



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 10 December 2020

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Next week will be the last week of term and, once again, it has been building to be a very busy time of the year. Students have many activities planned next week. Please check the "Coming Events" and notifications.

**Last Day of Term** - A reminder that school finishes for 2020 on **Friday 18th December** with a **1.30pm dismissal time**. Please note the early pick up time. On this day we will not be running a lunch break. Our middle "block" after recess will run from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Parents should consider if their child requires a slightly larger snack to get them through the additional class time.

**Student Reports** - Semester 2 reports for students will be available via Compass on **Monday 14th December**. The reports have a slightly different format this year given the extended period of remote learning and will provide both students and parents with information on their achievements and areas for improvement. Congratulations students for your achievements this year!

**Lunch Orders - Monday 14th December** is the last lunch order day for 2020. Bakery Made, the company that supply lunch orders for our students, will not be providing their usual service on the last day of school **Friday 18th December**.

**Urgent - Library Books and Take Home Readers**- All library books and take home reading material should be returned to the classroom as soon as possible. We have a terrific collection of books that need to be maintained for use by our current and future students. Thank you for your help.

**Lost Property** - We have accumulated an amount of Lost Property this term. If your child has lost anything please check our Lost Property section near the Art Room before the end of the year. Thank you.

**Bikes** - We usually have some bikes that have been parked in the bike shed for an extended time. With the Year 4 Bike Ed finished for the year and for the students to have the opportunity for some bike riding over the holidays, it is now time for the bikes to return home. Thank you for your assistance.

**Final Assembly for 2020** - Our final assembly will be held on **Thursday 17th December at 2.30pm** once again via Webex. We hope to see many of our school community attend the farewell assembly for the 2020 school year.

**Start of School 2021** - A reminder that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2021 on **Friday 29th January**. 2021 Prep students will have interviews commencing Friday 29th January and the next Monday and Tuesday and start classes on **Wednesday 3rd February from 9am to 2.15pm**.

**COVID Information** - We have continued our run of no community transmission of COVID-19 and seen some restrictions lifted. This is wonderful news! There are still some measures that, while eased, still effect our capacity to run events as we have usually done. For example, adherence to social distancing and public gathering requirements require a total venue cap (including students, staff and visitors) and result in alternate arrangements for activities. Our community has been fantastic in supporting the important strategy that unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. Thank you everyone for your ongoing assistance. Hopefully we can look forward to further easing as we enter 2021 and a new school year.

Kind regards

Martin Page

Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember

#### Coming Events



### DECEMBER

#### Thursday 10th

**School Council Meeting 6.45pm in Staff Centre**

#### Monday 14th



Future Student Orientation morning  
(Years 1-6 only) 11.30am - 12.45pm  
Please meet at reception

#### Tuesday 15th

Year 6 Graduation Evening

#### Wednesday 16th

Year 6 Gumbuya World 8.45am - 3.30pm

#### Thursday 17th

Whole School Assembly 2.30pm via  
Webex



**Friday 18th Last Day of Term 4**

**Early dismissal 1.30pm.**

### 2021 JANUARY

#### Friday 29th

Term 1 Students in Years 1 - 6 commence  
today

*(2021 Prep Interviews Friday 29th January, Monday  
1st and Tuesday 2nd February )*

### 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.**

EVENTS 2020	COST	CLOSING DATE
NIL		
NIL		

### TERM DATES: 2020

**Term 4** 5th October to 18th December  
**Students dismissed at 1.30pm**

### TERM DATES: 2021

**Term 1** 27th January to 1st April

**Students in Years 1 - 6 start  
Friday 29th January**

*(2021 Prep Interviews Friday 29th  
January, Monday 1st and Tuesday  
2nd February )*

**Preps start Wednesday 3rd February  
9.00am - 2.15pm**

**Preps start full days Monday 1st March  
9.00am - 3.30pm**

**Term 2** 19th April to 25th June

**Term 3** 12th July to 17th September

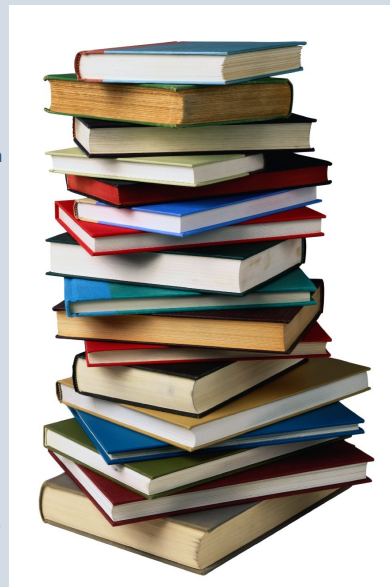
**Term 4** 4th October to 17th December

## LIBRARY NEWS - PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that the school library is now closed, as of 27<sup>th</sup> November. This means there will be no more borrowing from the school library from this date, and books will need to be returned for shelving as soon as possible.

Please take some time to look for the Mount Martha Primary School barcode on any books you have at home and return them to school. Please be sure to not return them to the Mornington Library as they do not always come back to the school.



Thank you for your continued assistance to look after our great school library resource.

**Ms Henderson**

**Classroom Teacher**

## FIRST AID NEWS

As we approach the end of the school year, just a couple of reminders from the First Aid Room.

If your child is leaving Mt Martha Primary School, on their last day, please collect any medication that is stored at school.

To ensure that we can provide accurate medical care for your child/ren as we head into 2021, could you please take some time over the holidays to obtain an updated Medical Action Plan (ie Asthma / Anaphylaxis / Allergy etc). It is a requirement that Medical Action Plans are updated annually and must be signed by a Doctor. Please return these at the beginning of the school year together with any required medication.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5974 2800. Thanks for your co-operation.

Wishing you a happy and safe festive season.

Lorraine Stuart  
First Aid Officer



# ParentBrief



## When parents don't have a compass, kids are at risk of getting lost

As parents, we need a compass. When we have a compass, we're able to guide our kids in appropriate behaviour, ethics and standards, and give them markers for respect of authority. Our parenting compass gives directions on how to make friends, be independent, take responsibility and work as a team, as well as mark milestones in our child's emotional development and maturity. When we adopt a parenting style that is not short on structure, lacking rules or boundaries, or one too haphazard or too laid back, we help our kids steer a path to true north. When we give in to our kids with permissive parenting, we're not equipping them with the directions they need, and our kids run the risk of getting lost...

### Why permissive parenting?

It's understandable for parents who were raised by strict, overly controlling, authoritarian parents, to want to be more relaxed about parenting their own children. Some may decide on a less structured, more casual approach to parenting, where discipline and the laying down of rules and imposition of consequences are not high on their list of priorities. Others may decide that it's more important to be a friend to their child rather than a parent, so that their authority doesn't negatively impact the relationship. The upside of a permissive parenting style is that kids often feel free to do just as they please. The down-side is that the world they live in is structured around commitment, responsibility, and respect for authority.

### What's so important about structure?

Without structure and firmness, some kids develop a frustration phobia. They do not have the Habits of the Mind that are required to do work they don't feel like doing. In addition, giving too much freedom and power for making decisions to young children, may contribute to rebelliousness later on. As these children become adolescents, they may continue to exercise the right given to them by their parents to decide what they do with their time and money and whether they do their work or not. As parents, once we've given up our power and authority, it can be impossible to get it back when we notice our kids abusing theirs.

### The link to underachievement

Of all the parenting styles, permissiveness is the one that research clearly finds associated with educational underachievement. Children are born with no ability to put up with frustration and no self-discipline. It must be nurtured and encouraged. Patience and delaying gratification has yet to be learned. Kids need progressively greater amounts of frustration tolerance in order to achieve, and fortunately, for many kids, maturity helps. With increased cognitive capacities, many children begin to be able to tolerate not getting what they want and having to do what they don't want to do. However, on their own, some children are not able to acquire the self-discipline necessary to fulfil all of their parents' and teachers' expectations for work. When permissive parenting allows kids to free-range and do as they please, strategies and motivation to persevere with academic learning can be thin on the ground.

### Firmness works

- Firmness in structure and follow-through is an important aspect of parenting
- Provide explanations or reasons for rules
- Ensure consistency with parenting when rules are broken
- Teach kids that sacrifices in the short term = pleasant results in the long term
- While kids are young we set the rules, as they get older we become more democratic
- Encourage age-appropriate independence, but oversee with discernment
- Communicate expectations
- Don't hold back on appropriate consequences when boundaries are intentionally crossed

As parents, we know that navigating a life journey isn't easy. Without a compass for parenting, we only make it harder for our kids, but if we can navigate truth north, our kids will be on the right path from day one.



**2021 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>YEAR 1 - 6:</b>	<b>Commence 9.00am Friday 29th January 2021</b>
<b>PREP INTERVIEWS:</b>	Friday 29th January, Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February Parents please attend with your child
<b>PREPS START SCHOOL:</b>	<b>Wednesday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm</b>
<b>PREPS START FULL DAYS:</b>	<b>Monday 1st March 9.00am - 3.30pm</b>
<b>FEBRUARY OSHCP:</b>	<b>OSHCP offers a service for parents requiring care for their Prep children during these 4 weeks of early finish times. To register for this service please contact Gillian Reid on 0407 438 858.</b>
<b>SUNSMART POLICY:</b>	Everyone is encouraged to be SUNSMART and the wearing of hats is compulsory until May 1st. Parents should supply their child with sunscreen to be kept in their school bag.
<b>UNIFORM SHOP:</b>	<b>PSW School Uniform Shop</b> Located at 1/22 Watt Rd, Mornington Vic 3931 Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
<b>BANKSIA BULLETIN:</b>	The first publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 4th February 2021

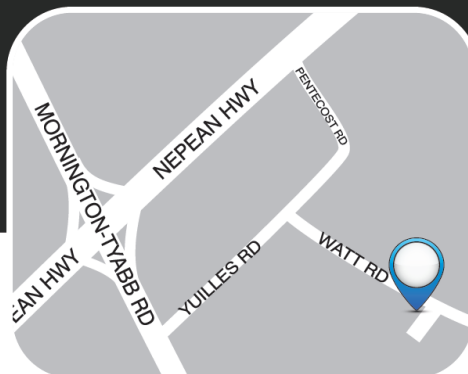




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## Summer 2020-21 School Holiday Dates:

**Week 1:** Wednesday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm

**Week 2:** Monday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm

**Week 3:** Wednesday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-2pm



Cost: \$90.00 per day, or \$250 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

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