

If you have any suggestions for involving parents and carers in helping to further promote our positive school community, please chat to one of the KidsMatter team members or drop your suggestions into the office.

If you would like more information about KidsMatter, or topics related to your child’s mental health and wellbeing, visit the KidsMatter website at www.kidsmatter.edu.au or subscribe to the newsletter at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/newsletter

Thank you for your support.

The KidsMatter Team.
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

This one hour session is designed to give adults an opportunity to have a better understanding of some of the issues for schools in sexuality education.

Tuesday 28th October at 7.00pm in the Staff Centre

▷ What is sexuality education and why it is important?
▷ What do young people need to know? What about values?
▷ What are the benefits of sexuality education?
▷ Content of the program and examples of strategies and resources that are used.
▷ Discussion of some common concerns about sexuality education.

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FAMILY LIFE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION TUESDAY OCTOBER 28.
Please complete and return to the school office by Friday October 24.

We will be attending:
Family Name: ...........................................................................................
Number of people attending: .............
Please note the carpark in Melrose Drive is reserved for staff.
The top end of Melrose Drive is not a pick up or drop off area.
No parents should be parked in the Staff carpark near the gymnasium at any time of the day.
Please do not allow children to enter or exit your vehicle whilst you are stationary on Glenisla Drive, i.e waiting at the crossing etc. This requires children to move between parked vehicles which increases the likelihood of an injury.

Thank you for assisting in keeping our school as safe as possible for our students.