Principal Report

Child Safe Standards and Protective Behaviours - As part of the Department of Education and Training response to recommendations from the Victorian Parliament Inquiry into Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations the Royal Commission into Child Abuse a new Ministerial Order for schools has been enacted. Please refer to the articles from Karen Walker and Karen Hodgkins for further information on this important area of our school’s work.

District Athletics - Congratulations to the students who represented our school so well at the District Athletics sports last Thursday at Ballam Park. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school, enjoyed the competition and showed terrific sportsmanship. We had 18 students progress through to the next level of competition.

Footy Day - What a fabulous day we all had on Wednesday! Congratulations to all the students who participated in the colours of so many varied sporting teams. The weather was not so kind early in the day and a well soaked oval and the risk of showers required us to move the parade indoors. It did not however stop everyone enjoying the parade! Thank you so much, again, to our hard working PTA and our helpers on the day for successfully organising lunch! Such an enormous job! Also huge thanks to Cameron Sweatman and staff for your organisation to ensure the success of the day.

Lost Property - a final request this term to visit the Lost Property area near the Art Room. We still have many items waiting to be claimed. Thanks. (PS. A big thank you to Kelli Harvey for returning many ‘lost’ items to their owners on Wednesday and Louise Petersen for her regular tidying up of the lost property area).

Pupil Free Day - A reminder that our next Pupil Free Day will be on Friday 14th October, the end of the second week of term 4. Our focus is professional development is the Primary Connections Science program. No students are required to attend on this day. Out of Hours School Care will again offer a program.

End of Term/Holidays - A reminder that all members of our school community are invited to join us for our final Assembly for Term 3 tomorrow on Friday 16th September at 9.10am. We have an exciting agenda planned including student items and a number of award presentations. A reminder also that school finishes early for the final day of term tomorrow at 2.30pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students, staff and community on a fantastic Term 3 at Mount Martha Primary School. Thank you all for your continued support of our education programs, our PTA events and our school community. School resumes on Monday 3rd October.

Enjoy a safe, restful and very well deserved holiday.

Kind regards
Martin Page
Principal
Child Safety Standards

In 2013, the Victorian Parliament held an Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations, resulting in the Betrayal of Trust Report.

The report found that more could be done to strengthen existing approaches to child safety. In response, the Victorian Government is phasing in child safe standards for organisations that work with children, including schools.

The child safe standards require schools to consider all aspects of child safety and put measures in place to protect children from all forms of abuse, including:

- sexual or grooming offences
- physical violence
- serious emotional or psychological harm
- serious neglect.

Below are the seven child safe standards. The Minister for Education has set out in Ministerial Order No. 870 what specific actions schools need to take to meet the child safe standards.

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, the following Child Safe Standards apply:

- Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.
- A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
- A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.
- Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
- Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
- Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
- Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

The school must take account the diversity of all children, including (but not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities and children who are vulnerable.

Children have the right to be safe and protected, including at school. It is important that you feel confident that your child is safe and well in the care of Mount Martha Primary School. Available on the school website are copies of Child Safe Policies. [http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/)

To enhance the programs we already have in place, to adhere to Standard Seven, we are introducing the Protective Behaviours Program next term. Please see the article outline “Protective Behaviours Program” of this program in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin.

Karen Walker
Assistant Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,

A key focus of the KidsMatter initiative and the Child Safe Standards framework, is to support students in developing the knowledge and strategies to keep themselves safe in a range of situations. In Term 4, our school has made a commitment to teaching the Primary Protective Behaviours Program across all year levels, to ensure that all students understand how to recognise and respond to unsafe situations.

The aim of the Primary Protective Behaviours program is:

- To help protect children/young people because we cannot be with them every minute of the day.
- To give children and adults permission to talk about problem or difficult situations they face.
- To empower children with the right to feel safe and act to keep themselves safe.
- To help students to understand that threats to their safety do not necessarily come from strangers.
- To provide a safe way of talking about acceptable and unacceptable verbal and physical contact.

The program strategies can provide the basis for helping children to be safe at school and address problems such as bullying. It can also help everyone learn to stay safe from the risks that surround us in everyday life. The program focus is on everyone Feeling safe, Being Safe and Talking about it.

The program is based on two themes:

- We all have the right to feel safe all of the time.
- Nothing is so awful that we can’t talk about it with someone.

In conjunction with the two themes are the three major concepts of the program:

SAFETY – an individual feeling and a basic right for every person
EARLY WARNING SIGNS – specific physical indicators that alert us to possible risks to our safety
NETWORKING – identifying people to talk to and developing communication skills.

Students will learn to be PERSISTENT and to keep asking for help until they feel safe again.

Please contact the Principal, or your class teacher if you would like more information about the program.

Regards, The KidsMatter Team

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

District Athletics

Our school athletics team competed at Ballam Park against other schools in the Mornington District last week. We had some pleasing results in both track and field events. Those students that finished in 1st and 2nd place in their events went onto represent the Mornington District at the Southern Peninsula Athletics.

Congratulations to the following students who placed 1st and 2nd and are now competing at the Southern Peninsula Division Athletics next term:

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Mt. Martha Primary “Rio Olympic” Soccer Tournament

During Term 3 our sports leaders ran a “Rio Olympics” indoor sports tournament for Year 3 students who wanted to participate.

In our 1st semi-final it was Argentina versus Netherlands and Argentina won this game 4 – 0. In the 2nd semi-final France played Hungary. France won 4-0 in this game.

Then it was Grand Final Time! Both Argentina and France went into the final with good wins in the semi-finals. The winner of the Grand Final was FRANCE! They won 3 goals to 2. Well done Sport Leaders for organizing this event for Year 3 students.


September Basketball Camp

Last week the Prep students were lucky to have Adam, from the Mornington Basketball Association, come to MMPS to conduct clinics during their planning day. Sessions started with warm up activities and then moved onto ball skills. All the students tried different techniques and running with the ball. To finish each clinic the children had the opportunity to shoot for the small rings.

Over the September holidays the Mornington Basketball Association are running camps. Details below if you are interested:

ELITE CAMP – 19th till 21st Sept (9am – 3pm)
BEGINNER – 22nd and 23rd Sept (9am-1pm)
INTERMEDIATE – 26th till 28th Sept (9am-12pm)

Venue: Mornington Secondary College

Read For Australia - A Literacy and Numeracy Week Activity

Our Read For Australia book this year was “My Two Blankets”, a book with many messages and opportunities for children to discuss current issues and explore their own feelings and inspirations. This simple story touches on issues as broad as friendship, cultural diversity, immigration and mental health.

Why do we include literature studies as part of our curriculum?

Our Victorian Curriculum includes Literature as a key component, and there are standards from Prep to Year Six that our students are required to meet. Some of these standards are as follows.

Year 6 - Identify the relationship between words, sounds, imagery and language patterns in narratives and poetry such as ballads, limericks and free verse.

Year 1 - Respond to texts drawn from a range of cultures and experiences (VCELY185)

Year 2 - Discuss the characters and settings of different texts and explore how language is used to present these features in different ways (VCELT219)

Prep - Recognise that texts are created by authors who tell stories and share experiences that may be similar or different to students’ own experiences (VCELT148)

Year 3 - Draw connections between personal experiences and the worlds of texts, and share responses with others (VCELT251)

Our children have had many opportunities to respond to this story and here are some of the results. Please take the time to have a closer look at the writing and art work on display outside the classrooms. The Preps discussed the story and how Cartwheel, the main character, made a friend at the park who taught her many words in English and helped her to feel at home in her new country. They made collage blankets and drew in chalk with a partner, including in their blankets images that are important to them.
Year 1 students made Identity Quilts and did some writing about friendship. They wrote how they might greet a new friend and how to make them feel like they have someone to talk to.

The Year 3 students created class blankets of images they found important in their lives.

Indigenous Literacy Foundation Thank you!

A huge thank you to the school community for raising $852.15 over the past 3 weeks. This will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Our Dress up Day and Book Swap helps to make a difference by providing funds for the Foundation to use when resourcing and providing reading material for remote and under-privileged communities. Thank you to all who participated and donated.

What’s happening in Term 4?

Teachers have had the opportunity to plan for literacy experiences and assessments that will allow students to showcase their skills prior to report writing. Our Term 4 Inquiry Unit is based around the concept of “Change” so we expect to be exposed to literature, write and practise reading skills that relate to the Year level topic based on this through line. Speaking and listening skills will continue to be honed, with exciting transition experiences planned for every student. Stay tuned to Year level newsletters and Class Blogs for more information about your child’s literacy activities.

SPELLING “POWER GROUP” What do you think is important to include in a school program?

A group of teachers are continuing to work towards a review of our Spelling program at MMPS, and the establishment of a new program for trial in 2017. It has been a task involving professional readings, investigation into what is current best practice, a review of existing programs and our school’s priorities, as well as visits to other schools. We are all very excited about consolidating our knowledge and developing a program that is unique to our school and community.

We would like to invite our school community to have some input into this process and share your ideas, priorities and what you think is important for your children. What do you think is important about spelling? Please email your input to the school email address: mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

PUPIL FREE DAY - FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER 2016

THE LETTER DAY!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DRESS UP AS A OR A OR COME IN YOUR PJ’S OR ANYTHING STARTING WITH THE LETTER

BRING A PHOTO OF YOUR OWN PET TO MAKE A PICTURE FRAME

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HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH
BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER!!!
FIRST AID NEWS

Head Lice Whole School Approach

Head lice are still around so we have designated the holidays for a whole school approach to the problem. Please check your child’s hair for live eggs or lice. Should you find any, there are two choices of treatment:

**Chemical**: Treat and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in 7 days.

**Non-chemical**: Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

Head lice need 14 – 17 days to mature to egg laying stage, so if you leave a comb in the shower or bath and comb through the conditioner when you wash your hair each week, you will remove the lice before they are able to lay more eggs and we would soon be rid of this itchy problem.

Thanks for your co-operation. Enjoy the holidays!

Lorraine Stuart
First Aid Officer
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Southern Peninsula park’s are hosting FREE Ranger led activities these holidays in the great outdoors.

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* Walk to the top of an operational lighthouse
* Super sleuth with Rangers on a park treasure hunt
* Unlock history and mysteries at the Quarantine Station
* Connect with nature in the digital age through “BioBlitz” to help us monitor wildlife and nature
* Find feathered friends through binoculars

All activities are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings essential from 12 Sept.
www.juniorrangersonline.com.au

2016/17 SEASON
Starting 8th October - 4th March
Every Saturday from 8.45 am

Come and Try Session for New Athletes
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Saturday 17th September, 10 - 12pm

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