Welcome to our new substantive Principal: It has been a fantastic experience to have been in the role as the Acting Principal for Mount Martha Primary School during Term 3. I have thoroughly embraced the opportunity to lead such a fabulous school community. I have enjoyed learning new things every day as a “lifelong learner” just as we encourage our students to be. From the first day of Term 4 we will warmly welcome Martin Page to our school community. He brings an extensive knowledge as a Principal of a number of schools and in his other roles with DEECD to Mount Martha Primary School.

Footy Day: What a fabulous fun filled day we had all on Monday. We were very fortunate with the weather for our annual sports parade and special lunch. Thankyou to our hard working PTA for preparing the delicious lunches and to Cameron Sweetman and staff for your preparation to ensure the day ran smoothly.

Year 1 and 2 Concert: I like many other members of our school community had the pleasure of attending the concert on Tuesday night. Our school hall was filled to the brim with members of our school community enjoying the students performances. It was so great to see some of our students who were feeling a little nervous overcome that fear and perform. They were so proud of themselves afterwards. Thankyou to our Performing Arts teacher Leanne Rault, who is an extremely talented teacher. Also to our other specialist teachers Cameron Sweetman, Julie Christie and Sarah Forward who supported Leanne with displays, computer images and staging. Thankyou also to the Year 1 and 2 teachers and many other members of staff who supported the performance on the night back stage. A special thanks to Rob Dabb’s from Nepean Music for supplying the lighting.

Year Five Learning Expo: On Tuesday our Year 5 students participated in an Expo of their learning experiences. I was incredibly proud of the standard of work that they presented and how well they could articulate their learning. Students presented their knowledge from the ‘I am Victorian’ Inquiry unit to parents, the Principal class, our office staff, students and teachers from the other year levels. They shared the history of Victoria from the first settlement at Sullivan Bay, through to the establishment of the City of Melbourne and onto the Gold Rush. Well done Year 5 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 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 and our school community. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to another “fantastic” term, for our final Term of the 2014 school year. School resumes on Monday October 6.

Happy Holidays!

Karen walker
Principal

Getting your sneakers on for Walk to School Month

Walk to School month kicks off when we return in Term 4. Spring is the perfect time to spring into walking or riding to school. Over the holidays, have a think about – or perhaps even do a few laps of – your ‘Walk to School’ route. Ask a friend to join you. Who else in your street or neighbourhood could you walk with? You could recruit a whole group.

Remember, Part Way is OK. If you live further away from school, get to know our two Park + Stride locations – at Mt Martha House on Dominon Rd, and at Kinross Street Shops, on the corner of Walarra Drive. Whether with friends or with mum or dad, kids who walk or ride to school start their day fresh and bright.

For further information or to download the Walk to School app visit walktoschool.vic.gov.au or mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au (See flyer attached to this edition for more information).

WANTED – Can you sew?

The Travel Smart committee will be running a craft night, stitching around 100 metres of bunting flags to demarcate and decorate our Park + Stride locations. Love bunting? Love our kids and our community? Come along!

When: Thursday 2nd October, 6pm onwards.

Where: Lilo Cafe, The Esplanade, Mornington.

Bring: BYO sewing machine in good working order, scissors and extension cord.

Thanks to Maryke Johnstone for offering this gorgeous space. If you’re keen to help, contact Karen Charlton on 0432 983 570.

Cheers,
Karen Charlton.
As Term 3 draws to a close, we can draw breath and take the opportunity to look at all of the samples of student work that are currently on display outside classrooms. It is amazing to realise that these are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the range of literacy activities the children at MMPS can experience. We are working hard to create a program that is as individualised as possible and offers every child the opportunity to be their best.

The Year Five classes have had a busy term, recently culminating in their camp to Sovereign Hill. Their inquiry Unit this term, based around the history of Victoria, has enabled them to incorporate some fabulous literacy activities into their learning program, most recently displayed at their Victorian History Expo this week. Here are some samples of student work.

**Diary entry by Clara 5A**

I went panning this morning, it was misty and cold. I am so excited, my friends and I are rich! We met two other lovely women and put all of our money together, but my spark of excitement soon went out, it all started after I went mining. I was over at my friends house with all of our one thousand pounds, when I heard screams and gunshots and helpless shouts for help. Licence hunt, I thought. But that thought was wiped clean from my mind when a bushranger burst into the tent. I screamed until my lungs hurt and immediately dove for the money, but before I could van he held me at gun point and yelled at me with a violent stare! I looked at my friends for their opinion and they nodded…almost too fast. So without even thinking about it I gave him 400 pounds, and I hid the rest. I am shaking so much I am having trouble writing this….

**Diary Entry by Keely 5D**

Dear Parents,

Today Elizabeth and I joined up with our new friend Mrs Anna Wise and went to an auction. We wanted to buy a bakery so we could make cakes, slices and brownies to sell. The reserve price was 60 pounds and Elizabeth kicked the bidding off at 70 pounds but lots of other people had the same idea and made it up to 100 pounds. Unfortunately there were a few confident bidders and somehow the price got to 350 pounds. Elizabeth got a bit too excited and bid 400 pounds which was all we had.
Dear Margorie, 14th day of May 1803

I have only been here three months and I am dreading it here. We are in cages with massive, rusty iron bars as if we were animals. In the daytime it is not uncommon to hear bloodcurdling screams to make you cry our eyes out. It is not much better at night. We sleep on small hammocks in large groups, but if you ask me, I am the one holding everyone up. During the sleepless nights with the wind howling through the gaps in the wooden boards, you can hear the screams. One morning we got to go up on the top deck and as I was going up the stairs, I smelt the fresh salty air. I actually almost smiled then... I had a quick walk around the top deck and then I found the perfect view. I stood making shapes from the clouds when I heard a loud scream, not of confusion, anger or despair but fear. I looked up to see a man screaming for fear as he fell to his death. He fell right in front of me and I watched as the light slowly fades from his eyes. Suddenly I got pushed away by the crowd of free settlers to go down into the cells. He came here for a better life and he got the worst life could offer him and he landed right where I was standing. I could have saved him. Now I am mortified by the thought. Till next time,

Maggie

By Jaime 5B

30th August

Dear Diary,

I am so excited! Today we walked on a long, long trip to the Assay Office. We exchanged all of our gold. Today the price of gold was 2 pounds. We had 50oz altogether so that meant we got 100 pounds. I am literally over the moon. Soon we will be able to buy a shop which I can’t believe. The weather was really foggy which made the walk even longer. We now have 115.08 pounds which is pretty good considering we have only been here for 3 days. Once we open up our shop, life will be easier because we won’t have to worry about panning, as long as our shop is successful. We are hoping to get a pub. The commissioner told us that tomorrow he will auction off some shops and I am quite scared that someone will have more money than me.

Maggie

By Jaime 5B

Why Miners Should Pay for a Miner’s Licence!

Firstly, I think miners should pay because if you own a mine, that is you land and no one else can enter the premises.

Secondly, I think if you don’t buy a licence the general store wouldn’t make any money and they wouldn’t be able to buy stock. The miners would not be able to buy anything.

Thirdly, if the miners pay for licences it means the commissioner(s) get money and once you have a mine you can cash in the gold that you find at the assay office. You might even get more than you paid to get the licence.

Finally, if the miners didn’t pay for licences there would not be any money to pay for troopers and that means there would be none to protect the goldfields to keep the bushrangers away.

In conclusion, it works out for everyone in the end as long as you play it safe and don’t get robbed.

By Hannah 5B
SPORTS NEWS

District Athletics

Last week our school athletics team competed at the District Athletics Carnival. It was a great day with all our students doing a remarkable job in their individual and team events. Overall, Mt Martha finished 2nd with some students continuing onto the Division Championships next term. We wish the following students all the best at the Division level:

Sophie M – High Jump & 200m  Cameron W – High Jump  Layla M – Shot Put & Discus
Amelia McH – Long Jump  Louis T – Long Jump & 100m  Jer'tarme W – Hurdles
Flynn VB – 100m & Shot Put  Fynn A – 200m  Josh McC – 200m
Izabella D – Discus & Shot Put  Mietta M – Hurdles  Ava N - Hurdles
Tara KC – 100m  Noah C – 800m
Regan, Flynn, Cameron & Fynn – 100m Relay  Ethan, Louis, Josh & Jake – 100m Relay
Mikayla, Liana, Erica & Mietta – 100m Relay

A huge thank you to Miss Vines & Mrs Reardon for supporting our team at the District Athletics.

Junior Football Grand Final

Congratulations to the Under 11’s South Mornington Football team in their great victory on Sunday’s grand final against Red Hill. With a tight effort in the first half, South Mornington came out in the second half and took the premiership with Flynn being named ‘Best on Ground’ by the umpires. Congratulations to Brodie, Flynn and Fynn for their efforts and Troy as the coach of the winning team.

Footy Day

The rain stayed away as all classes hit the MMCG for the Footy Parade. The sherrin was raised in the air and the siren went, the parade had begun. We started with our last place ‘wooden spooners’ St.Kilda and moved up the ladder.

We finished off the AFL ladder with Sydney Swans. It was the moment that all the teachers dread, the challenge of kicking the footy into the wheelie bin. Most teams were represented and there were high expectations put on Mr Hartwig (Essendon) & Mr O’Brien (St.Kilda). A few notable efforts from Mrs Walker who had very inappropriate footwear, but still managed to kick it further than the bin. Mr Beirne who took a huge run up and went the rugby banana kick but it was Mrs Reardon, representing Geelong, who hit the bin on the top.

At this point the smell of the meat pies and sausage rolls wafted across the oval and as our stomachs started to rumble, we closed our Footy Day parade for 2014.

Cameron Sweatman

Physical Education Teacher.
Term 3 Events -

Thanks so much to the Class Parent Reps who attended last week's PTA Meeting. It was fantastic to have your support as well as your input into future PTA events.

Footy Day Parade and Lunch is a highlight on the school calendar and this year it was another great day enjoyed by parents, grandparents and of course the kids. The hot pies, sausage rolls and pasties were a big hit and we managed to swiftly deliver these to the classes thanks to the support of the Year 6 leaders and parents. A massive THANK YOU to the PTA team, especially Jodi and Deanne who ensured all ran smoothly on the day. The support offered by parent helpers was fabulous and we cannot thank you enough! Finally thank you to Lorraine with the help of the Office Staff, who has given ongoing support to the PTA all year. It has been a very busy term and we'll all enjoy a lovely break these holidays.

Enjoy a fun and safe holiday and we look forward to Term 4 with some exciting new events - The Billie Cart Workshop and Parent Bowls Night - Stay tuned!!!

Jane Mogensen
PTA President

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 reduce this itchy problem.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Regards,

Lorraine Stuart
First Aid Officer
COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAMP AUSTRALIA – We make kids smile. Choose your fun these holidays. Come for a day, everyday or anything in between. Where: Mt Martha PS - RSVP: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs or contact 1300 105 343.

THE BRIARS School Holidays - Junior Ranger Program - ‘Colours of the Rainbow’ and Guided Spotlight walks in the Wildlife Sanctuary. Bookings Essential. Contact 5974 3686 or the.briars@mornpen.vic.gov.au

MOONLIT SANCTUARY School Holidays - Young Ranger Program. Bookings Essential. 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale. PH: 5978 7935 or www.moonlit-sanctuary.com (due to road works Moonlit Sanctuary is only accessible from Baxter-Tooradin Rd till mid November).

Holiday Hoop Fest - Here’s your chance to train with the Mornington Breakers Women’s Import (Jasmine Stovall) before she travels back to America. Where: Mornington Secondary College, Nepean Hwy Mornington. 3 Day Domestic Camp Suitable ages 5 - 10 years. Sept 24th - 26th 9am - 2pm. Cost $150. 2 Day Advanced Skills training camp, September 57th & 28th 9am - 12pm. Cost $100. Please bring your basketball and lunch each day. *Limited Spaces* For more information contact 0490 515 496.

September Spring School Holiday Workshops at Angus & Rose, 457 Nepean Highway Mt Martha. PH: 03 5974 4833 or visit www.angusandroseatthebriars.com

There are now 4 LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES in Mt Martha!

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♦ Scenic View Drive (cnr 2 Banksia Grove)
♦ 42 Dominion Rd
♦ 28 Morlyn Drive


Happy reading!

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A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve is reserved for STAFF PARKING. Please use Eco Park or Glenisla Dve.

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Thank you for assisting in keeping our school as safe as possible for our students.
Information for parents and guardians

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.

How your child can get involved

Your child can take part simply by walking to and from school! There are lots of ways for children and families to get involved, and we encourage you to find an option that suits your family.

You might like to:

- walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to talk, help your child learn road safety skills, and get to know the local neighbourhood together
- arrange for your child to walk with other families or friends, giving them time to socialise and share their journey
- drive part of the way to school and walk the rest, particularly if you live a long way from school, or have limited time
- mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that’s fine too!

Taking part through your child’s school

If your child’s school is taking part in Walk to School, your child’s teacher will record how many times students walk to and from school during October, using a classroom calendar. Schools with the highest participation levels in each region will be eligible for some great prizes – so each time your child walks, they’ll also be increasing their school’s chances!

Taking part as an individual

If your child’s school is not taking part in Walk to School, your child can still participate by signing up, with your permission, using the Walk to School app or at www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au. Your child can then record their walks during October.

The free app includes a game that allows children to create their own imaginary Walk to School journey, and collect bonus creatures and objects for their world with each walk they record. The app is available for free from the iTunes store and Google play.

Competitions and prizes

Regardless of how many times they walk, children can enter fun walking-themed competitions each week, and have a chance of winning some fantastic prizes. Competitions will be promoted on the Walk to School website and Facebook page throughout October.

For more information about Walk to School visit www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au, and follow Walk to School on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news and updates. If you have any questions you can contact walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au.

For more information about VicHealth, visit www.vichealth.vic.gov.au.
What information will be collected?

Classroom calendars

If your child’s walks are recorded on a Walk to School classroom calendar, your child’s teacher will record your child’s name, how many times they usually walk to and from school each week, and how many times they walk to and from school during October.

Schools will be asked to provide a summary of their participation data to VicHealth in December 2014. This will not include individual student details. If schools ask VicHealth or the Walk to School coordinator at their local council for assistance, VicHealth or the local council may collect the school’s classroom calendars to summarise and report the school’s participation. VicHealth may also collect a sample of classroom calendars to understand student walking patterns.

Walk to School website

VicHealth administers the Walk to School website. If you register your child online, you will need to provide your child’s name (optional) or user name, password, email address (optional). We won’t ask for your child’s date of birth, phone number or address.

To collect information about your child’s walking activity, we’ll ask how often your child usually walks to and from school each week, the distance you live from school, and which days they walked during October. We will provide an online map to help you work out how far you live from school, but will delete the addresses you enter on the map as soon as you close that page.

What will VicHealth do with the information?

By collecting information about participation, VicHealth will be able to work out new and better ways to encourage children to be active.

VicHealth will use the data we collect to see how much walking is happening in different parts of Victoria, and to measure the impact of Walk to School on walking behaviour. We will use aggregate data for individual schools, schools within a region, and schools in the state, so we can evaluate participation, identify walking trends and behaviour, and measure program effectiveness. VicHealth may publish Walk to School results at the school or state level in VicHealth publications or other publications.

Information collected on classroom calendars will only be accessed by your child, your child’s teacher and your school’s Walk to School coordinator. If schools ask VicHealth or their local council for assistance, VicHealth or the local council may collect the school’s classroom calendars to summarise and report the school’s participation. VicHealth may also collect a sample of classroom calendars to understand student walking patterns. VicHealth and local councils will securely store and destroy classroom calendars once summary data has been reported.

Information collected on the Walk to School website and app will only be accessed by your child and VicHealth. Your child’s name or user name is only collected to allow VicHealth to administer the online student portal and create aggregated participation reports. If you choose to provide an email address as part of your child’s profile, the email address will only be used to provide you with information about Walk to School 2014 and to allow your child’s user name to be recovered or their password to be reset if they are forgotten.

We may post some entries from our weekly competitions on our website and Facebook page. We will ask you directly for your permission before posting your child’s entry online.

VicHealth will securely store and destroy classroom calendars once analysis has been completed. Only aggregated data will be used for reporting, and no individual will be identified. All personal information about your child will be securely stored and destroyed by June 2015.

What if I don’t want my child to participate?

If your child’s school is taking part in Walk to School but you do not want your child’s teacher to record how many times your child walks to and from school during October, ask your child’s teacher not to include your child’s name on their Walk to School classroom calendar.

If your child has been registered on the website, and you want their profile deleted, you can delete it or ask VicHealth to delete it.

If you choose not to record your child’s walks, your child can still enter weekly Walk to School competitions during October. And of course, you can still walk to school as often as you like, and enjoy the benefits!