



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 10th March 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/Carers

Farewell - Best wishes to Lorraine Stewart our First Aid Officer and SEC liaison. Friday will be Lorraine's last day before taking leave. I am sure that all our families very much appreciate the care and support she has shown our students in First Aid and in facilitating lots of fabulous SEC activities over her time at the school. We all wish Lorraine a wonderful and relaxing break. Lorraine will be welcomed back to be officially farewelled at an assembly at the end of her leave. I hope that we will be all back in the gym together for this assembly.

Parking - The streets around the school can become busy particularly at pick up time. In the interests of traffic flow and, most importantly, the safety of members of our school community, parents are again reminded to follow the parking restrictions and signs applying to streets near the school. Please note that the "Kiss and Go" areas require parents to remain with their vehicles and that cars should leave as soon as children have been collected. This will assist in keeping an ongoing supply of car parks available. We have also seen several "near misses" where cars have been double parked. This not only affects traffic flow but can cause an accident- Please also ensure that cars are parked within the marked parking bays. Again a reminder that the Staff Car Parks in Melrose Drive and Glenisla Drive are not drop off and pick up points for children. While there is considerable traffic at peak times of the day it usually clears quite quickly and so altering a drop off or pick up time by a few minutes to a slightly less busy time or parking further away and sharing some "park and stride" time with your child may be options to explore. Thank you for your assistance.

Lost Property - At the middle of the term we are finding our Lost Property collection has grown. With the cooler months approaching students will be requiring their jumpers more frequently. Lost Property has many items that we would love to reunite with their owners. If your child has misplaced a jumper or another item there is a good chance it will be in Lost Property located near the Art Room. Please remember to check the name on your child's items as named items can quickly find their way back to their owners. Parents are allowed onsite to check Lost Property. Thank you.

End of Term One - With so many activities for our students to be involved in Term One is really flying by! Advance notice that **Friday 8th April** is the last day of Term One. Please note the earlier dismissal time of 2.30pm. Term 2 commences on **Tuesday 26th April**.

Colour Explosion - A reminder that **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March** are the days when Mount Martha Primary School has its "Colour Explosion" event. More information is included in the newsletter. Please note the day your child's year level is participating. Information has been sent home already. Please remember to register online. It promises to be another fun event!

Assembly - Our next Whole School Assembly is scheduled for **Wednesday 16th March** starting at **9.15am**. At this stage it will once again be livestreamed to parents.

Department of Health - Parents would have received a Compass post on Tuesday with a cover letter. It is an invitation to participate in a short online survey. All parents and carers of children aged 5 to 11 are invited to participate, regardless of their child's vaccination status. The survey closes on 5pm, AEDST Thursday 17 March 2022.

The surveys are designed to help the Victorian Government understand the reasons that influence parent and guardian's decision to vaccinate children aged 5 to 11. The surveys will also help improve COVID-19 vaccination information, resources and services for schools and families.

Warm regards

Karen Walker, Acting Principal.

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.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



MARCH

Thursday 10th

School Council Meeting AGM

6.45pm in Staff Centre

All welcome



Friday 11th

Year 4 Hip Hop

9.30am - 1.00pm

Monday 14th

Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Students do not attend school today



Tuesday 15th

Year 3 Mornington History Tour

The Esplanade Mornington

9.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 16th

Year 2 Kingswim

Kingswim Mornington

11.30am - 2.30pm

Division Swimming

Selected students

Pine Forest Aquatic Centre

9.00am - 2.00pm

Whole School Assembly

9.15 - 10.00am Live Streaming

WebEx Link to follow



Thursday 17th

Colour Explosion Fundraiser

Prep, Years 2 & 4

2.00pm Year 2

2.30pm Year 4

3.00pm Preps



Year 1 Kingswim

Kingswim Mornington

11.30am - 1.30pm

Friday 18th

Year 4 Hip Hop

9.30am - 1.00pm



Colour Explosion Fundraiser

Years 1, 3, 5 and 6

2.00pm Year 1, 2.20pm Year 3, 2.40pm Year 5

3.00pm Year 6

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.

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 6 CYC City Camp	\$330	14/3/2022
Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp	\$350	27/4/2022

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1 28th January to 8th April

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to 6th April

Term 2 24th April to 23rd June

Term 3 10th July to 15th September

Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

THE MMPS SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WHY JOIN THE SEC?



SKILLS

Learn new skills such as event management, social media, fundraising, rostering, budgeting and managing volunteers.



INVOLVEMENT

Become involved in your school community! Remember, your children are here for 7+ years!



FRIENDSHIP

Meet like minded people and make new friends!



HAVE FUN

What's better than helping children choose gifts for a loved one, or organise a disco! Happy kids = happy parents!



GIVE BACK

Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose and a feeling of fulfillment. Volunteering makes you happy!



BE A ROLE MODEL

Lead by example! Show your children their school is important to you, and so is helping others.



Mt Martha Primary School Colour Explosion School Fundraising Event.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion is next **Thursday (17/3/2022) & Friday 18/3/2022**. We do ask that students on the day wear a plain white shirt as they will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for Mt Martha Primary School.

- Prep, Years 2 and 4: Thursday 17th March.
- Years 1, 3, 5 and 6: Friday 18th March

The money raised from this school fundraising event will go towards the following:

- New Goal Post padding
- Sporting equipment for classrooms to utilize (Basketballs, Netball, AFL, Soccer etc.)
- Sand pit toys for all year levels to enjoy in their areas
- Basketball ring nets on all the courts

Each year level will have approx. ten minutes to tackle the obstacle course either once, twice or three times. The course will contain some obstacles that will provide light water mist to allow the powder to stick to everyone. There will be pool noodle obstacles, plus other "obstacles" to get over, under and through as well as our Mt Martha CFA will be on hand to help with obstacles.

NOTE: All money has to be ONLINE. No money can be handed into our office as it doesn't link in with the prizes selected by the students.

After the completion of each year level's allocated time everyone will have a chance to have a class photo in front of our colour banner and soak up the fun had by other students and buddies.

Leaderboard:

CLASSES

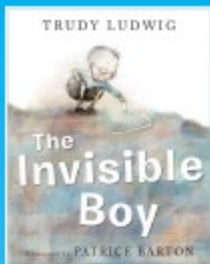
1st – 2C Spiridis 2nd 1A – Gaiser 3rd – 4C Rubenstein 4th – 1D Howden

INDIVIDUAL

Frankie 2C, Fletcher 1A, Harry 4D, Tahlia H 6D, Sonny 1E, Jake 1D, Lorcan 6C, Lexi 4C & Archie 6C

If any parents are willing and able to assist on the day – we would love to have you involved in spraying the powder at the students. Beware –don't wear your best clothes ☺

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.

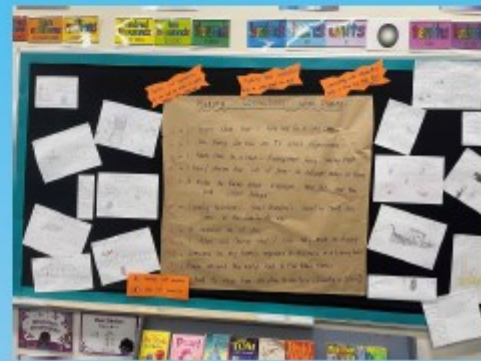


Literacy Update



To kick off the 2022 school year in Literacy, we have had a whole school reading focus on making meaningful connections to literature and elaborating on our ideas through text responses. After two interrupted years of learning, making connections has been the perfect theme to not only re-connect with great books, but to do so alongside our friends and truly enjoy the experience of being part of a face-to-face learning community once again.

Active readers make connections between what they know and what's in the book, to better understand what they are reading. Readers may connect texts to a personal experience, another text (or movie) or something that is happening or has happened in the world. Our students have been learning about the difference between a surface level connection and a deep connection and have been rating their own connections based on whether they help to build understanding.



Some of our younger students have been practising speaking in full sentences, expanding their vocabulary and making a personal connection to their books. Some have been learning to make connections between and within texts and in Year 2 they have been doing this with their study of Indigenous Dreaming stories.

Some of our older students have been using structured thinking routines to provide written explanations of their connections. Many have been connecting with their classmates through shared reading experiences and book recommendations.



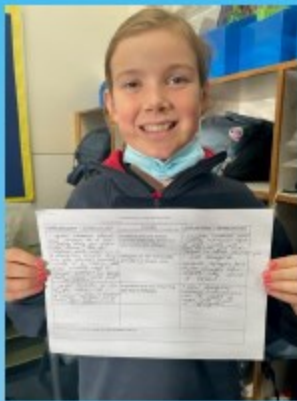


Literacy Update

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Students across several year levels have been examining the emotions and motives of characters and have made comparisons within and across different texts and with themselves.



By closely studying what characters say and the decisions they make, especially in challenging situations, readers can deepen their understanding of universal human behavior and world issues. Our Year 5 students have been reading texts about refugees and this has helped them to deepen their understanding of the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, through making connections between characters and the real life accounts of people who have been displaced.

Our Year 6 students have been making connections, focusing on one of our school values—Respect. The Boy in the Dress has been a hilarious and emotive experience that has allowed students to challenge stereotypes, talk about acceptance and celebrate everyone's differences.



Re-connecting with books and each other has made for a joyous start to Term 1. You can support your child's reading development at home by listening to them read aloud, sharing reading experiences with them, listening to audio books together, visiting the library and asking open-ended questions about their books and the books you read together. To help your child make connections, encourage them to use sentence starters such as, "This part in the book reminds me of..." or, "When (character name) behaves in this way it makes me think about..."

It's wonderful to have everyone back together again.

Stay connected and keep reading!

Jane Doye—Learning Specialist, English.





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FRI 6:15AM
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