Welcome Back - Welcome everyone for the start of Term 3. I hope everyone had a restful holiday and enjoyed the chance to catch up with family and friends. We certainly had a cold snap to welcome us back! Once again the students are to be congratulated by the way they have enthusiastically moved back in to the routines of school and their learning.

This term we have some terrific events planned to enhance our curriculum and our students’ learning and experiences. Our excursion and incursion pack for this term’s excursions and incursions were sent home towards the end of last term. Please note the permission note and payment due dates for each activity. We always have many upcoming events at Mount Martha Primary School and, as it is easy to miss something in a busy term please, continue to read our “Coming Events” calendar in the newsletter, subscribe and regularly engage with the classroom blogs and keep a check of the school bag for any notices.

Additional Portable Classroom - in recognition of the school’s increasing enrolments the Department of Education will be providing the school with an additional relocatable classroom. This will be located at the end of the basketball courts in part of the Sensory Garden. This area has already been fenced and we have been advised that work will commence this coming weekend with the building arriving early next week. The building will then be ready for classes and part of planning for 2017. Once the works are completed the Sensory Garden play area will be re-established.

Staff Changes - We have had a number of changes for the start of Term 3. Mrs Karen Walker will be commencing at Woodlands Primary School on the 26th July as Acting Principal for 6 weeks. Welcome to Ms Paula Phillips who is replacing Ms Jessica Dixon while she is on leave for the remainder of the year. Welcome also Mrs Nicole Van Den Acker who is replacing Mrs Julie Christie, our Art teacher, while she is on leave for the first two weeks of Term 3 and Mrs Laila Contini who is replacing Mrs Kelly Cartwright in 2B while she is also on leave for a few weeks. Mrs Danielle Brown is replacing Jason Antoniou 3A for the first three weeks of term.

You Can Do It Parent Forum - Mount Martha Primary School is implementing the KidsMatter framework. KidsMatter aims to create positive school communities, teaching children skills for good social and emotional development, encourage schools and parents to work together and recognising and getting help for children with mental and health problems. The “You Can Do It” program is an important part of the work we have been doing. Parents are invited to a Parent Forum on Thursday 21st July. This is a forum has a different focus than the very successful one held last year and is sure to be a great night! More information is included in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

Update Contact Details - The start of term is always an opportunity to update the school if any contact details have changed. Accurate telephone numbers and emergency contacts are important to assist quick contact in the event of injury or illness.

I am really looking forward to another great term.

Welcome to our new students - Kwey in Year 3, Jack in Year 4 and Noah in Year 6 who commenced with us this week. We wish Kwey, Jack and Noah and their families a happy and rewarding time at Mount Martha Primary School.

Kind regards

Martin Page, Principal.
SPORTS NEWS

JOG-A-THON

On Friday 22nd July, the whole school will be involved in the Jog-a-thon. This is a major fundraiser with all the money raised going towards improving the play equipment in areas of the school.

Students are to seek sponsorship from parents, relatives and also close friends to encourage them to complete more laps of the track or an overall donation. Sponsorship forms and information have been sent out to every student last term but more sponsorship cards can be collected from front office or via the class teacher.

Everyone that receives money from our Jog-a-thon will go into a large raffle to win some amazing brand new sport equipment.

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REGIONAL BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS

During the school holidays, Brodi C in Yr 5 was able to attend the State Team Basketball camp in Coburg. It was a very tough competition with some impressive players, heaps of guards with great skills and a bit of height. He played his heart out and was definitely up there with his ball handling, defense and shooting.

They all played 8 games of basketball, did skills training and drills, he got so much out of it working with all the incredible coaches. Unfortunately Brodi didn’t get selected to represent Victoria but will take so much from this experience and thrive to improve for 2017.

Big V Basketball Match

On Saturday 9th July, I was lucky enough to be invited to watch Youth League Men and the Division 2 Men Breakers teams play against the Westernport Steelers. It was great to see the some familiar faces their watching as well as the half time exhibition match featuring some of our very own students. The following boys were lucky enough to play a small game during the Big V match and also win the match. Well done to the following: Noah G, Jai L, Oliver F, Alistair McC & Nate M.

It was wonderful to see Adam Ballinger play and showcase his great skills in a match. Hopefully we will be able to have Adam come to our school to run some small sessions with some children.

AMART COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program.

Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You’ll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend. Thanks for your support.

Missing Uniforms

All our sporting activities require uniforms and equipment. Can everyone who has represented our school in summer/winter sports and cross country - please check if you have any uniform items and return them to school ASAP. The uniform tub is in my office upstairs. Thank you.

Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Championship

The Dromana leg of the Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Championship hosted by the Red Hill Riders Mountain Bike Club, is being held at the Dromana Secondary College on Sunday the 24th of July. Age groups from U11 to U19 both novice and racing categories. Racing will be on the school Hillview trail which is open for practice after school hours and the weekends. We would appreciate your support to get the numbers up for the event. This series can act as an introduction to the cross country racing part of the sport particularly for the younger age groups.
The MMPS Kids Matter Team is happy to present a “Parenting Capabilities of Highly Effective Parents” workshop for all parents at our school.

You Can Do It! Education (YCDI)

Date & Time: July 21 (7 – 8.30pm)  
PLACE: Staff Centre

This talk for parents will present the different actions parents can take at home to support the achievement and social and emotional well-being of their children.

Parents will have an opportunity to discover what parents say and do that contribute to very high levels of well-being in children including: having conversations with children about emotions and how to manage stress, how to make friends and the importance of involving children in decision making at home.

Some actions to avoid will also be reviewed and discussed.

Hope to see you there - there is no charge to attend this informative session!

*Please note: This workshop is different to the one presented last year.

Organised by The Kids Matter Team at MMPS
Welcome back for Term 3! After Student Led Conferences and assessments in Term 2, teachers and students have set new Literacy goals and begun working towards these together. We look forward to sharing some samples of exemplary work in the Banksia Bulletin this term.

**Term Three Activities**

We have some exciting activities planned for the three weeks beginning Monday 22nd August, in celebration of Literacy and Numeracy Week, Book Week and Indigenous Literacy Week.

**Great Book Swap**

Bring a favourite book to swap from **Monday 22nd August (Week 7)** and take home a new one over the following weeks. Don’t forget to bring a **gold coin donation** to support literacy in our Indigenous Communities. Parents can leave their books in the special box at the office.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures**

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander priority in the Australian Curriculum provides opportunities for all learners to deepen their knowledge of Australia by engaging with the world’s oldest continuous living cultures. This knowledge and understanding will enrich their ability to participate positively in the ongoing development of Australia.

We continue our goal at MMPS to make connections to Indigenous Culture and learn more about Indigenous Literature with new resources recently purchased for our Library and ongoing connections planned as part of inquiry units across the school.

**Book & Movie Character Dress-Up Day**

Wednesday 24th August

Come to school dressed as your favourite book or movie character!

Gold Coin Donations please!

Want to know more about Literacy and Numeracy Week or The Indigenous Literacy Foundation? Check out the following links for loads of information and ways that parents can get involved.


In next week’s BB stay tuned for information about Literacy and Numeracy Week and the CBCA Shortlisted Books.
Yes—there’s an app for that!

With more than a million apps available across a range of connected devices, our kids are often the first ones to try the latest trending app. Overwhelming but still possible, it’s important for parents to understand how these apps affect our kids’ day-to-day life. Finding out about things like privacy policies, age guidelines, in-app purchasing, permissions to access information, or linking the app with accounts like Facebook, will help you understand what apps can do.

If you’re not up to speed, it’s worth catching up — and we’re here to help. Apps can be a truly great way to communicate, share, learn and play. For more about apps, including an overview of some of the most popular platforms currently in use, visit Games, Apps and Social Networking on the eSafety Office website.

You can also view the iParent Portal for more resources.

(Excerpt from the eSafety Office Website) , Sarah Forward, ICT Specialist Teacher.
Bonaccorde Running Club

Whilst attending an inspiring annual Real Estate conference recently, one of the strongest messages to come out of all the brilliant speakers was the importance of health, fitness and stepping out of our comfort zone. So the team at Bonaccorde have decided to do something about it by starting the Bonaccorde Running Club and would like to encourage our wonderful community to join us.

What is it? – We have committed to participating in the Mornington Running Festival 2016 which offers various events for everyone at all levels. The idea is to compete as a group and we will be offering a training program for three different levels –

Good – No running experience – Goal 5km
Better – Can run 2-5kms – Goal 5km or 10km
Best – Run 10km – 20km - Goal 10km or 21.1km

Why? – We understand that it can be a hard to get up and train alone and wanted to provide a place for people to meet and share their goals and enjoy the journey with a group.

When? – Info Session & Light Run: Wednesday 6th July and Friday 8th July from 6am-6.50am

Running Sessions and 8 week program start: Monday 11th July, then every Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 6am till 6:50 am up until raceday.

Where? – Meet outside Bonaccorde office, Mount Martha

What next? – gather some friends, choose a distance, log onto http://www.morningtonrunningfestival.com/ and enter your preferred event (using code Bonaccorde), then join us on 11th July to start training. NB: if you’re unable to attend the information sessions, please call the office 5974 8900 for all the information you will need.
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Your family can join in the fun and win some great prizes!

Build a family scarecrow. Register online NOW and see the website for details at www.scarecrowfestival.org.au

There is a $300 first prize for the both the Best Aussie Icon Scarecrow and Best Traditional Scarecrow, a special Artist’s permanent sculpture competition plus a host of consolation prizes to be won.

The ‘Aussie icon’ theme is broad, and the appearance and personality of your scarecrow creation is only limited by your imagination.

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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

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