



# Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 11th August 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

**Year Six Market** - The market is coming up on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. For our Year Six students it is an activity that they really look forward to organising. The students (after sessions with the teachers) get together in groups and present their idea for a stall or activity to a panel (shark tank style). With support from the Year Six teachers, they ensure they have a mix of activities, food stalls and craft stalls. The school provides each group with seed funding for their stall. This cross-curriculum inquiry unit covers many areas of the Victorian Curriculum, Mathematics, English, Design and Technology, Economics and Business and the Capabilities of Critical and Creative Thinking and Personal and Social Capabilities. The students always do an amazing job running the market for all the students across the school to enjoy. We very much appreciate the support of the Year Six student's parents who behind the scenes are supporting the market. We are hoping for good weather and to connect to the Year Six Inquiry Unit for Term Three. Further information in the newsletter and was sent as a Compass post to parents and carers yesterday.

**Coming Events** - We realise that there are several events coming up in September and we bundled the Father's Day Breakfast, Footy Day, and Year Six Market into one Compass post so that hopefully you do not miss a post for one of these. Unfortunately, they all fall in a block of time close together. The closing date of these three events is 4pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

**Story Dogs Fundraiser** - Thank you to everyone for supporting the fundraiser last Friday. Details of the total raised is on the SRC page in the newsletter. There were lots of creative costumes worn by students and staff. The students provided smiles and laughs in their copycat outfits of some of the staff members and acting ability to portray their version of the staff traits. We were all excited that Paddy (one of our story dogs) who was missing since Sunday night was back with his family on Wednesday morning. Thank you again for the support in looking for Paddy.

**Wellbeing Resources** - After two years of Covid lockdowns and periods of Remote Learning there is an increase across schools in Victoria of families looking for support and resources to support children's mental health and wellbeing. The school website <https://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/> on the parent tab is a link to wellbeing sources. One that families may like to explore is **The Brave Program**. It is an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. The programs are free and provide ways for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are also programs for parents. <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>.

**Parent Opinion Survey 2021** - In August 2021 we sent the Parent Opinion Survey out to our whole school community. We had 111 families complete the survey. This along with the Attitudes to School Survey Years 4 - 6 and Staff Opinion Survey are some of the sources of data that we use to inform the school's focus on continuous improvement. This data, along with Student Achievement Data, NAPLAN, program reviews the goals and targets in the Strategic Plan, Department of Education's improvement agenda and the latest education research on best practise in teaching and learning, inform the development of the Annual Implementation Plan.

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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

Data from the 2021 Parent Opinion Survey is reported on in the Annual Report, which is available on the school's website. The data sets are analysed by the School Leadership Team, in various forums with staff and at School Council Meetings. In the newsletter we have highlighted areas we have focused on improving this year. One of the discussions has been about providing clarity on the ways we communicate with parents and their purpose. Below is a table describing some of the modes of communication we use. We will continue to improve the modes of communication that we use to ensure they are effective and meet the needs of our school community.

**2022 Surveys** - Our Year 4 - 6 recently completed the Attitudes to School Survey. Currently students in Year 4 - 6 who have this year been involved in our Learning Boost Program are completing the Department of Education Tutor Learning Initiative Survey. Staff have the Staff Opinion Survey coming up later this month. The 2022 Parent Opinion Survey will be available from next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August. We are inviting all school families to complete the survey. All families will receive a Compass post on Monday with further details and your individual login details. Areas of strengths and those that require further exploration or focus will be reported back to the school community when all data is received from Department of Education.

<b>Mount Martha Primary School Modes of Communication</b>	
<b>COMPASS</b>	Compass is our communication platform for whole school /year level/class communication, consent, schedule of event, student wellbeing and attendance, reminders, parent payments, student information/ reporting/management, link to Banksia Bulletin, bookings for school events and during remote learning links to Webex sessions and student learning tasks.
<b>BLOGS</b>	Classroom and Specialist BLOGS are opportunities for teachers/students to share learning experiences with our school community. Members of our school community may comment or pose a question for the class to respond to.
<b>Email/Phone Calls</b>	Discuss student learning, wellbeing, ask questions, provide feedback, raise concerns, share thoughts and suggestions.
<b>Banksia Bulletin</b>	Overview of school activities, upcoming events, principal report, highlighting student achievement, information from Department of Education, teaching and learning activities, reminders of recent Compass Posts, SEC events, working bees, local community activities and advertising.
<b>School and Year Level Assemblies</b>	The Year Six Leadership Teams run these. It is an opportunity for student to perform, share learning and acknowledge student achievement.
<b>Seesaw</b>	Prep to Year Four are using Seesaw to share individual student's learning. It provides parents/ carers with samples of their child's work and can provide a prompt to discuss with children what they have been learning and their learning goals. Year Four also use this to set homework tasks and for students upload their work. In Remote Learning, tasks were uploaded into Seesaw, students returned their work to teachers in Seesaw for teacher feedback.
<b>Google Classroom</b>	Google classroom is used at school with students from Years 3 - 6. Teachers in Years 5 & 6 will send a Compass post to parents and carers highlighting learning task to view and discuss with your child.
<b>Before/After School</b>	Staff are available to speak with parents/carers at school drop off or pick up time.
<b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>	Staff are available for parents to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, student learning or to answer any questions you may have.
<b>Student Led Conferences</b>	After the Semester One reports have been provided to parents/carers we have Student Led Conferences. Students will share their learning and learning goals for Semester Two.
<b>Student Support Group Meetings</b>	Meetings to support students learning and wellbeing. At times discussion with parents/carers of Individual Educational Plan, Behaviour Support Plan.
<b>School Council/ Social Events Committee</b>	Both groups are representatives of our school community. Establishing the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community. Informing itself and consider any views of the school community for the purpose of making decisions regarding the school and the students at the school. Stimulate interest in the school in the wider community.

**Reminder Book Week** - It will be very exciting to see everyone gather on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August for Book Week Parade in the school Gym at 9.10am. The theme this year is Dream with Eyes Open. Come dressed as a favourite character. We are asking students to donate a gold coin to help make literacy resources more accessible to indigenous communities. The donations will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker  
Principal

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### AUGUST

**Thursday 11th**  
**School Council Meeting**  
**6.45pm in Staff Centre**



**Friday 12th**  
**2023 Prep Story Time Session 1**  
9.30am - 10.30am  
in Staff Centre  
*Bookings are essential*



**Monday 15th**  
Year 5 & 6 Body Education  
Class Session

**Tuesday 16th**  
**Year 1 Where I Live**  
9.15am - 2.30pm  
Various locations on the Peninsula

**Regional Boys Teeball**  
9.00am - 3.30pm  
Mornington Baseball Club Wilsons Rd

**Family Life Body Education Evening**  
5.45 - 6.30pm Years 1 & 2  
6.45 - 7.45pm Years 3 & 4  
in Staff Centre



**2023 Prep Story Time Session 2**  
2.00pm - 3.00pm  
in Staff Centre *Bookings are essential*



**Wednesday 17th**  
**Whole School Assembly**  
2.15pm in Gym

**Year 6 Transition Program to Year 7**  
Dromana College  
8.45am - 12.00pm

**Thursday 18th**  
**Prep Kingswim**  
Prep D 10.00am - 10.30am  
Prep B 10.30am - 11.00am  
Prep C 11.00am - 11.30am  
Prep A 11.30am - 12.30pm

### 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
Prep Kingswim	\$78	15/8/2022
Regional Netball Girls & Boys	Nil	15/8/2022
Year 3 Dandenong Market	\$14	16/8/2022
Father's Day Breakfast \$6 Year 6 Market \$12 Footy Day Donut Orders \$4.50	<i>Refer Compass posts for further details</i>	25/8/2022
District Athletics	\$15	25/8/2022
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$20	29/8/2022

#### TERM DATES: 2022

**Term 3** 11th July to 16th September  
**(Monday 11th July Student Free Day)**  
*Students return Tuesday 12th July*

**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



# Father's Day Breakfast Friday 2 Sept 7am-9am

- Music by Harry the Guitar Tutor & students
- Egg & bacon roll & a scroll
- Bussy McBusface on site to purchase hot and cold drinks!



\$6 per brekkie pack  
Order on Compass  
by August 25  
See you at the school  
for all the fun!

**HELPERS NEEDED!**

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



# Footy Donut Day

Celebrate a fantastic year of footy with this yummy, fun fundraiser!

**Wednesday 14 September**

**Order your footy themed Rebel Donut on Compass now!**

**\$4:50 each - Orders close 25 August 2022**

Don't forget to wear your team colours on the day!





## YEAR 6 MARKET NEWS

The Year 6 Students are currently undertaking an exciting Cross Curriculum based Project, 'The Year 6 Market 2022'.

The project covers many curriculum areas including:

- Economics and Business
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Design and Technology
- English
- Mathematics.

This year's market will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September during school hours. It will be a wonderful mix of activity, craft and food stalls. The Year 6 students are very much looking forward to showcasing some new games, food and craft that will ensure all students have an awesome time!!



The students from "Choc Toss" working out the probability of their customers landing on the coveted prize..... Chocolate!!

### CASH FREE

This year the students will once again be using a 'token system' for payments on the day. This not only allows for safe payment, it also provides the school community with many rich learning tasks around money, budgeting and equity.

Here is how it works:

Students will be able to purchase a "\$12 Market Pack" via Compass. The Pack will be for a Sausage in Bread (or equivalent if diet doesn't permit), a juice and 16 tokens with a value of 50 cents per token. Students will be given these tokens and will use these at the various stalls. Simple!!



**Year 6 Market Team (please refer Compass Post for further details)**

## Last Week's Story Dogs Fundraiser



Last Friday (5<sup>th</sup> August) the Student Representative Council organised a Fundraiser for 'Story Dogs'. The 'Story Dog' mission is to make reading fun for children, so they become confident, lifelong readers. They strongly believe that no child should be left behind in Literacy.

The SRC would like to thank everyone for coming along, dressing up and joining together in the afternoon for the sausage sizzle.

The community spirit that was on display meant that we raised nearly \$1,911 to donate to this amazing cause.

Well done to everyone involved

Thanks

**The SRC (Student Representative Council)**



### SSV SOUTHERN METRO REGIONAL AFL

Having already won both the District and Division AFL Boys competitions, Mt Martha PS competed at the AFL Boys Regional finals at Bonbeach on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. In their first game, in very blustery conditions, the boys came out very flat compared to their usual 'run and carry' quick movement of the footy. As a result, the team lost a very winnable game by 3 points. This was a good wakeup call and in their second game the team began to show why they had made it as far as they had, running out comfortable 60 point winners. Coming into the last game, confidence amongst the team had returned. In an outstanding game of football, with great skill displayed by both Mt Martha and their opposition, scores were level at half time. Both teams could barely be separated in the second half with both sides going goal for goal. A shot on goal, from a very tight angle after the siren, just missed and despite some fantastic individual and team efforts, Mt Martha went down by 5 points in a thrilling game. It turned out that even if the shot on goal had gone through accurately, that we would have fallen short on percentage to make the Grand Final anyway.

Congratulations to all students involved on displaying integrity and respect and playing with such passion throughout the entire competition. – **Mr Whelan**

The Girls AFL team represented Mount Martha Primary school with grit and determination. They shepherded and tackled with ferocity. We remained undefeated until our final game – the decider – where we lost by 5 points. What a fantastic effort to make it all the way to Regionals and come Runners Up! I couldn't ask for anymore as a coach. Well done girls, you should be so proud! – **Miss Voutier**

Can I personally also say a massive THANK-YOU to the amazing parents who drove both boys and girls to all their matches, who cheered loudly from the sideline, who volunteered to be Goal Umpires and Scorers! We couldn't have got as far as we did without your support.

Next week we have our Girls and Boys playing at the Regional Championships in Netball. After the devastation of losing the AFL, maybe the fire in the belly to come out and give 110% will motivate both teams to work as a strong, supportive team and show case Mt Martha Primary Schools passion.

Cameron Sweatman

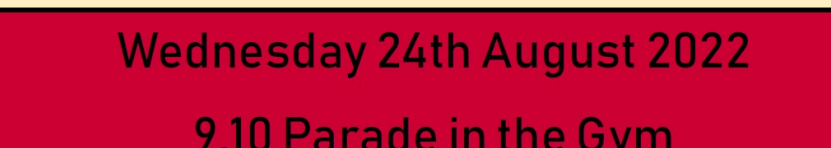
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## SPORT NEWS - REGIONAL AFL TEAM





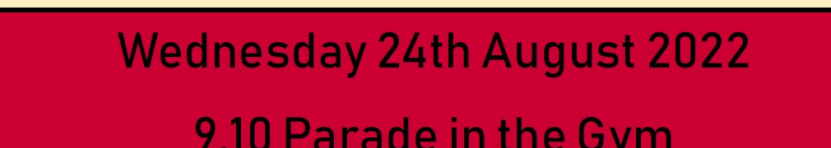


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9.10 Parade in the Gym

Families welcome!

Part of our Book Week Celebrations.

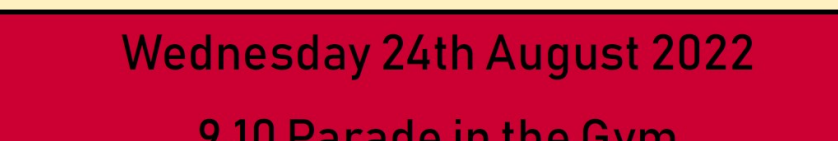


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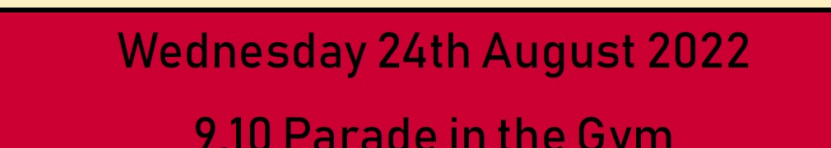


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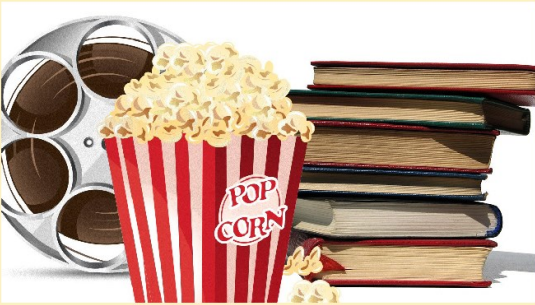


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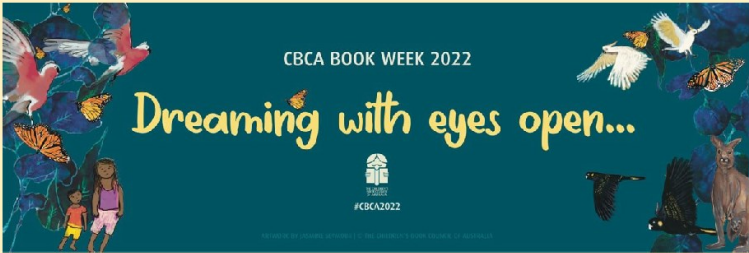
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**Tip for collecting:**

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

**Did you know?**

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\* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

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