Principal Report

Gold For Green Day - The students, staff and parent helpers had a terrific day participating in our “Gold for Green Day” last Tuesday. As well as planting activities, classes participated in a range of environmental and creative activities. They all had fun as well as learning! It was terrific to see our Preps being helped by Year 4 buddies and students helping each other in their classes. Thank you Mrs Spiridis for organising the day, our generous donors of plants and pots, parents and staff for your assistance and students for planting and thinking of ways they can help the environment.

Following on from the great work done on “Gold for Green Day” we have our first Working Bee for the year on Saturday 28 May 9 - 12pm. All are welcome! (see flyer in this Banksia Bulletin).

Walk Safely to School Day - Tomorrow is “Walk Safely to School Day”. This day is always a good chance to consider how your child makes their way to school. Maybe a chance to enjoy a walk to school or if you have to drive because of distance maybe using the “park and stride” locations at Kinross shops or Mt Martha House could be an option?

Walk for Louis Tate - On this Sunday 22nd May there will be a walk at Yarra Bend Park commencing at 1.30pm in memory of Louis Tate. The walk will start from the car park near the Studley Park Boathouse. Please follow the link for more details or to donate in support of Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia. https://give.everydayhero.com/au/walk4louis

Year 4 Camp - Our Year 4 students, teachers and parent helpers are heading off to Camp Arrabri in Warburton, leaving next Wednesday to return on Friday. They are sure to have a fantastic time with a range of challenging activities and will bring home many experiences and stories to share. Have a great time!!

Pupil Free Day - a reminder that a Pupil Free Day will be held on Tuesday 21st June for the Student Led Conferences. We encourage our students to be reflective learners. This is an important day for our students, as having reflected on their learning and personal goals for the semester, they present what they have learnt to their parents/caregivers. Students are not required at school except for the time arranged for them to present their learning. Please note that Out of School Hours Care is providing an option with bookings closing on Tuesday 14th June. Conference booking times will be released in the near future using the online PTO booking system.

2017 Prep Enrolments - This week we have been conducting tours for parents with Preps in 2017. They have been very impressed with the learning environment and the engagement of our students in the curriculum. 2017 Prep Enrolment Forms are due back Friday 27th May. These should be accompanied with a birth certificate, immunisation certificate and proof of address. Enrolment information and forms are available from the Office.

Class Blogs - Our students are always actively engaged in their learning with a year level or group of students participating in an incursion, excursion, camp or classroom activity. The class blogs are an easy way to keep track of events they have participated in or have coming up in the future. Please visit the school website and follow the links to register. Even though the popularity of class blogs is increasing, please feel free to leave a positive comment when you visit a blog as this feedback has a positive effect on the students and their learning.

Welcome - to our new student Indigo in Year 2 who commenced with us this week. We wish Indigo and her family a happy and rewarding time at Mount Martha Primary School.

Kind regards

Martin Page
NAPLAN REFLECTIONS

We are all exceptionally proud of the confident and positive approach that was taken towards our recent NAPLAN tests by all staff and students. The Year 3 and 5 teachers have been working diligently to plan, develop and deliver a curriculum that prepares the students both academically and emotionally. There is no doubt that our students have an advantage when participating in the writing components, given that our weekly Big Writes and once a term Cold Writes often mirror NAPLAN conditions and move the children into a more independent and skilled set of writing behaviours. It was fabulous to hear the children talking about the writing stimulus, sharing what they have written and discussing the terminology like true professionals! Whilst NAPLAN preparation was not the key reason for adopting this writing program, it is a wonderful added advantage.

We asked some students, “How has Big Write and VCOP better prepared you for NAPLAN?”

Amber, Amber, Charlotte and Jess from Year 5 said:

“Having other people check our work helped us to know what we needed to improve on.”

“It helped us because when we do VCOP we learn about much more interesting words to make our stories better quality.”

“We revise what we have learnt all the time and this helps us learn it.”

Harrison, Ollie and Rory from Year 3 said:

“We did Big Writes and Cold Writes and that got us used to NAPLAN.”

“In NAPLAN you are not allowed to talk and we don’t do that when we do BIG Writes write either.”

“VCOP helps us with expanding our vocabulary.” “I was really expecting a persuasive question but I knew what to do when it wasn’t.”

SOUNDWAVES

At Mount Martha we are always looking for ways to improve the literacy of our students. Last year, some of our staff participated in a professional development program that demonstrated Soundwaves, a systematic, whole school word study program designed to develop spelling and reading skills using a phonemic (sounds) approach. We are currently trialling sections of this program across the school and your child may have been using the on-line component in class. We are able to offer this online learning component at home too, so take a look at the activities tailored for each year level. These learning resources can be located at the following website, or by scanning the following QR code. There are specific passwords for each Year level. Prep Students have not begun this component as yet.

In ICT specialist lessons, we are having fun starting to become creators of technology rather than just being users of technology. We are doing this by developing skills using block coding. Many of these lessons are a work in progress, but we have some work ready to share with you for Education Week. Some of resources your child might like to explore or share with you at home are listed below. There are also coding links on the ICT blog.

Year 3 students have created their own animated gifs using block code! Scan the QR code to view their work.

Year 4 students are creating their own animated Yeti using block code and will soon be doing programming using Scratch software.

Students in Year 5 are completing the hour of code to create and share their own Flappy bird game with their families and other students.

Year 6 students this term are beginning to work on a project where they have to create a game for the Year 1 students to play using either code, Scratch or Gamemaker.

Sarah Forward
ICT Specialist Teacher

Scan this code to view information about coding for different age groups
WORKING BEE at MMPS!

We are having a Working Bee in Term 2 and we need your assistance!

Date: Saturday 28 May 2016

Time: 9am - 12pm.

Location: Mt. Martha Primary School Grounds

Jobs to be completed:

We had a great “Gold for Green” day on Tuesday 17 May and we want to build on the tasks the children and teachers completed that day. We need to spread lots of mulch on garden beds and prune/trim lots of shrubs and trees.

Bring your secateurs and small pruning saw to assist with above tasks. If you can bring along useful other tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, Pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would also be very beneficial. Some pruning shears for clipping/trimming our poas out the front of the school would be handy too!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea provided.

Please complete this attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day. If you can only make it for an hour it would be appreciated.

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday May 28 at the school Working Bee.

My name is ________________________ and my child/ren’s names are ____________________________

Please return to the office as soon as possible.

Hope to see you there! Jenny Spiridis and Hugh O’Brien
MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Student Led Conferences - PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 21st June 2016

COME IN AND JOIN US FOR OUR ‘M’ DAY!

NB: You can collect your child/ren from the Library and attend the Student Led Conference and then return your child/ren to us!

COST: $40.00 PER CHILD (LESS CCB%/CCR)

CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS AND AN ENROLMENT FORM

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 TUESDAY 14th JUNE!!!!
Hi MMPS Families,

If you would like to know what the PTA team get up to and how we organise activities, please pop along to our next PTA meeting on Wednesday 25th May at 7pm in the Staff Centre. Have a cuppa and a nibble while either just listening to ideas and processes or feel free to offer your own ideas for upcoming events. Our Student and Parent activities are about socialising and getting to know our School Community. I would also like in particular to extend a welcome to our Class Representatives. MMPS does have a lovely community spirit which is fun and exciting to be a part of.

Dates to remember:
Hot Chocolate Day 1st June (celebrate the first day of winter!)
Slips went home this week.

Student Disco 17th June from 5.30pm - Posters and information coming.

Have a lovely week hope to see you next Wednesday!

Cheers
Elle & the PTA Team

Follow us on:
PTA Blog - mmmpsptablog.wordpress.com or via the school website.

Mt Martha P.S. Social Noticeboard
Next PTA meeting: **Wednesday 25th May 7pm in Staff Centre**

**HOT CHOCOLATE DAY**

On The first day of Winter I think we deserve a delicious Hot Chocolate - Yummo!!

Those yummy Hot Chocolates (with a white marshmallow) will be served on Wednesday 1st June during school hours.
Please advise on your return payment slip if your child has special dietary requirements.

Please fill in the slip below and return it to teacher or office with payment of $3 per Hot Chocolate by 4:00pm Friday 27th May (Sorry but no orders after this date can be accepted)

______________________________________________________________________________
Child’s Name __________________________________________ Class______________
(One form per child please)

Hot Chocolate $3.00 Total to Pay $________________

Special Dietary requirements__________________________________________________

Can you help us on the day? If so please fill in your name and contact number below – Thank you

Name:________________________________________________________ Contact number:__________________
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.
If your children are going to school in Mt Martha, you are probably living here for the lifestyle. You probably want to belong to a smallish community, with a village atmosphere, a country feel, close to the beauties of nature, but also with easy access to the facilities of a major city. You have chosen well!

Mt Martha village has a real sense of community. And the only bank in Mt Martha, situated in the heart of the village, is a special community focused bank. You probably think that all banks are similar and that banking is all about interest rates. But the Mt Martha Community Bank is very different. It is owned by 300 local shareholders, run by unpaid local directors and staffed by local people. It supports the local community by sponsoring local organisations and groups, including Mt Martha Primary School. Since startup in 2011, when the last major bank closed its branch in Mt Martha village, Mt Martha Community Bank has given more than $140,000 to over 65 community organisations.

Part of the bank’s charter is to return a major part of its profits to local organisations. So the more profit we make, the more we have to give back. To show the potential that this model has for Mt Martha, the Dromana Community Bank, established much earlier, has now given over $3million back to community organisations!

So, why not support the local Mt Martha Community Bank that supports your school and the local community. It’s the only bank in the town. Being a Bendigo Bank franchise, it is a secure, full range bank – offering home loans, business loans, insurance, credit cards, wealth management, superannuation, financial planning and more.

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- a team of passionate, experienced educators.

At Mt Martha Preschool, inquisitive minds are encouraged, inspired and supported.

But don’t just take our word for it – come visit!

2016 OPEN DAYS:
10am – 12pm, 4th & 18th June

www.mtmarthapreschool.com.au
35 Watsons Rd Mt Martha
Ph 03 5974 2065
Make the pledge to Read More in May!

Use the special May calendar sheet to record the nights or times that you read. Get the whole family into the act!

At the end of the month total your days or hours and be in the running for some

We have only 2 entries for the competition so put your thinking caps on!

Enter the Families Are Readers Competition

Choose a book that all of the family can read or have read to them. Even try an on-line or ebook. What about a talking book? Whatever you choose, work together to produce a way to share your feelings about the book. Create a poster, model, video, diorama, book report, letter to the author ........ the list of ways to respond is endless. These will displayed at school and great prizes can be won.

To enter, leave at the school office or email documents/ photos to: mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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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.

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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

Mt Martha Primary School strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please alert the office to any hazards.

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

CONTACTS

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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