

Mt Martha Primary School **Principal** Mr Martin Page

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**BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 10 February 2022** 

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

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers

Our school year continues with a range of additional incursions, excursions and activities to complement our classroom learning. Our beach program is finishing tomorrow. Once again the beach program provided activities to educate the students on safe and enjoyable beach usage. A huge "Thank you" to Mount Martha Life Saving Club, our parent helpers, class teachers and Mr Sweatman. Year Four commence their Dance program next week which is sure to be another fun and creative learning opportunity, Year Two have their "Ciao Italy" incursion and Year One have a South Beach Walk. Year One and Year Two commence swimming lessons at Kingswim in early March. Our Year Three to Year Six swimming sports are scheduled on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February. More details will be provided very soon.

Mount Martha Primary School is always a busy place! Please read the newsletter and Compass to keep track of the many activities and events at the school and sign up to classroom blogs to see examples of the students' work and their engagement.

**COVID Information** - Thank you all for your assistance in the implementation of measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 at school and in our community. The week three and four Rapid Antigen Test kits will be sent home with students today. Thank you for your twice weekly testing of students and reporting of positive results to the school and online to DET. Where we are notified of a positive test result a Compass post is sent at the end of the day to the parents/carers of the year level/s effected. This informs that a positive test result has been recorded and further action for monitoring, testing, reporting and potential quarantine.

More information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

**School Council elections 2022** - Nominations open on **Monday 14**<sup>th</sup> **February** for 4 parent vacancies on our School Council. Forms will be available from the school office. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students.

Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

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 REPORT continued ......

Nominations close on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 4pm.** An election will be conducted should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies. You can contact me at the school if you have any queries.

**First Assembly -** Our first whole school assembly is scheduled for **Friday 18**<sup>th</sup> **February** starting at **2.15pm**. Once again we have organised for this event to be livestreamed to parents. More information will be coming on how to access the livestream.

Meet The Teacher - Bookings have opened on Compass for the two "Meet The Teacher" sessions. The first is on Tuesday 15th February for Years: Four, Five and Six and Wednesday 16th February for Years: Prep, One, Two and Three. More information about the booking process is again included in the newsletter.

**Insurance** - Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Commercial insurers have insurance policies for purchase should parents wish to explore that option.

The Department also does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. It is always a good idea to remind students of the need to be extra careful when bringing toys, sporting equipment or those special "Show and Tell" items to school.

**Policy Information** - Please visit our website <a href="www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au">www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au</a> to read important information on our policies regarding "Privacy" and "Personal Mobile Devices." Please note that when students are at school parents are contacted via the classroom teacher or the Office. Thanks.

**Whole School Photos** - Some advance notice that school photos will be taken on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Important information is included in the newsletter.

Kind regards

Martin Page

#### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

# Dates to Remember Coming Events



### **FEBRUARY**

### Friday 11th

Year 6 Carnival and BBQ 9.00am - 3.00pm Mt Martha Life Saving Club



#### Tuesday 15th

#### **Meet the Teacher Sessions**

**Years 4 - 6** 3.50pm - 8.30pm *Bookings essential on Compass* 

#### Wednesday 16th

#### **Meet the Teacher Sessions**

Preps2.50pm - 7.00pmYears 1 - 33.50pm - 8.30pmBookings essential on Compass

Year 2 Ciao Italy incursion 9.30am - 10.20am

#### Friday 18th

Whole School Assembly via WebEx Link to follow 2.15pm



Year 1 South Beach Walk 9.15am - 12.30pm Mt Martha South Beach

Year 4 Hip Hop Each Friday until Friday March 25th Mount Martha Primary School

## **MARCH**

Thursday 10th

**Whole School Photos** 

**NO CASH PAYMENTS please** 





Note: Family photos must be ordered online by 4.30pm the day BEFORE photo day Wednesday 9th March.

# COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



Parents are reminded to log into the Compass Parent Portal to <u>consent and/or pay</u> 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.

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 2 Ciao Italy	\$8	13/2/2022
Year 1 South Beach Walk	Nil	15/2/2022
Year 4 Hip Hop Dance	\$33	15/2/2022
Year 2 Kingswim	\$75	6/3/2022
Year 1 Kingswim	\$70	7/3/2022

### **TERM DATES: 2022**

Term 1 28th January to 8th April

Preps commence Friday 4th 9am -2.15pm

Prep commence full time Monday 28th

**February** 

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

**Term 4** 3rd October to 20th December

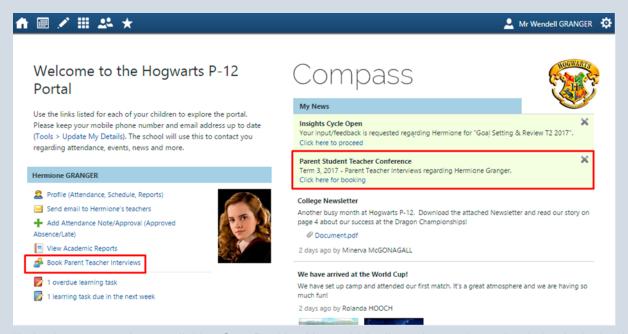
#### **MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS**

This year our Meet the Teacher sessions will be held in Week 3 of the school year on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 February. Prep to Year 3 sessions will be on the Wednesday and the Year 4 to Year 6 sessions on the Tuesday. "Meet the Teacher" is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and to provide information that will assist the teacher to meet the social, emotional and learning needs of your child.

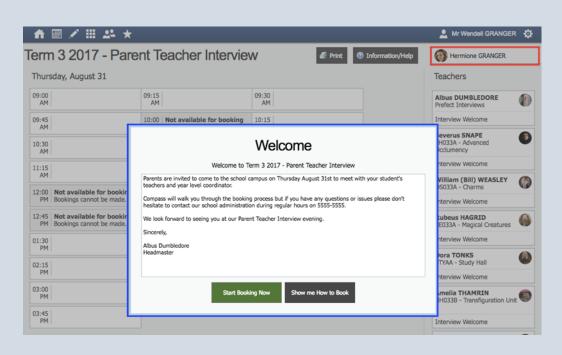
Bookings will open on Monday 7 February at 8am and will close on Monday 14 February at 2pm.

How to make a booking.

Parents can make bookings by clicking the 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews' button available next to their student's photo on their Compass homepage, or by clicking the Dashboard Alert at the top of their Newsfeed.



They will also have two options available - Start Booking Now, which allows them to immediately begin the booking process, or Show Me How To Book, which includes a walkthrough explaining how to book using Compass. This section is highlighted in blue in the image below. If parents have multiple students at the school they can toggle between the staff members their students are associated with using the dropdown menu available at the top right of the screen, which is highlighted in red in the image below.



#### **DIGITECH NEWS**





Tuesday 8th February was **Safer Internet Day** and we discussed Internet safety at school. Students were reminded of our school acceptable Internet use agreement, which was signed by families via Compass for this year. The internet agreements have also been posted on class blogs. Classes have all done a lesson about staying safe on the Internet and this will be followed up with more discussion during Specialist Digital Technology sessions this term.

Thanks to our fabulous Year 6 Digitech Leaders for helping to share the following internet safety messages with our school community.











<u>T</u>ell your parents or a trusted adult if you see something online that upsets you.

<u>H</u>ide your password. Only share it with your parents.

Interesting websites can be fun. Check with a trusted adult if a site is okay to use before visiting.

<u>N</u>ame calling or being mean is not cool and could be cyberbullying. <u>Keep your</u> special personal information safe. Don't share it online.

There are many excellent resources and games for students of all ages and also informative parent information about Cybersafety available on the <u>iParent page of the Office of eSafety Commissioner</u> website. They offer regular free parent webinars. If you are interested in registering for a parent webinar <u>click here</u> to find out more. The school Digital Technologies blog has a <u>parent page</u> with links to parent information and our school internet agreements.

#### **Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher**

#### **SPORT NEWS**

#### REBEL COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

Our school has been selected to participate in the Rebel Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sports Mornington as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join <u>Team Rebel</u>, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sport Mornington. 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.

#### **BEACH PROGRAM**

What an amazing start to the year for all the Year 3 - 6 students who participated in the Water Safety program at Mt Martha Beach. Students had a positive attitude during the Beach Program and of course the weather was absolutely magnificent (majority of the time)! It is always nice to see students enjoying the activities, having the confidence to 'give it a go', showing the resilience if they do fall off a board and creating memories with new class mates and friends.

The Beach Program cannot be conducted successfully without the support of **parents** who assisted with the walk down from school, running beach activities assisting with our BBQ and of course walking back to school.

#### **JOGGING CLUB**

Jogging Club will start **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Every student has either the same card or a new card ready for 2022. Prep students will be taken around the track during a PE lesson or by their classroom teacher so they become familiar with the route that needs to be followed. If they are unsure of the track, the 2022 sports leaders will assist them by doing a lap with them. The track is as follows:

Start at the Basketball courts near the prep playground, run around all three basketball courts and head down the ramp towards the oval. Run around the oval on the red track, continue up past the gym on the path past the prep playground and down to get cards marked off by sports leaders in orange vests.

Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies. Maybe set yourself a personal goal to reach a milestone km, aim for a number of km per term or challenge a friend to do it together. Let's make a huge effort to see more students jogging the track this year!

#### **SWIMMING SPORTS**

In a few weeks we are having our Year 3-6 School Swimming Sports to be held at Mornington Secondary College on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February which is a highlight for all involved either swimming or cheering. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours to the event and support their team to see who will be crowned House Swimming Champions for 2022.

Event forms have been handed out to every student but if you need another one, the classroom teachers have spares. Forms are due back to the school by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

\*\*Parent/Spectators: Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions from the Department and Mornington Secondary College we can't have spectators at our Swimming Sports. I'm sure that you all understand and if something does change between now and the event – you will be notified.

Border - Green Curry - Blue Flintoff - Red Gardner - Yellow

#### **SPORTS NEWS**



## School Sport Victoria Team Online Registration Process.

#### 12 Years and Under

Registration to trial for AFL (boys and girls), Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Rugby and Basketball for state teams are now open.

The SSV website <u>www.ssv.vic.edu.au</u> provides important information and a video on the process as well as application forms and must be visited.

#### Key points include:

- 1. Parents must consult with their Sport Teacher/Coordinator at the school to ensure their child has a high skill level to trial and represent their school.
- 2. It is imperative that teachers will decide on your child's capability of representing their school at a state level **before** registering online.
- 3. This discussion with the school Sport Teacher is necessary as all students **MUST** get the Sport Teacher/Coordinator and the Principal signature on their registration form prior to attending a trial.

The Eventbrite ticket, application form signed by the Principal and Sport Teacher/Coordinator and proof of payment must be handed to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day of the trial.

Applicants will be notified of arrangements for the Division trial once registrations have closed.

Note: Registration for Division trials close on Tuesday 1 March 2022

https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.

#### FIRST AID NEWS

#### Welcome back!

Please ensure that we have current information and medication for your child/ren's medical conditions if required at school so that we can provide accurate medical care.

If they are due, please take some time 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 Action Plans to the First Aid Office along with any necessary medications. All medications must be in original packaging and within use by dates.

If you have any further questions or need to check the expiry dates on your child's medication or plans, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5974 2800. Thanks for your co-operation.

**Lorraine Stuart** 

**First Aid Officer** 

#### WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS - THURSDAY 10TH MARCH

# **ONLINE BOOKING**



Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

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- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
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## INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
- Click on Order Your School Photos
- Select your State
- 4 Enter your special unique Access Key



Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



#### **CSEF INFORMATION**



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

#### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





#### **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

# MOUNT MARTHA

# REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Mt Martha Netball Club invites new and returning players to register for the upcoming season

Registration is open for Years / Grades 2 and up



GRADING DAY FOR YEARS 6 TO 9
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12TH 2022
AT MORNINGTON NETBALL COURTS
TIMES TBC

FOLLOW MOUNT MARTHA NETBALL CLUB ON FACEBOOK
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#### **ADVERTISING**



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