



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 13th July 2023

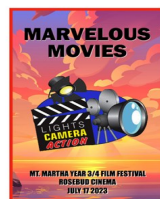
Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back - I hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday break with family and friends and that you all kept well. We are all really looking forward to our students working towards the goals they have set themselves after the student led conferences. This term we have some terrific events planned to enhance our curriculum and our students' learning and experiences. We always have many upcoming events at Mount Martha Primary School and, as it is easy to miss something in a busy term, please, continue to read our "Coming Events" calendar in the newsletter and on Compass, subscribe and regularly engage with the classroom blogs and action Compass notifications as appropriate. A reminder that Compass has a "shut out" time for online payments and permission for an event so ensuring action prior to the "shut out" time will save a trip to the Office and assist in our planning and running of the event.

Welcome - A huge welcome to our new students and families who joined our wonderful school community this week: Mali K (Year 3), Martina W (Year 2), Daniel W (Year 1), and Callista M in (Year 4).

Film Festival - Next Monday night (17th July), we will be rolling out the red carpet at Rosebud Cinemas to showcase our talented students at the premier of the Year 3 & 4 film festival Marvelous Movies. Bruce Grantford our talented movie director starts next Monday with our Year 5 & 6 classes on their feature movie that will screen at the cinema later this year.



Year 5 Camp - Our Year 5 students are off to three exciting days at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat on Wednesday 19th July and returning Friday 21st July. As part of their Inquiry Unit, they are studying Victorian Goldrush era, which includes important events such as the Eureka Stockade and the investigation of the different cultures and characters that contributed to the Victorian Goldfields in the 1850's. During last term they played a gold rush game with lots of activities for students to understand life in the 1850's. The camp at Sovereign Hill will consolidate student's understandings and bring their learning to "life". We hope they all enjoy this fantastic experience. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who are attending to support this fabulous learning experience.

Modes of Communication Survey - Thank you again to everyone who completed the survey. The feedback and insights were much appreciated. The results were shared with School Council at the end of last term. On Monday staff used this feedback to begin to develop an action plan in a continuous improvement cycle. Some of the actions include updating the school website, modifying and improving access to the school newsletter, whole term school events calendar for parents each term. Staff looked at the number of hits Blogs were receiving; the number of Compass posts sent to parents and began to look at ways of streamlining parent communication. When the action plan is completed, I will share this with the school community. If you have any additional feedback, please drop in for a chat or email the school and I can give you a call. Thank you.

Continued

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

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting - Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, there are some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in four proficiency levels. These are exceeding, strong, developing and needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels. Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child. Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning. When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

You're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes or your child's results.

Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2024 - The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 28 July 2023**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2024, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the Department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please contact our school office on 5974 2800 or email mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request an Application to Enrol or Form to Enrol in a Government School.

Stay well this winter - The Department of Education has requested schools share this information. In Victoria, influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection numbers are high among children aged 5 to 11 years, particularly in those in their first few years of school. The Victorian Department of Health expects more respiratory infections over Term 3.

Most children with flu or RSV have a mild fever, runny nose, or cough. Some children, particularly babies and children with underlying medical conditions, may have more severe illness.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers, and students are encouraged to:

- Wash and sanitise their hands regularly
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Stay at home if unwell and consult a general practitioner (GP) or NURSE-ON-CALL as needed
- Stay up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Our school has masks for staff, students, and visitors if they want to wear them.

Flu vaccinations

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family from getting the flu.

[Annual flu vaccination](#) is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older. As part of the [National Immunisation Program](#), it is free for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older
- Children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- People aged 6 months or older with underlying medical conditions.
- Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs, pharmacies, or your local council immunisation service.

For more information about staying safe this winter, refer to:

- [Stay well this winter](#) on the Better Health Channel, translated into 16 languages
- [Influenza](#) and [immunisation](#) on the Better Health Channel
- [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#) on the Better Health Channel
- [Getting vaccinated against influenza](#)

Looking forward to a wonderful Term Three.

Warm Regards, Karen Walker.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



JULY

Friday 14th

Year 6 Queen Victoria Market Excursion
8.45am - 3.30pm
Melbourne

Saturday 15th

SEC Trivia Night 7pm Mt Martha Bowling Club
SOLD OUT

Monday 17th

Year 5 & 6 Film Festival
Mt Martha Primary School
9.30am - 12.00pm

Year 3 & 4 Film Festival

Rosebud Cinema

Bookings essential

Mon 17th Jul 2023, 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Mon 17th Jul 2023, 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

Mon 17th Jul 2023, 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm

Division Teeball

9.30am - 12.30pm

Mornington Baseball Club, Wilsons Rd, Mton

Tuesday 18th

Division Boys Netball

9.00am - 12.30pm

Somerville Recreation Centre, 14 Edward St, Sville

Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st

Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

Arrive at school 7.30am for an 8.00am departure

Return to school at approximately 3.00pm Friday 21st



Wednesday 19th

Year 4 Footprints Day

9.00am - 2.00pm

Balcombe Estuary

Division Girls AFL

9.00am - 12.30pm

Red Hill Recreation Reserve, 184 Arthurs Seat Rd,
Red Hill

Thursday 20th

Division Boys AFL

9.00am - 12.00pm

Red Hill Recreation Reserve, 184 Arthurs Seat Rd,
Red Hill

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 4 Footprints Day	\$9	14/7/2023
Year 5 & 6 Film Festival	\$45	14/7/2023
Division: Teeball, Boys Netball, Girls AFL,	NA	14/7/2023
Division: Boys AFL, Soccer	NA	17/7/2023
Year 6 -7 Transition Day	NA	18/7/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 3 10th July (**Student Free Day**)

11th July to 15th September

Term 4 2nd October to 20th December



STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023

Term 3 Monday 10th July

Term 4 Monday 20th November

TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March

Preps - Dates to be confirmed

Year 1 - 6 students commence

Wednesday 31st January

Term 2 15th April to 28th June

Term 3 15th July to 20th September

Term 4 7th October to 20th December

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- 3**
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Sally Giles
Year 6 Classroom Teacher

YEAR 3 & 4 FILM FESTIVAL NEWS



The première of the film “Marvelous Movies” will be held at the Rosebud Cinemas on Monday 17th July 2023.

Our students from Years 3 and 4 are starring in the Film Festival. The students have thoroughly enjoyed making the film and look forward to sharing this special première event with the whole school. Their movie will run for approximately 42 minutes.

Tickets will not be allocated to set seats and patrons will be seated on a first come first serve basis per session.

Children under the age of three do not need a ticket but they must sit on their parent’s lap. We do ask that if you have a child under three and if they do become noisy or restless that you take them out of the cinema so that they do not disrupt the show.

Please note there will be no charge for Year 3 and 4 students to attend one showing of “Marvelous Movies” but please ensure you 'purchase' a free ticket for them.

Ticket purchases close 4pm Sunday 9th July.....Early session time fills up fast!!

Dates and times

Mon 17th Jul 2023, 5:45 pm - Mon 17th Jul 2023, 6:30 pm

Mon 17th Jul 2023, 6:45 pm - Mon 17th Jul 2023, 7:30 pm

Mon 17th Jul 2023, 7:45 pm - Mon 17th Jul 2023, 8:30 pm

Location

Rosebud Cinemas
30 Rosebud Parade
Rosebud

Georgina Street & Kerry Spiers
Event Coordinators

SPORTS NEWS

SOUTHERN PENINSULA DIVISION & REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

During the last few weeks of Term 2, we had some of our students run at the Southern Peninsula Division Cross Country at the Hastings foreshore. The weather wasn't kind for anyone with a strong freezing breeze but that didn't seem to stop our runners.

We had the following students compete:

12/13 Girls – **Tully M**

11 Girls – **Evie A, Kira B & Coda M**

9/10 Girls – **Sienna W & Brooke P**

12/13 Boys – **Harvey W**

11 Boys – **Harry P & Leon D**

9/10 Boys – **Frankie G**

We had four students (Sienna W, Harvey W, Harry P & Evie A) progressing onto the Southern Metro Regional Cross Country which was last week also at Hasting foreshore. This was some serious competition, and they all did their absolute best but unfortunately no one made it through to the State Championships.

STATE TEAM TRIALS

State level - Victoria State camps are the top 40 students for each sport who are trying to secure a spot in the Victorian Team. Unfortunately, **Harry P** (AFL) **Isla R** (Netball) and **Erin G** (Netball) all missed out on a place in the Victorian team, but we did have **Billie R** who was selected for the Girls AFL Victorian Team. This is something special for her and we wish her all the best for the Australian Championships as she represents Victoria in August.

WINTER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

On Friday 16th June our Year 5/6 sporting teams played at the Mornington District Lightning Premiership. The weather was definitely 'Winter like' with a freezing cold breeze but no rain allowed the students to have a great day out competing against other schools in our local area.

Mt Martha Primary School had huge success winning in **Boys AFL, Boys & Girls Softball, Boys & Girls Soccer & Girls Rounders**.

They will now be playing, as well as our Teeball teams at the Peninsula Division Competitions next week. Good luck to all our teams.

A huge THANK YOU goes to those parents and teachers that assisted on the day with our teams. These events can't happen without support and the teams really appreciate your time helping with coaching, umpiring, setting up or just an extra adult on the bus.

Missing Uniforms

Can everyone who has represented our school, (particularly Cross Country) and still has a sports top or singlet hiding in the washing basket or under the bed - **please return them to me or the office ASAP.**

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher

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Details



Friday 28th July



11am-12pm



Willum Warrain ,
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RSVP

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