



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 11 March 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

COVID-19 - Thank you again parents for your ongoing assistance to limit transference of COVID-19 at school. Students and staff are continuing with a range of strategies including enhanced cleaning and hygiene. Recent localised outbreaks in other suburbs and subsequent containment measures remind us all of how important these strategies are.

Following the advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, DET continues to provide schools with updated information and strategies for implementation. We have been able to resume running most of our activities and programs following this advice.

A letter from Victoria's Chief Health Officer is included in this newsletter for additional information.

More information about coronavirus (COVID-19) as it pertains to schools 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>

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 - The end of term is rapidly approaching and 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 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 **Thursday 1st April** is the last day of Term One with Friday 2nd April being Good Friday. Please note the earlier dismissal time of 2.30pm. Term 2 commences on **Monday 19th April**.

Kind regards, , Martin Page.

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



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Victorian Chief Health Officer message

Victorian Chief Health Officer message to schools, early childhood centres and their communities



Term 1 is now fully in swing for 2021, which makes it even more important for every Victorian to play their part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We all want

Victoria to continue to stay safe and stay open and we want our children to continue to learn at their school, kindergarten or other early childhood education centre.

Recently, we've seen some cases of COVID-19 emerge. The Department of Health is doing everything it can to prevent spreading in the community through locating close contacts, continued testing and wastewater monitoring.

Early childhood centres and schools have comprehensive COVIDSafe plans in place. This means that schools and centres have embedded the behaviours we learned in 2020 and are well placed to act quickly and respond to any identified risks.

I am confident this is reassuring to families, children and staff.

However, the importance of all Victorians remaining vigilant cannot be stressed enough.

It is vital that we all continue to stay home when unwell, get tested, perform regular hand hygiene, and cough into your elbow if you have to. I remind all staff, students, parents and families to wear a face mask when required and stay at least 1.5m apart from others when practical.

I also encourage you to promote and ensure testing whenever a child or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild. Getting tested and staying home until results are known remains critical to limiting the spread of COVID-19.

It is also important to get tested when it is recommended, for example, if you have visited an exposure site.

The symptoms to watch out for are:

- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose

Continued vigilance to prevent the spread of COVID-19 ensures that schools and early childhood education centres remain safe for students and staff.

Adj. Clinical Prof. Brett Sutton
Victorian Chief Health Officer



UPDATED COVID INFORMATION

Updated COVID Information -

A reminder to all parents of updated COVID-19 measures:

- Face masks are now recommended, but not mandatory, for use by staff, students and visitors when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.
- Parents are allowed 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.
- Each family should regularly check the list of public exposure sites in Victoria (where a person with COVID-19 has attended), and if anyone in the family has attended a site at the times listed, follow the instructions given.

For more information about schools and coronavirus (COVID-19) please access the Department's website, which will continue to be updated: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

TERM 1 - PLANNING WEEK AT MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY



During the week March 22 - 26 our staff will participate in Planning meetings in preparation for Term 2. During Planning Week our usual timetable for Specialists Programs is suspended. Students still enjoy a Specialist program that week but these sessions all occur on one day of the week (see below) rather than being timetabled throughout the week.

Please take note of which day your child/ren have their Planning Day as this may require you to consider the proper footwear for Physical Education. Not all classes do every Specialist class as a number of Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) are used to support Planning days as well.

Mon 22 Mar - Years 3 & 4 (8 classes)

Tuesday 23 Mar - Prep (5 classes)

Wed 24 Mar - Yr 1 and Yr 2 (7 classes)

Thursday 25 Mar - Specialists

Friday 26 Mar - Year 5 & 6 (8 classes)

Hoping this information proves to be useful in selecting footwear on these particular days. Thanks for your cooperation.

Be You Team

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events

MARCH

Thursday 11th
School Council Meeting
6.45pm in Staff Centre



Tuesday 16th
Years 1 & 2 Kingswim Program
11.30am: 1B & 1D
12.00pm: 1A & 1C
12.30pm: 2A & 2B
1.00pm: 2C



Wednesday 17th
Division Swim Sports
Selected Students Only
Pines Forest Pool, Frankston.
9.00am - 1.00pm



Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th
Year 6 CYC City Camp
Students to arrive at school at 7.15am for an 7.45am departure.



Students return to MMPS on Wednesday at approximately 3.30pm parents will receive an SMS once buses are on route.

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th

PLANNING WEEK

Mon 22 Mar - Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 23 Mar - Prep
Wed 24 Mar - Years 1 & 2
Thursday 25 Mar - Specialists
Friday 26 Mar - Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 30th
4A & 4B Beach Program
9.00am - 2.30pm
Mount Martha Lifesaving Club



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 6 CYC City Camp	\$335	15/3/2021
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TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1 29th January to 1st April
Students in Years 1 - 6 Start 29th January 2021
(2021 Prep Interviews 29th January, Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd February)
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

SPORTS NEWS

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Congratulations to our school swimming team who competed at the Mornington District Swimming Carnival yesterday. The weather was perfect and parents were able to watch as our students take to the water!

Overall, our school finished 4th in the carnival. There were plenty of outstanding efforts by all our swimmers. A huge thank you to Mr Antionou & Anna Goss for assisting on the day.

From this carnival, we have some students who have been successful in making it to the Southern Peninsula Division Carnival next Wednesday.

Good luck to the following students:

Max R, Henry J, Luke B, Darcy T, Johnny B, Alexandra C, Doug K & Alexis C.



Can I personally thank all the parents for supporting not only their own children but our whole school team.



JOGGING CLUB



Jogging Club is off and running. Every student has either the same card or a new card ready for 2021. Prep students have been taken around the track during a PE lesson so they become familiar with the route that needs to be followed. Jogging Club is held on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday; starting at 9:35 on the basketball court.

Let's make a huge effort to see more students jogging the track this year!! Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies.

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mount Martha Netball Club



We are inviting Year 2 and Year 3 students to join the Mount Martha Netball Club for the 2021 season.

Netball is a great way to get fit, play in a team, have fun, and make friends.

Mt Martha Netball Club aims to teach netball skills to new players and encourage participation in team sport.

Mt Martha Netball Club provides skills clinics and social outings for their members.

Saturday competition Teams – from U9 beginners – U15s

Location:

Games: Saturday at MPNA courts Mornington

Training: Thursday afternoon at MPNA courts

Registration

To register please contact registration@mtmarthanetball.com or see www.mtmarthanetball.com for additional information

For children in Prep – Year 1

Net Set Go (introductory netball program)

Will commence from Term 2 – Saturday mornings

See www.mtmarthanetball.com for additional information

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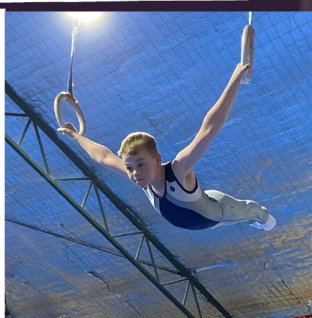


Registrations with Mount Martha Soccer Club are now open.

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.



Boys only
**COME
N
TRY**

SUNDAY 21ST MARCH

9:00 - 10:30AM: 5-7 YEAR OLD BOYS
11:00AM - 12:30PM: 8+ YEAR OLD BOYS
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Free!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Register online via the "come n try" link on
our website www.mycgymnastics.org.au



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEWS



Moonlit Sanctuary KEEPER CLUB

Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!
For ages 7-14. Cost: \$90



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GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT MOONLIT SANCTUARY KEEPER CLUB

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals and food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Autumn 2021 School Holiday Dates:

Week One: Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th, Friday 9th April

Week Two: Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th April

Cost: \$90.00 per day

Small groups of 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Park

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale , Phone 5978 7935 www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au, Open daily between 10am and 5pm.
Keeper Club runs from 9am-2pm.



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