Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Next Thursday, we will be having a performance from a group called "Little Paths", it will be an interactive African drum and dance experience. Little Paths supports the ongoing education of vulnerable children in developing nations. The performance will go from 9.30 to 11.30 in the hall, it is free and parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Welcome to Mrs Joanne Nielsen, Joanne will be taking a new 3/4 class in the northern end of the double rooms. As our enrolments have changed since the beginning of the year, it has become necessary to split the two 3/4 classes into a third class in order to provide the best educational opportunities we can for our children.

Each Friday for the next three weeks, the children will be allowed to wear the colour that is the value of the week. Today they are in blue, next week it will be red, the following week it is yellow and the final week it will be green. There will also be two mufti days for the P&C on the 3rd (Thursday) and the 11th of April, it will cost a donation for the Easter raffle such as an egg or chocolates or a gold coin. The raffle will be drawn on the 11th April at the mini-fete, please support the P&C as they do many good things for our school and our children.

The AGM of the P&C will be held on Monday 17th March at 9.30 in the kitchen. All parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend as there were not enough people for a quorum at the last meeting.

Our School Values are Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Responsible and Participate. These values are having a very positive effect on our students and we would appreciate your support from home in reinforcing the importance of these values.

Anna Middleton,  
Principal

**STORYTIME IS BACK FOR 2014!!**

**When:** Every Thursday  
**Where:** MAPS School Library  
**Time:** 9:30 - 11:00am  
**Cost:** FREE, Fruit for morning tea is also provided

A children’s playgroup will also follow Storytime, to be held in the school hall. Mrs Eyles

**P & C NEWS**

The AGM of the P&C will be held on Monday 17th March at 9.30 in the kitchen.

ALL parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend, particularly our new kinder parents. Come and be involved in helping to provide quality education for our children.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Please note that there is NO CREDIT at the Canteen. Please do not ask.

Leonie
Last Friday 28th February Mount Austin Public School students participated in the Clean Up Schools Day, which is part of the Clean Up Australia Day program. All classes cleaned up their designated area around the school playground and did a fantastic job in tidying up our learning environment. A positive aspect of our clean up was the amount of rubbish collected decreased from last year with 5 kilos collected compared to 8 kilos last year. Well done everybody.

**Tips for Parents**

**Daily Activities:** Create labels for organising your child’s things. For example, tape a label that says Books onto your child’s book shelf or Toys on to your child’s toy box. When tidying up, point to the label on the box and say, “This box says Toys so we will put your truck in here.” Run your finger under the word as you read it.

**Pretend Play:** Play “School” together. Let your child be the teacher and have paper and pencils available so she can tell you what to write. As you write, talk about how you start to write at the top of the page and then go from left to right. Then read what you have written.

**Reading Books:** Before reading a book, point to the title, author and illustrator's names on the cover. Run your finger under the words as you read. Explain that the author writes the story and the illustrator draws the pictures.

**On the Go:** While on a bus or a subway, look at advertisements that have pictures and big headlines on them. Talk about how the words in the headline help us understand what's going on in the picture.

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**Introducing REZILIA**

She can handle herself when things are tough!

Rezilia rides the waves of life, keeping herself SAFE and can bounce back when things don't go as planned. She is tough and resilient and keeps going until she gets the job done. She can ignore distractions and is always watching for important details she can use and learn from.

**Introducing ETHICON**

He understands how important his actions are.

Ethicon is always RESPONSIBLE for what he does. He is a deep critical thinker who takes the time to get all the facts before he acts. He is open-minded and willing to explore different things and ideas.
Name: Jessica Schoenfeld  
Position: Student Councillor  
Favourite Food: Ice Cream  
Favourite Singer: Katy Perry  
Favourite Shop: Just Jeans  
Favourite Sport: T-Ball  
A place I would like to go: Darwin, to see what it is like up there.  
I like MAPS because: the people who go there are friendly.

Name: Djaneeka Biggs  
Position: Student Councillor  
Favourite Restaurant: Golden Seasons  
Favourite TV Show: Home & Away  
Favourite Colour: Blue  
Who is your best friend: Codie, Leon and Ajay  
Favourite Subject: Handwriting  
The best job in the world would be: a swimmer for Australia.

Name: Hayley Williams  
Position: Student Councillor  
Favourite Food: Tacos  
Favourite TV Show: The Block  
Favourite Colour: Purple  
Who is your best friend: Maddy  
Favourite Animal: Dog  
The best job in the world would be: to be a contestant on “The Block”.

Name: Ebony Jackson  
Position: Student Councillor  
Favourite Food: Chicken Schnitzel  
Favourite Singer: Beastie Boys  
Favourite Shop: Riot  
Favourite Sport: T-Ball  
A place I would like to go: Amazon Rainforest so I could see the wildlife  
I like MAPS because: all of the teachers are nice.
On the 4th of March, Stage 1 participated in an excursion to the Willans Hill Museum as a part of their HSIE unit of work ‘Families Past and Present.’ The students were able to explore different artefacts as well as listen to information surrounding the history of our local region. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch and played at the Botanical Gardens. A great day was had by all!
**Term 1 Week 3 Assembly Awards**

**Merit Awards**

**KD** Quazi Zaynab, Apikali Vuniwa

**KJ** Kayla Munro, Jabbez Klawmgaith

**K/1P** Seth Stelter, Ashton Weldon

**1K** Brayden Rutland-Kelleher, Kierra-May James

**2P** Declan Davis, Elih Ardler-Pascoe, Joeseph Mimi, Andre Bradley

**2Z** Kierra Dixon, Rahisha King, Joseph Brown

**3/4P** Charlie Pertzel, Bailey Ardler-Pascoe

**3/4B** Joel Kelly, George Koroma

**4/5T** Connor Faulks, Ryan Muir

**5/6M** Demetrie Thurling, Djaneeka Biggs

**5/6L** James Tindall, Skylah Bocking-Simpson

**3/6W** Alarna Eggleton, Codie Kelly

**Behaviour Commendation**

Emillie Brown

Kailan Weldon

Joshua Chitts

Nathan Pertzel

Malaynee Morris

Charli Pascoe

Deborah Deborah

Jye Peachey

Jaharii Biggs

Amy Cooper

Bailey Giunco

Zoe Desmond

**Principal’s Awards**

Matthew Davis, Shantell Ogg

**Map’s Valued Students**

Allirah Cranston, Lillie-Rose Lee

**Writers of the Week**

Nate Lang, Hannah Eggleton

**Multilit Award**

Isabella Malone

**Readers of the Week**

Ryan Faulks, Liam Scott

**Assembly Class of the Week**

3/6W

**How2Learn Superhero Awards**

Isabella Stoll, Kaelan Little, Keisha Dates, Nicholas Hartley

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way to bust hunger after school**

Try these great veggie filled recipes that will top up their tank until dinner time.

**Speedy Pizza**

A wholegrain English muffin with tomato, corn, capsicum and reduced fat grilled cheese.

**Fast Toasty Fingers**

A slice of wholegrain toast cut into soldiers served with "reduced salt" or "no added salt" baked beans.

**Veggie Kebabs**

Kebab skewers with reduced fat cheese, cherry tomatoes & cucumber slices.

**Macho Nachos**

Corn tortillas and sprinkle with quartered cherry tomatoes, kidney beans and reduced fat cheese. Bake in oven for 15 minutes and serve with mashed avocado.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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**The simplest way to ensure your kids slop, slop!**

**Did you know?**

- Running around outside is important for healthy active kids. But unfortunately, two out of three Aussie kids at school today will be diagnosed with skin cancer in later life – some of them with deadly melanomas.
- Ultraviolet radiation is not linked to the temperature – you can get burnt even when it’s cooler or cloudy.

Here are 2 of our top tips for you!

- **Slap on a sun-safe hat**
  Bucket, broad-brimmed or legionnaire styles are best. Baseball caps are a popular fashion item, but they don’t protect the neck, ears and cheeks. Try keeping them for indoor activities only
- **Slap on SPF 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.** Try keeping a pump pack by the front door for when they’re running out to play.

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### School Calendar

#### 2014

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“Like” us to stay in touch with all the news and events in your school and receive updates on payments, excursions, information and special events.