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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 10th August 2023

*Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.*

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Winter Lighting Premiership - Best** wishes to our Girls' Soccer Team who have made it through to the Regional Finals. They will be playing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at Casey Fields Cranbourne East. We are all really proud of your effort and sporting ability to make it to this level.

**Assembly** - Our next Whole School Assembly will be next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am. We would love to see members of our school community there to celebrate our students learning and achievements.

**2023 Parent Opinion Survey** - On Monday, all families should have received a link and login details for the survey. It will be available for families to complete until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. We are inviting all school families to complete the survey rather than a 30% random sample of parents/caregivers/guardians. Areas of strengths and those that require further improvement will be reported back to the school community when all data is received from Department of Education. Parent opinions will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians through the Annual Report, School Newsletter and the School Council. Results will be used to inform our school's planning and continuous improvement agenda. Please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey.

**Reminder Book Week** - It is less than two weeks until everyone will gather on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August for the Book Week Parade in the School Gym at 9.10am. The theme this year is Read, Grow, Inspire and the featured artist is Australian Illustrator Matt Ottley whose book Luke's Way of Looking was a Children's Book Council Australia Honour Book in 2000. Come dressed as a favourite character. We are asking students to donate a gold coin to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This will assist to help make literacy resources more accessible to Indigenous communities. We welcome members of our school community to come along and enjoy this special day.



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



The Mount Martha Primary School community acknowledges & pays respect to the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong people of the Kulin nation, the traditional custodians of these lands & waters.



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

**Fathers' Day Breakfast** - On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be celebrating Fathers' Day with our traditional Father's Day Breakfast. More information is to come about ordering your Breakfast Packs. It is a wonderful morning; all families are invited. We need lots of helpers to run the day so any help you can give is appreciated. The SEC will provide more information about signing up to help. More information is contained in the newsletter.

**SEC Proposed Halloween Festival** - Last week at the SEC Meeting the plans for a Halloween Festival on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October were discussed. In the newsletter is a flyer with more information and a request for assistance with this event.

**Child Safety Standards** - On 1 July 2022 new Child Safe Standards were introduced. In Victoria the requirements to keep children and students safe are:

- the involvement of families and students in child safety efforts
- schools' focus on safety for Aboriginal students.
- better management of the risk of child abuse in online environments
- governance, systems, and processes to keep students safe.

Child Safe Standards aim to:

- promote the safety of children.
- prevent child abuse.
- ensure effective processes are in place to respond to and report all allegations of child abuse.

Child Safe Standards work by:

- driving changes in culture – embedding child safety in everyday thinking and practice
- providing a minimum standard of child safety
- highlighting we all have a role in keeping children safe from abuse.

### Victoria's Child Safe Standards

- **Child Safe Standard 1** – Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.
- **Child Safe Standard 2** – Ensure that child safety and wellbeing are embedded in school leadership, governance and culture.
- **Child Safe Standard 3** – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
- **Child Safe Standard 4** – Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.
- **Child Safe Standard 5** – Equity is upheld and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice.
- **Child Safe Standard 6** – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.
- **Child Safe Standard 7** – Ensure that processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.
- **Child Safe Standard 8** – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
- **Child Safe Standard 9** – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
- **Child Safe Standard 10** – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.
- **Child Safe Standard 11** – Policies and procedures that document how schools are safe for children, young people and students.
- Ministerial Order 1359 provides the framework for child safety in schools.

The school's Child Safety Policy provides a framework for how schools approach child safety. The school policy is available on the school website. The following policies that adhere with the standards and are available on the school website under the information heading.

- Child Safe Code of Conduct Policy
- Volunteer Policy
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures
- Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy
- Camps and Excursions Policy
- Statement of Values and School Philosophy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Visitors Policy

Warm regards, Karen Walker.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### AUGUST

##### Thursday 10th

School Council Meeting  
6.45pm in Staff Centre



##### Friday 11th

Prep YAWA Swimming Program  
(Five Sessions)  
Session 3  
YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

##### Monday 14th

Year 2 Craft Power Incursion  
2A 9.15am - 10.45am  
2B 11.30am - 1.00pm

Year 5 & 6 Film Festival

##### Tuesday 15th

Year 2 Craft Power Incursion  
2C 9.15am - 10.45am  
2D 11.30am - 1.00pm

##### Wednesday 16th

Parent Information Session Year 5 & 6 Body Education  
7.00pm - 8.00pm  
Please confirm your attendance in Compass

##### Thursday 17th

Whole School Assembly  
9.15am - 10.00am in Gym



##### Friday 18th

Prep YAWA Swimming Program  
(Five Sessions)  
Session 4  
YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

##### Monday 21st

Year 5 & 6 Film Festival

Year 5 & 6 Body Education student Session

Regional Girls Soccer  
10.00am - 2.30pm  
Casey Fields, 369 Casey Fields Blvd, Cranbourne East

### COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



Parents are reminded to log into the Compass Parent Portal to consent and/or pay by the due date.

**Please let the office know if your child will be away and/or will not be attending the event.**

**Thank you.**

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 5 & 6 Body Education PARENTS ONLY	NA	15/8/2023
Year 5 & 6 Body Education (Two Sessions) STUDENTS ONLY	\$18	16/8/2023
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$29	21/8/2023
Year 3 Dandenong Market	\$15	24/8/2023

#### TERM DATES: 2023

Term 3 10th July (Student Free Day)  
11th July to 15th September  
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

#### STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023

Term 3 Monday 10th July  
Term 4 Monday 20th November



#### TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March  
Year 1 - 6 students commence  
Wednesday 31st January  
9.00am - 3.30pm

##### Prep Interviews

Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February  
or Friday 2nd February

**Preps Start Part Time** - Monday 5th February  
9.30am - 2.15pm

**Preps Start Full Time** - Tuesday 12th March  
9.00am - 3.30pm

Term 2 15th April to 28th June  
Term 3 15th July to 20th September  
Term 4 7th October to 20th December

# Fathers Day Breakfast

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2023

From 6:45 am - 8:45 am

**Entertainment by Harry the Guitar Tutor  
& our talented students!**

**Delicious egg & bacon rolls– \$5 each**

**'Muddle and Grind' Coffee van on site with  
coffee, tea and hot chocolate available  
for purchase!**

**Orders now open on Compass!**

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# HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



MONSTROUS MUSIC - SPOOKY GAMES - SCARY  
COSTUMES - FUN FOOD - CREEPY COMPETITIONS  
LOTS OF FRIGHTENING FUN!

PROPOSED DATE: FRIDAY 27 OCT

**BUT WE CAN ONLY HAVE THIS  
FREAKY FESTIVAL WITH YOUR HELP!!**

If you would like to get on board, please email  
your name and phone number to the school at:  
[mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  
and we'll let you know what needs to be done,  
to ensure the fun!



## SPORTS NEWS

### SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA - TEAM VICTORIA

As you may have seen in the MPNEWS a few editions ago we had one of our hard working Year 6 Girls, (Billie R) making it into the Victorian State School's Girls AFL team! Billie has always been a terrific football player and her hard work has paid off with a promising future ahead. She was also an integral part of our successful Mt Martha Primary Girls AFL School team who made it through to the Grand Final of the Regional Championship last week but unfortunately lost in the Grand Final.

She is currently taking to the field this week in NSW with her Victorian team and hope that she can show off her skills with a State Championship medal around her neck. We wish her all the best.

This was the article that was in the MPNEWS:

<https://www.mpnews.com.au/2023/07/25/aflw-player-goes-back-to-school/>



### Niddrie Gymnastics Competition



Last weekend Koa-Jean Rodwell competed in the Niddrie Gymnastics Competition with her team from MYC. Koa-Jean and her team are extremely dedicated to their sport and train in the gym 9 - 12hrs a week! As you can see in her photo all their training does pay off, they won gold medals for beam, bars and floor routines and a silver medal on the vault. The team also placed first overall therefore winning them another gold medal. Koa-Jean is usually tight lipped about her gymnastics, but this was an achievement too good not to share.

### Mt Martha Athletics Team - District

Congratulations to those students that have qualified (during PE lessons) for the District Athletics on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Mornington Civic Athletic Track. I have spoken to all students regarding the availability of the track and if they have time, to familiarise themselves with the track and/or field. On the day of competition, we will be running in **lane 2**. If students want to borrow a Discus or Shot Put, can they please come and see Mr Sweatman. I will try to get our relay teams to practice during school time with the baton and get comfortable with each other in their team.

Cameron Sweatman

**PE Teacher**



BOOK WEEK - TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST

**Dress Like a Book Character Day!**



**Get ready for some fun—dress up as your favourite book or movie character!**

**Tuesday 22nd August 2023**

**9.10 Parade in the Gym**

**Families welcome!**

**Part of our Book Week Celebrations.**



**Gold Coin Donation—helping to make literacy resources more accessible to remote Indigenous communities.**



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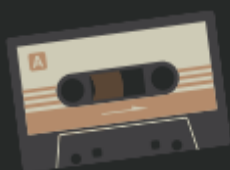
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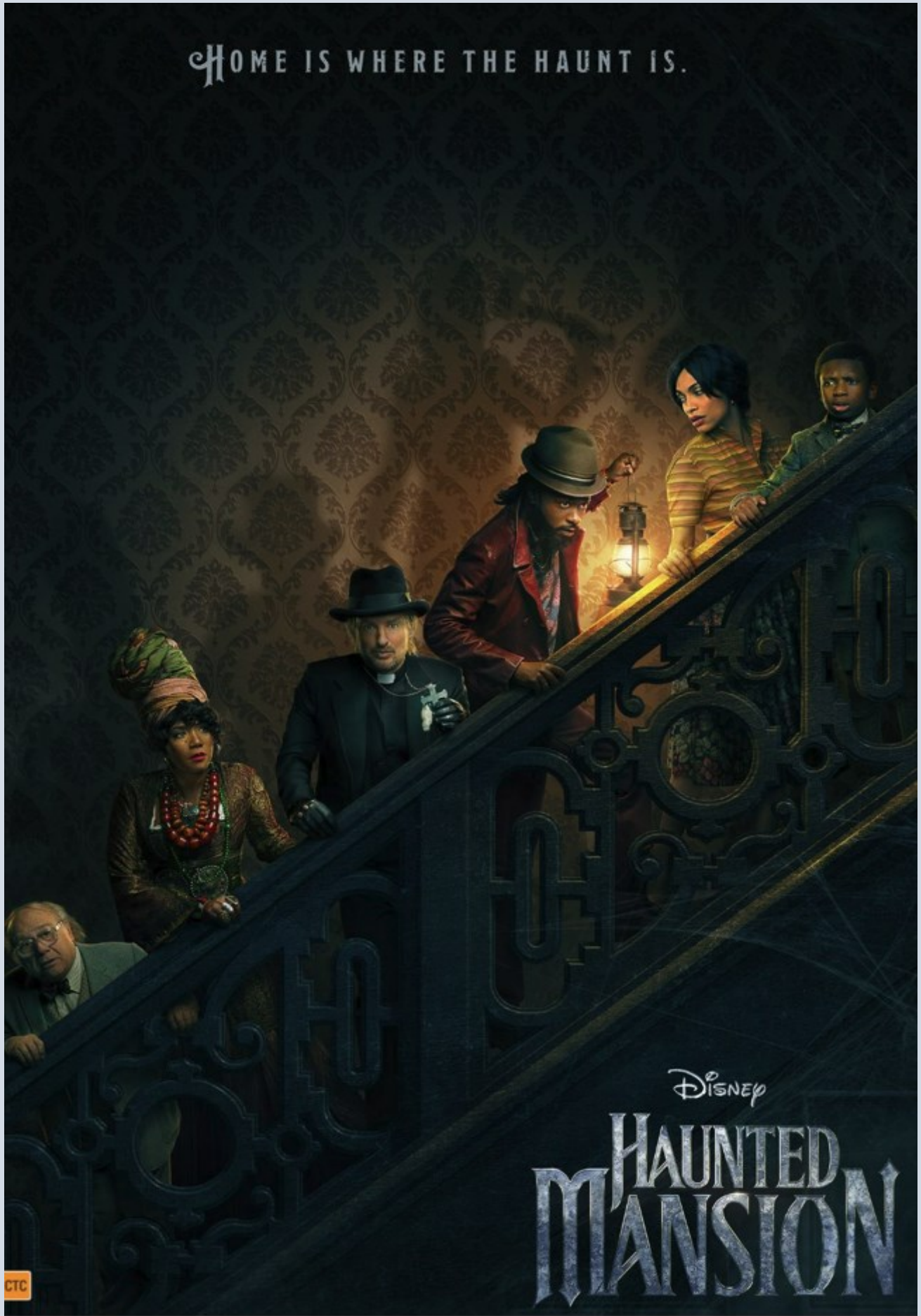
**AUGUST 27 12PM ACTIVITIES  
1PM FILM**

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