



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 11 June 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

Return to On Site Learning

Congratulations to our students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 for a very successful return to onsite learning on Tuesday. Students were glad to be back at school seeing their teachers and friends and engaging in learning back at school. They are quickly settling in and adapting to some new routines. Teachers have been prioritising activities to assist in the transition back to school and re-establishing relationships. Our students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to have a very smooth resumption to school.

Once again I would like to thank parents and carers for all of your work in delivering the remote learning program. Teaching can be challenging at the best of times and your work engaging with your children and the teachers has been fantastic! Included in the today's BB is a letter of thanks from Jenny Atta, Secretary, Department of Education and Training.

"Transition to Onsite Parent and Carers Handbook"- A reminder that the handbook contains important information about the return to school and current protocols. It has previously been sent out on Compass. Information is based on recommendations from Victoria's Chief Medical Officer and DET with a view to limiting transference of COVID-19 and applies to all members of our school community.

A reminder that:

- Unwell students should not be sent to school or remain at school if 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.
- Social distancing between adults is a key control measure and must continue to be practiced. Parents are encouraged to only be onsite for essential business. Parents must not enter classrooms or corridors, must wait offsite at drop off and pick up and not congregate at the school gates. In the initial days of returning to school some students may require a parent to walk them in to school or a pick up but we should all be working to minimise this. Initial communication with teachers will still be via the teachers' gmail and phone numbers used in the remote learning program.
- The school day will commence at **9am** as usual. Please follow the "Kiss and Go" rules.
- At the end of the day, **Years 3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm. Students in Prep to Year 2 will finish at 3.30pm as usual.** Siblings should have a pre-arranged and clearly understood outside meeting place if travelling home together.
- Students should bring their own named water bottle as drinking fountains are not available.

Thank you for your assistance in implementation of these strategies. This will assist in keeping our school community safe.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

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

Welcome - A huge welcome to Stefanie N and her family who joined our school community this week.

Kind regards, Martin Page.

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

LETTER FROM JENNY ATTA SECRETARY DET



Department of Education and Training

Office of the Secretary

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Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students.

Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around hand hygiene

Continued LETTER FROM JENNY ATTA SECRETARY DET

and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at:

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

Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Atta', with a vertical line to its right.

Jenny Atta

Secretary

Department of Education and Training

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

Coming Events



JUNE

Thursday 11th

School Council Webex Meeting 6.45pm

Monday 15th

Years 3 & 4 Planning Day



Tuesday 16th

Prep & Year 1 Planning Day

Wednesday 17th

Year 2 Planning Day

Thursday 18th

Year 5 & 6 Planning Day

Friday 19th

Specialist Planning Day

Friday 26th

END OF TERM 2 EARLY DISMISSAL 2.30PM

JULY

Monday 13th

TERM 3 COMMENCES TODAY

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	COST	CLOSING DATE
2020		
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TERM DATES: 2020

Term 2 14th April to 26th June

Term 3 13th July to 18th September

Term 4 5th October to 18th December

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SPORT NEWS

Welcome back everyone after a very strange Term 2!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions school sporting events have been postponed for Term 3 and 4. We may be able to reschedule some of our whole school events and our senior sports but we will wait on advice from the Department of Education.

JOGGING CLUB

Unfortunately until we are notified of any change to the COVID-19 restrictions, we won't be holding jogging club. Fingers crossed that we are able to get back into full swing when we return in Term 3. Until then – keep active and let's get jogging in Term 3!

SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP – TERM 2

All inter-school sporting events and competitions must be postponed until further notice.

Our SLP, WLP and District Cross Country events have all been postponed with the hope that later in Term 3 or Term 4, we can possibly reschedule these competitions.

REMOTE LEARNING

I hope that over the 6 to 8 weeks that you were doing your remote learning from home that you managed to try out some of my challenges and activities? It was so nice to see posts to my padlet, showing what you were doing via video or photos. I'm glad that I could bring some laughter and enjoyment into your remote learning days and even embarrass myself a little.

Thank you to the parents/guardians for everything you did to keep your child active and motivated. I appreciate everything you have done.

Cameron Sweatman
PE Teacher



PLANNING WEEK TERM 2 2020

Week 9 (June 15 - 19)

Mon 15 June - Years 3 & 4 (8 classes)

Tuesday 16 June - Prep and Yr 1 (7 classes)

Wed 17 June - Years 2 (5 classes)

Thursday 18 June - Year 5 & 6 (8 classes)

Friday 19 June - Specialists

Hoping this information proves to be useful in selecting footwear on these particular days.

Thanks for your cooperation.

BE YOU TEAM

LOST PROPERTY

Due To COVID-19 restrictions parents and caregivers will not be able to access Lost Property. We have recently sorted the lost property area and any school clothing with the students name clearly labelled has been returned to their classroom.

Lost property will be sorted at the end of every week and any items not labelled will be transferred to the swap area in the Gym Foyer.

To reduce the amount of clothing that ends up in lost property on a daily basis, could you please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's full name so that they can be returned to their classroom.

Thank you





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Caring for our Community during Coronavirus



Care packages for those in need



Mornington Peninsula Shire, in partnership with local Community Support Centres, is offering care packages for our most vulnerable and isolated community members who are impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic on the Peninsula. Care packages will be sent to eligible households through contactless delivery.

Care packages will include non-perishable food and essential hygiene items.

You are eligible to receive a care package if you:

- are being impacted by Covid-19 due to self-isolation
- are considered 'at risk' of getting COVID-19
- have no support locally to access supplies
- are experiencing significant hardship due the current situation.

How do I register to receive a care package?

Phone the Shire on ☎ 1300 850 600

If you need the assistance of an interpreter phone ☎ 131 450

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Hey Mum and Dad... time to get everyone off the couch!

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us if you would like to come along and check out Dromana Sea Scouts

Want to know more ?

Check out our website for information and contact details. <https://dromanaseascouts.com.au>

Don't let the kids have all the fun ... Interested Parents can also get involved by joining the Parents
Committee or just helping out every now and then ...

If you want some adventure and fun yourself, you can ask about the benefits of becoming a leader !

** Special Offer ** ...

Join now and you won't pay Term 3 fees, an extra saving of \$100! You'll just need to purchase your section uniform

Term fees are payable 4 times per year (we run with normal school terms).

*Camps and some district events are extra, usually around \$70 for a weekend camp and \$15 for a day event

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Joey Scouts
1hr

Ages 5-7
TBC

Cub Scouts
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Ages 8-10
Wed

Scouts
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Ages 11-14
Thu

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7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Ages 15-17

Mon

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