



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - 11 February 2021

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

Our smooth start to the school year continues with a range of additional activities complementing 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. Our whole school swimming sports usually held in Term One will be delayed while Mornington Secondary College undertake some important maintenance on their pool. We will advise when the whole of school swimming sports will occur but in the meantime we have scheduled a trial for students who wish try out to represent the school at the district swimming sports on the 10th March. Year 4 commence their Dance program next week which is sure to be another fun and creative learning opportunity. This year is a year when our students from Year's 3 to 6 participate in a film making unit. Year 3 and 4 students start next week to make a class film with Year 5 and 6 making a feature length film later in the year. Always a lot of fun and another way for our students to learn about the processes involved in film making and to show their creativity!

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.

Meet The Teacher. Bookings open on Compass next Monday at 8am for the two "Meet The Teacher" sessions. The first is on **Tuesday 23rd February for Years Four, Five and Six** and **Wednesday 24th February for Years Prep, One, Two and Three**. More information about the booking process is included in the newsletter.

School Council Election 2021 - As mentioned in last week's newsletter, nominations for the 3 parent member and 2 DET employee member vacancies for School Council are now open and close at 4pm on **Monday 15th February**. Nomination forms are available from the Office. An election will be conducted should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies. Please contact me at the school if you are interested or have any questions.

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.

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

PRINCIPAL REPORT continued

Policy Information - Please visit our website www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au 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 of School Photos - Some advance notice that school photos will be taken on **Thursday 4th March**. More important information will be included in next week's newsletter.

Kind regards

Martin Page

COVID INFORMATION

COVID Information - A reminder to all parents of our COVID-19 measures:

- Face masks **must** be carried and worn when indoors by individuals 12 years old or older (except our students on site).
- Parents are now allowed back on site however social distancing (1.5 metre distance) between adults remains a **key** control measure and must continue to be practiced including when dropping off or picking up students.
- Unwell students should **not** be sent to school or remain at school if symptoms (even mild symptoms) appear during the day or they become unwell. Parents will be contacted to collect unwell students who will be supervised while isolated from other students. Parents should follow the latest DHHS and medical practitioner advice as to testing and quarantining.
- The school will continue to practise strict hygiene protocols and enhanced school cleaning procedures are also in place.
- Drinking fountains are available but students may choose to bring their own named water bottle.
- If visitors/parents/carers intend to spend longer than 15 minutes on site then they are required to sign in at the Office.
- Density limits do not apply in classrooms and other spaces students use. A density limit of 1 person to 2 square metres does apply to any spaces and activities being attended by staff, parents/carers and other visitors and then applies to all persons in the space including students, staff and visitors.

Thank you again for your assistance in implementation of these strategies to keep our community safe.

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

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events

FEBRUARY



Friday 12th

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



Monday 15th

Meet the teacher bookings open today in Compass at 8.00am and close Monday 22nd February 2pm.

Tuesday 16th

Years 3 & 4 Film Festival commences today
Mt Martha Primary School

Wednesday 17th

Year 2 Ciao Italy Incursion today
9.30am - 10.30am

Friday 19th

Year 1 South Beach Walk
9.15am - 12.45pm
Mt Martha South Beach

Year 4 Hip Hop

9.30am - 1.00pm
Mt Martha Primary

Tuesday 23rd

Meet the Teacher Sessions
Years 4 - 6 3.50pm - 8.20pm
Bookings essential on Compass

Wednesday 24th

Meet the Teacher Sessions
Preps 2.50pm - 6.40pm
Years 1 - 3 3.50pm - 8.20pm
Bookings essential on Compass

Thursday 25th

Whole School Assembly Students only!
9.15am in the Gym



MARCH

Thursday 4th

Whole School Photos
How to order online in next weeks newsletter
NO CASH PAYMENTS

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.

EVENTS 2021	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 2 Ciao Italy	\$9	11/2/2021
Year 4 Hip Hop Dance	\$29	16/2/2021
Year 1 South Beach Walk	Nil	16/2/2021
Year 1 & 2 Kingswim	\$60	24/2/2021

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1	29th January to 1st April Students in Years 1 - 6 Start 29th January 2021 <i>(2021 Prep Interviews 29th January, Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd February)</i> Preps starts Wednesday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm Preps start full days Monday 1st March
Term 2	19th April to 25th June
Term 3	12th July to 17th September
Term 4	4th October to 17th December



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for 2021. It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm of students returning to school and settling in to their new year levels. A big welcome to all of our new families at MMPS. We hope you soon feel a part of our great learning community.

As a 'Be You' school we have continued to prioritise the mental health and wellbeing of all of our students through programs including You Can Do It, Protective Behaviours, Cooperative Learning, Mindfulness and Year 6 Leadership. We value the partnership we have with our school community.

All year levels are committed to teaching the *You Can Do It*, Social and Emotional Learning program, which focuses on the foundations of Resilience, Confidence, Organisation, Persistence and Getting Along. The program also incorporates mindfulness, empathy, gratitude and cooperation, which are important aspects of our SEL curriculum. Our school values of Respect, Integrity, Collaboration and Knowledge are an integral part of our approach to teaching SEL.

Beyond Blue's [Healthy Families](#) website is a valuable resource for families and anyone who is involved in supporting children and young people. If you'd like information on a specific issue related to child mental health and wellbeing, the [Be You Fact Sheets](#) also cover a wide range of topics.

This week we have been focusing on staying safe online and students completed a wide range of activities for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. Thanks to Mrs Forward for the great resources! For parents who would like more information about this important area there are some free webinars available through the following website:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Leading up to the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 19th March, all classes across the school will be working on activities about taking a stand together to address bullying and violence. More information will be sent out to families closer to the date.

Don't hesitate to contact your class teacher to find out more about our Social and Emotional curriculum. We look forward to meeting with parents and hearing more about your children at the Meet-the-Teacher evenings coming up soon.

Kind regards,

Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.

MEET THE TEACHER - USING COMPASS TO MAKE BOOKINGS/S

This year our Meet the Teacher sessions will be held in Week 4 of the school year on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 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 15 February at 8am and will close on Monday 22 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.

Welcome to the Hogwarts P-12 Portal

Use the links listed for each of your children to explore the portal. Please keep your mobile phone number and email address up to date (Tools > Update My Details). The school will use this to contact you regarding attendance, events, news and more.

Hermione GRANGER

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Send email to Hermione's teachers
- Add Attendance Note/Approval (Approved Absence/Late)
- View Academic Reports
- Book Parent Teacher Interviews**

1 overdue learning task
1 learning task due in the next week

Compass

My News

- Insights Cycle Open**
Your input/feedback is requested regarding Hermione for "Goal Setting & Review T2 2017".
[Click here to proceed](#)
- Parent Student Teacher Conference**
Term 3, 2017 - Parent Teacher Interviews regarding Hermione Granger.
[Click here for booking](#)

College Newsletter
Another busy month at Hogwarts P-12. Download the attached Newsletter and read our story on page 4 about our success at the Dragon Championships!
[Document.pdf](#)
2 days ago by Minerva McGONAGALL

We have arrived at the World Cup!
We have set up camp and attended our first match. It's a great atmosphere and we are having so much fun!
2 days ago by Rolanda HOOCH

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.

Term 3 2017 - Parent Teacher Interview

Thursday, August 31

09:00 AM	09:15 AM	09:30 AM
09:45 AM	10:00 Not available for booking	10:15
10:30 AM		
11:15 AM		
12:00 PM	Not available for booking	Bookings cannot be made.
12:45 PM	Not available for booking	Bookings cannot be made.
01:30 PM		
02:15 PM		
03:00 PM		
03:45 PM		

Welcome

Welcome to Term 3 2017 - Parent Teacher Interview

Parents are invited to come to the school campus on Thursday August 31st to meet with your student's teachers and year level coordinator.

Compass will walk you through the booking process but if you have any questions or issues please don't hesitate to contact our school administration during regular hours on 5555-5555.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Interview evening.

Sincerely,
Albus Dumbledore
Headmaster

[Start Booking Now](#) [Show me How to Book](#)

Mr Wendell GRANGER

Teachers

- Albus DUMBLEDORE
Prefect Interviews
Interview Welcome
- Severus SNAPE
H033A - Advanced Potions
Interview Welcome
- William (Bill) WEASLEY
S033A - Charms
Interview Welcome
- Rubeus HAGRID
E033A - Magical Creatures
Interview Welcome
- Lora TONKS
TYAA - Study Hall
Interview Welcome
- Amelia THAMRIN
H033B - Transfiguration Unit
Interview Welcome

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 and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are 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 the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 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 in 2021 or you did not apply in 2020.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Registrations with Mount Martha Soccer Club are now open.

To register, go onto the Football Victoria webpage and follow their instructions.
<https://www.footballvictoria.com.au/resources/players/register>

You can find the club from the list by entering "Mount Martha" or the postcode - "3934".

Make sure you select Mount Martha Soccer Club (as opposed to Mornington SC), both options will pop up as our home pitch, Civic Oval, is in Mornington.

**MOUNT MARTHA
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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Mt Martha Netball Club invites new and
returning players to register for the
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BEACH PATROL EVENT

Beach Clean
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Mini Container Deposit Scheme
Prizes

Free Coffee*
(Don't forget your BYO Cup)

Sunday 21 February

8.45 - 11.30am

Mount Martha Lifesaving Club

Limited spots, register for free at

<https://reg.eventgate.com.au/Event/23199/Mount-Martha-Beach-Patrol-Event>

*First 50 to register on the day

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