School Council Elections

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<td>Special council meeting to coopt Community members (the principal will preside)</td>
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<td>First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)</td>
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All members of our school community are encouraged to participate in this important process. Please refer to the information for parents that was included in the last two Banksia Bulletins. Further information about the role and responsibilities of school councils is available on the school website or by contacting Hugh O’Brien, Karen Walker or I on 5974 2800.

Judy

A Message from Kids Matter

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to all of the new families who have joined our Mt Martha School community this year. Starting school and moving schools can be an anxious time for both students and parents. Returning to school after a long break can also be difficult for some children. As a KidsMatter school we are committed to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students and helping them to develop the skills to cope with changes in their lives. The KidsMatter website – www.kidsmatter.edu.au provides some excellent, supportive information for parents to help their children with the transitions into school and into new classes. It is important that positive routines are maintained, particularly before school, so that students don’t feel rushed or anxious before arriving at school.

During Term One our ‘You Can Do It’ social curriculum focuses on Organisation and Resilience as foundations for learning. Resilience builds the adaptive qualities and skills of students, preparing them for the challenges and changes that life brings. Helping children to develop resilience ensures that they have the strategies to deal with feelings of anxiety, particularly in new situations. Whilst it is tempting to try to solve children’s problems for them, they need to be assisted to develop their own independence and problem solving skills, by taking risks, making mistakes and understanding that life is not always fun or easy. The following website by Michael Gross contains some practical ideas for assisting children to deal with nervousness or anxiety and in building confidence and resilience. www.parentingideas.com.au

The staff at Mt Martha Primary School are passionate about building positive and rewarding relationships with all students and parents. We look forward to meeting you and finding out more information about your child at the Meet the Teacher Evening, and discussing our social and educational programs at the Curriculum Information Night.

Look out for the KidsMatter stall at the Carnivale in March and come and have a chat to members of the KidsMatter Team to learn more about this important initiative.
Kind regards, Karen Marsh – KidsMatter Team Leader.
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