



Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School
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Mrs Karen Walker

Assistant Principal
Mr Nick Orchard

**Mt Martha Primary
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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 12th October 2023

Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Uniform - Summer is on the way and so it is timely to revisit the summer uniform requirements. They may be found on the school website <http://mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/> under the "Policies" tab or in the Parent Information Booklet under the "Parents" tab. A reminder that while non uniform jumpers/hoodies may be worn to and from school they are not part of the school uniform and so should not be worn while the students are at school. Thank you for your assistance. A reminder that if your child has lost an item, please visit the Lost Property area near the Art Room.

Triennial Review - This term the school will begin undertaking preparations for a review of its successes and identifying areas to focus on for future improvement. The review is part of DET processes that occur in every Victorian government school. The review will occur over four days in term one 2024 with a team including an external reviewer, a regional DET staff member, two principals, school council president and school staff examining a range of information. This includes student learning outcomes, survey data, classroom observations and focus group interviews with students, parents, and staff. Findings are incorporated in the school's Strategic Plan which sets goals, targets and an initial set of strategies which are updated each year. Review is an important process to plan the direction for our school's improvement.

Year Three Camp - Our Year Three students, staff and a fantastic group of parent volunteers are heading to Somers Camp on Monday 30th October for three days of fabulous and exciting activities. We hope you all have a wonderful time on your first camp and look forward hearing about their adventures after camp.

Prep 2024 Information Night - Last night we have the next in a series of activities for Parents of our 2024 Prep students. The session provided parents/carers with an insight into how they can support their child's transition into school. A highlight of the evening was a fashion parade of the school uniform by some of this year's Prep students. Next week we have the first of our Storytime sessions for our 2024 Preps.

Smile Squad - Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students. Smile Squad offers free oral health packs, free annual oral health examinations and free follow-up treatment for all students attending Victorian Government schools. Smile Squad will be available to all students for free, even if they do not have a healthcare card or Medicare card, or if they are ineligible for the Commonwealth Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). There are no out-of-pocket expenses for families. We have been allocated access to this program this term from 23rd October. Below is links to the consent form via a link or QR code. If parents could complete the consent form by **22nd October** it will assist the service in knowing how many anticipated patients, they will see at our school.

How to access free dental care

Sign up to Smile Squad at: [Smile Squad enrolment](#) OR use the below QR code:



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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

Free Tutor Service - A new service is being run by the Lions Club of Dromana that provides free tutoring to primary school children on the Mornington Peninsula. This service is aimed at giving children who have fallen behind in recent times, a bit of a boost so they have a chance to fulfill their potential. It is focusing on students from years 4-6. The concept revolves around the fact that on the Peninsula there are many retired teachers who would love to be able to help their community in some way, and at the same time there are many children who could benefit from their experience. The flyer with further details is in the newsletter.

Japanese Day- On Monday 9th October the whole school enjoyed participating in Japanese's Day. There were lots of fun sporting activities, craft activities, dress ups, a sushi lunch, and a great school assembly. Thank you to Mr Nickeas (our Japanese teacher) and our two Year Six Cultural Leaders (Ella and Lachlan) for ensuring we had an interesting and engaging day.

Recap of Previous Newsletter Articles

Student Groupings - Planning for 2024 - It is approaching the time of the year when the teachers begin to consider class groupings for the next year. Certain information is helpful in this process and parents, (who believe that exceptional educational circumstances exist for their child/ren that should be considered in placement for next year), need to forward the information in writing to the principal by **Friday 27th October**. Whilst parents are assured that this information will be considered, no guarantee for individuals is possible as the decisions made are the best for all students collectively. To assist with class groupings, staffing and furniture needs please contact the office if your child is not returning to Mt Martha PS in 2024. Thank you for assisting our planning in this way.

Leaving Mount Martha Primary School in 2024 - A reminder to please let the Office know if you are leaving Mount Martha Primary School next year as soon as possible. Teachers will soon be commencing the task of allocating students to classes for next year and as we finalise our options for grade structures for 2024. Thank you.

Warm regards

Karen Walker



LIONS CLUB OF
DROMANA

FREE TUTORING! YEAR 4 TO YEAR 6

*For **Year 4 to Year 6 children** who have fallen behind
and whose families cannot afford private tutoring.*

All tutoring is performed by retired teachers or teacher aides

One or two sessions per week

One hour per session (or shorter where appropriate)

4:00–5:00pm or 5:00–6:00pm weekdays

Conducted at Dromana Community House

Literacy, numeracy, science and more

8 session blocks on a need basis, first come first served

All sessions supervised by a Lions Club member in addition to the tutor

*This free service is provided by the generous volunteer support of
retired teachers and funded by The Lions Club of Dromana as part
of our mission to build a stronger community. It is made possible by
Dromana Community House where tutoring takes place.*

**CONTACT US NOW ON:
0433 318 462**

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



OCTOBER

Thursday 12th

School Council Meeting Tonight
6.45pm in Staff Centre
All welcome



Friday 13th

State Table Tennis
9.30am - 3.30pm
MSAC, 30 Aughtie Dve, Albert Park.

Saturday 14th

Working Bee 9am - 12pm
All welcome



Referendum Day Sausage Sizzle
Sausages \$3, Water \$2 and soft drinks \$3



Tuesday 17th

2024 Preps Storytime
2.15 - 3.15pm in Staff Centre
(bookings essential)



Wednesday 18th

Regional Athletics
9.00am - 2.30pm
Casey Fields Athletics Centre
160 Berwick Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne.
Private Transport

Thursday 19th

Year 2 Mt Martha Fire Brigade Fire Safe Incursion
10.00am - 1.00pm
Mt Martha Primary

Division Girls Hot Shots
10.00am - 1.30pm
Peninsula Grammar, Mt Eliza
Private Transport

Year 4 Bike Education
9.00am - 1.00pm
Mt Martha Primary

Friday 20th

2024 Preps Storytime in Staff Centre
9.30am - 10.30am
(bookings essential)



Division Softball
9.30am - 2.30pm
CB Wilson Reserve, Wilsons Rd, Mornington
Private Transport

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.

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 3 Somers Camp	\$175	13/10/2023
Year 6 PARC Swim Program Regional Athletics Division Girls Hot Shots	Nil	16/10/2023
Year 2 Mt Martha Fire Brigade Division Softball	Nil	17/10/2023
Prep Pevan & Sarah Tour	\$30	18/10/2023
2024 Year 6 Rugby Top	\$75	25/10/2023
2024 Curriculum Contributions & Agreements	Refer Compass	30/11/2023
2024 Student Supply Orders direct to Paperchase	Refer Compass	3/12/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023

Term 4 Monday 20th November



TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March
Year 1 - 6 students commence
Wednesday 31st January
9.00am - 3.30pm
Prep Interviews
*Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February
or Friday 2nd February*
Preps Start Part Time - Monday 5th February
9.30am - 2.15pm
Preps Start Full Time - Tuesday 12th March
9.00am - 3.30pm

Term 2 15th April to 28th June
Term 3 15th July to 20th September
Term 4 7th October to 20th December

Semester Two

WORKING BEE at MMPS!



- we are asking for your help at our:

Semester Two Working Bee!

Date: Saturday 14 October

Time: 9am - 12pm.

If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful.

Purpose: Getting grounds ready for Spring.

Some jobs required for the day:

- *Mulching gardens*
- *Pruning and weeding*
- *Rejuvenation of Sensory Garden*

All children must be accompanied by an adult and morning tea will be provided.

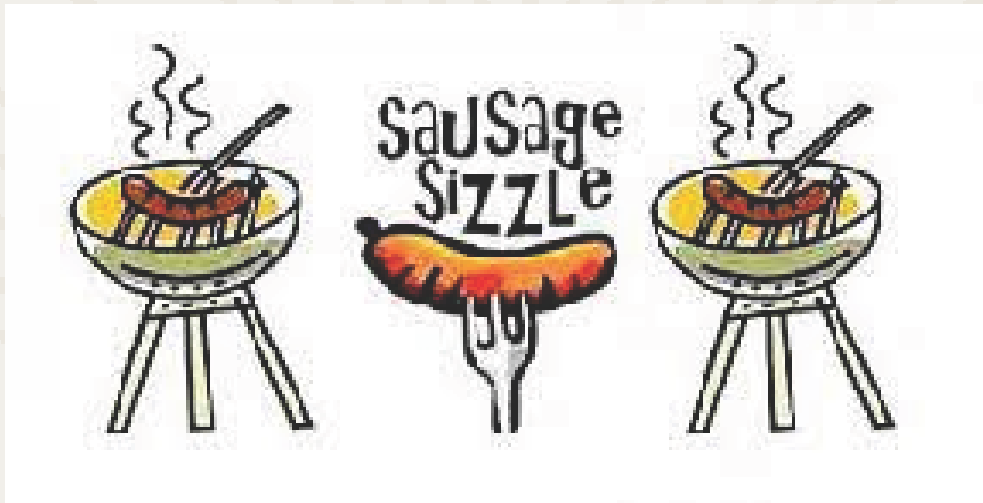
Please email Nick Orchard (nicholas.orchard@education.vic.gov.au) if you are able to help on the day.

Kind regards,

Nick Orchard (Assistant Principal)

JOINS US FOR A
REFERENDUM DAY
Sausage Sizzle

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023



Simply click on the link below if you'd like to join the team for an hour or two.

<https://signup.zone/oï7jEEzNbtCnHfYXh>



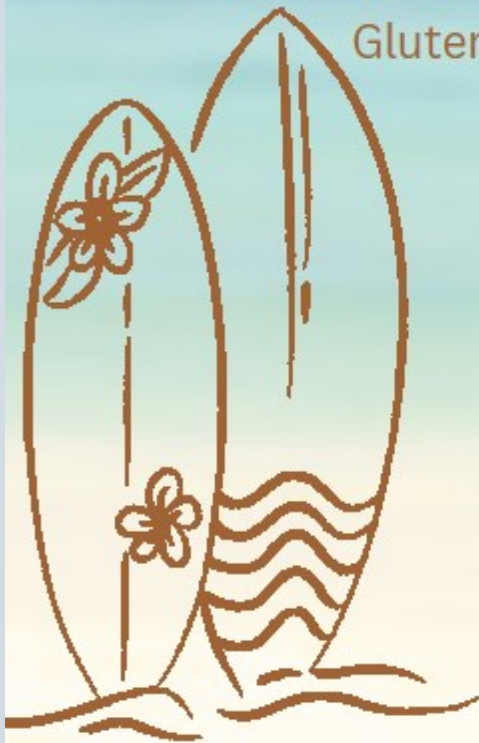
WELCOME
SUMMER

CHOC TOP DAY!

Friday, 24 November 2023

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Note: Orders close Wednesday 22 November -
unfortunately **late orders will not be available.**



MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM



PUPIL FREE DAY



MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2023



COME IN AND JOIN US FOR OUR 'S' DAY!

**SPONGEBOB, SCRATCH ART, SAND ACTIVITIES, SHELL CREATIONS
AND MUCH MORE 😊**

COST: \$50.00 PER CHILD(LESS CCB%)



CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS

HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH



BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER AT 6.00PM!!!!

SPORT NEWS

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all those students that who competed on Wednesday in the Southern Peninsula Division Athletics Carnival at Mornington Civic. It was a tough field with the best students from the Peninsula competing and the weather staying relatively dry..... We wish the following students good luck as they finished 1st and 2nd in their events and are now progressing onto the Southern Metro Regional Championships out at Casey Fields next Wednesday.

11yr old Boys Relay Team: Harry, Xavier, Malu & Blake

High Jump: Bella H, Harvey W & Billie R

Long Jump: Bella H & Tully M

Shot Put: Georgia H

100m: Harry P

200m: Harry P

80m Hurdles: Joel H

Thank you for all the parents for the support given to not only your own child but the other students from Mount Martha Primary School and Mrs Rafeld.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Can everyone who has represented our school in cross country & athletics or our senior summer/winter sports, - **please check if you have any singlets, shirts, jumpers and return them to school so we can have them ready for our teams in 2024.**

A Compass notification went out Friday to remind you all but just in case you didn't see it – please have a look at home.

Year 6 students – can you please have a double check as this is your final year at

Mt Martha Primary School and would hate to have a top missing next year.

REBEL COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

Our school has been selected to participate in the Rebel Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sport as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Rebel, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sports.

Cameron Sweatman
PE Teacher



SCHOOL COLOUR EXPLOSION

We're turning our event from bland to GRAND this year by adding an explosion of Colour. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular **upgrading our basketball rings** both in the gym (adjustable heights) and outside courts as well as replacing our **goal posts** on oval.

The Colour Explosion School Run4Fun will be held in the afternoon of **Friday 17th November**. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe.

Every student will receive a booklet this week which will have all the information for registering for our event as well as other small incentives.

Create a Student Profile at www.myprofilepage.com.au. If you have lost your booklet with all the information and prizes, no stress as you can still register and see all the prizes online.

Cameron Sweatman
PE Teacher



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- *October Edition* -

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Visit any Mornington Peninsula Libraries branch during Children's week to help us create a Magical Secret Garden using a range of art supplies, paper and cardboard!

October 23rd-29th
All Branches

Our Libraries will be transformed into a wonderland of flowers, trees, fairies and elves! Our secret garden will be available to explore and add to all week.



Free

- Face Painting
- Musical Plants
- Conceptual Play Worlds

Special Event: Faery Emma's Little Gypsy Workshop!

A crafty treat for pre-schoolers! Children are invited to explore the magical world of clay and native threading.

Saturday 28 October Rosebud Library

Sunday 29 October Mornington Library

Bookings Essential: ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/childrensweek



End of Year Exams?
FREE STUDY HELP 24/7

Grades 3 - 12

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