Travel Smart Committee.

Planning Week: This week teachers are working in their Year level teams to plan teaching, assessment and reporting programs for Term 4. During this time they look at student assessment data to inform teaching practises. The teachers collaboratively plan units of work in all curriculum domains for Term 4 during their planning day. The planning days are highly valued by our teachers and assist them in designing and creating a vibrant curriculum for our students.

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, on Friday 19 September. The assembly will be held in the gymnasium at 9.10am. We have an exciting assembly planned including student items and a number of award presentations. A reminder also that school finishes early for the final day of term at 2.30pm (Friday 19 September).

Year Five Camp: Despite the weather, our Year 5 students enjoyed a wonderful experience at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat for their camp. They developed an empathy for the hardships of life on the gold fields in the 1850’s. They had the opportunity to dress up in 1850’s clothing, attended “Blood on the Southern Cross”, Red Hill Mine Tour, Gold Fever (Education session), Gold Museum, The Secret Chamber, Living in the Past (Education session), Gold Pour Demonstration as well as experiencing gold panning and walking around Sovereign Hill.

NAPLAN: Parents of students in Year 3 should have received their child’s NAPLAN results earlier this week and results for Year 5 children will go home today. If you have any questions please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Footy Day Reminder: Monday September 15 is our Footy Day. Children can come wearing their football colours. All year levels will be taking part in a Footy Parade on the oval (weather permitting) between 11.30am and 1.00pm. Parents and community members are most welcome to come along and join in the fun. Our PTA is providing a Special Footy Day lunch to add to the spirit of the day.

Reminder Year 1 and 2 Concert: Our Year 1 and 2 students have been enthusiastically rehearsing for their concert to be held in the gym on Tuesday 16th September 6.30pm - 7.30pm. The Year 1’s will be performing “Having Fun in the Sun” and Year 2 “Let’s Get Physical”. The entrance fee is a gold coin donation. We are looking forward to seeing their performance on our new stage.

Karen Walker, Principal.

TravelSmart News

Yeah!!! It is Spring and the perfect time to change old habits and start new healthy ones! Walk everyday or choose days that suit, to walk with your child/ren, or allow them to walk/ride/scooter to School. If you live too far away to walk the whole way then part way is OK! You can drive to the closest ParknStride on your school route, for example, did you know that if you drive to School down Somerset Drive, Kinross St is the last road on the left before you reach Dominion rd. There is a car park at the shops there and only a 700m walk to School, it is a great way to start teaching your child the safe ways to walk around their community and gaining vital skills for the future years. If we want to raise our children in a safe community we have to be active participants in that, allow time to slow down and appreciate how lucky we are to live in this wonderful area.

When we return next term it will be October and during this month VicHealth are running a campaign called “Walk to School” initiative. Ask the children if they have noticed the signs around the School? Each class will be participating in this and their teachers will explain how the children can get involved. Further information for parents is available at the school office or on the Vic Health Website. Below is information from the VicHealth website.

About Walk to School October 2014

Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. Walking to and from school can help children get the daily physical activity they need — and there are plenty of other benefits too. Walking to school can help to reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

Less than one in five Victorian kids walk to school regularly, at a time when childhood obesity is rising to epidemic levels. Since 2006, VicHealth’s Walk to School has aimed to tackle this worrying trend by encouraging Victorian primary students to walk to and from school more often. Younger children are encouraged to walk with their parents and older children on their own (when their parents decide it’s safe).

October is a great time to start walking, because Victoria’s fabulous spring sunshine makes it a pleasure to get out of the house, and the car!

Travel Smart Committee.

Mt Martha Netball Club Spring Competition - Registration is now open for U9, U10 & U11. Visit the Mt Martha Netball Club website at Fox Sports Pulse.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Thur 17th July - 18th Sept
• Yr 4 Footsteps Dance Company Incursion

Friday 12th
• District Athletics Carnival at Ballam Park Frankston

Monday 15th
• Whole School Footy Day Parade & Lunch

Tuesday 16th
• Yr 1 & 2 Concert in Gym 6pm - 8.30pm
  Gold Coin Entry

Friday 19th
• Last Day Term 3
• Whole School Assembly 9.10am
• Students dismissed from classroom at 2.30pm

OCTOBER

Mon 13th Oct - 21st Sep
• Yr 4/5/6 Bike Education

Thursday 16th
• Yr 4 Force & Motion Incursion at MMPS

Tuesday 21st
• Yr 1A & 1B Excursion to Melbourne Museum

Thursday 23rd
• Yr 2 Mini Beast Excursion Gould League, Moorabbin

Friday 24th
• Yr 3 Chemical Incursion at MMPS

Tuesday 28th
• Yr 1D Excursion to Melbourne Museum

Wednesday 29th
• Yr 1C & 1E Excursion to Melbourne Museum

SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING TONIGHT
6.45pm in Staff Centre
All welcome
Senior School Visual Art .......

Congratulations to the following students for achieving excellent results in the Student Archibald Project!!! The artists will now have the opportunity to participate in the Friends of Mornington Peninsula Art Award which coincides with the Archibald Prize Exhibition 2014 at MPRG from 4th October to 16th November this year.

1st Ryan O 6A ‘Tomomatic’
2nd Grace G 6A ‘Calum Hood’
3rd Luke B 5A ‘Shane Warne’
4th Tommy S 5B ‘Harry Kewell’

Hugo M – ‘Kevin Rudd’
Sophie M – ‘Pro Hart’
Clare F – ‘Truganini’
Emma W – ‘Miss Fisher’
Grace W – ‘Howard Florey’
Tashi K – ‘Megan Washington’
Mia B – ‘Douglas Mawson’
Coe R – ‘Andrew Krakouer’
Riley G – ‘Michael Hutchence’
Christian G – Tom Hafey
Molly H – Fred Hollows
Oscar O – ‘Adam Goodes’
Ruby – ‘Eddie Mabo’
Tom H – ‘Hugh Jackman’
Lola M – ‘Leyton Hewitt’
Chiara M – ‘Torah Bright’

Well Done to everyone who exhibited their portrait in the Mt. Martha Student Archibald.

Julie Christie
Visual Arts Teacher.

Working Bee – September 6 2014

We held our third Working Bee for 2014 last Saturday and it was pleasing to see some new faces (plus some regulars!) attend the Working Bee. The weather was fantastic and that always makes it easier to roll up the sleeves and get some gardening tasks completed. We had approximately 12 parents (plus children) and 5 of our staff helping on the day. Well done to those parents and a particularly big thank you to our staff who came along and gave up their time to help keep our gardens looking great. All those who attended worked really hard and we managed to achieve a great deal in the Sensory Garden. A huge thank you to Craig McLachlan of Smart Landscapes (0401 297 940) for bringing along his motorised “Dingo” to help us spread 6 cubic metres of Hillview gravel in the garden and for filling up the circular rock sand pit with new washed sand. Thanks Craig that saved so much time! Also, a big thanks to Karen Walker for cooking up a great batch of scones for our hard working gardeners.

Whilst there were teachers and parents working away in the sun there was another groups of parents helping Julie Moncrieff organise the big book collection in the Prep learning area. A big thank you to Julie and that small but organised group of mums.

This was the first Working Bee, our gardening guru, Jenny Spiridis has missed at MMPS. Jenny was so unwell she was unable to attend. Despite the loss of our spiritual leader we still managed to complete many of the tasks on our list. Our next “Bee” will be in Term 4 and it would be great if more parents could make it to that event and help out. It really is good fun and a great chance to meet other parents and assist in maintaining our beautiful gardens.

Hugh O’Brien
Facilities Coordinator

FAMILY VIOLENCE PUBLIC FORUM - Let’s make a change. Peninsula Community Theatre, Wilsons Rd, Mornington (Mel Ref 145 E2). Tuesday September 16 at 6.30pm - 8.45pm.
Free Community Forum - All welcome.
Parents' and Teachers' Association Noticeboard

Term 3 Events -

Father’s day Breakfast - Our apologies to the Fathers and children who unfortunately didn’t get to spend time enjoying the morning, but were instead waiting so patiently for breakfast! There is a lot of planning that goes into ensuring that our PTA events run smoothly and in this instance it was beyond our control. I do hope that you all had a wonderful Father’s Day on Sunday and that the beautiful weather more than made up for any disappointments.

Our Last Activity for this term:-

Footy Day Parade and Lunch - this Monday 15th of September - the success of our PTA events relies also on the support of the parents of our MMPS community. Please let me know by end Friday 12th September if you are able to offer ONE HOUR of your time. As time is running out could you please email me your preferred time and contact details to info@janemogensen.com.au

YES I can HELP with the Footy Day Monday 15th September

Name: .................................................................................................................................

Child’s Name: ....................................................................................................................... Class: ..............................

Contact Number......................................................................................................................

Please Circle:

8.30-9.30 9.30-10.30 10.30-11.30 11.30-1pm

SCHOOL TERMS 2014

TERM 1  30th January to 4th April
TERM 2  22nd April to 27th June
TERM 3  14th July to 19th September
TERM 4  6th October to 19th December

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