



Mt. Martha
Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 13th October 2022

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Changes in School Crossing Times - The Mornington Shire Council Community Safety Officers have advised that there is still a lot of traffic leaving and students arriving just past 9am on the school crossing outside the school. The council safety officers regularly visit school crossings and our school crossing supervisor Robyn. In the interests of the safety of our school community the council is changing the operational hours of the crossing in the mornings from **8am to 9am to 8.10am to 9.10am**. There are no changes to the afternoon and the crossing is supervised from 3pm-4pm. Classroom teachers will discuss these changes with their students. Please discuss with your children that Robyn will not be on the crossing until 8.10am if they are crossing before this time. The changes will come into effect from **Monday 17th October**.

Road Safety - We have had reports from members of our community that there are some students walking on the road in Glenisla Drive between Normanby Terrace and Dominion Road. Also, on Orana Drive only moving out of the way at the last minute to let cars pass and then moving back onto the road. Concerns were also raised about cars doing u turns outside the school and the speed of cars in Eco Park. These concerns have been raised with the safety and wellbeing of our students. Please reinforce road safety with your children. Class teachers and our Travel Smart Leaders will reinforce road safety with students at school. Thankyou for your support and assistance.

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.

PLC Term 4 Focus - From the goal in our School's Strategic Plan to increase the number of students performing above the expected level in Number and Algebra, our whole school focus as a Professional Learning Community this term is to improve student outcomes in Number and Algebra through differentiation practices. Each year level has further broken this goal down into a specific goal for their team. Teams will be using student's Essential Assessment Data to focus on differentiating to target the individual learning needs of students. Students will set learning goals and work towards achieving these by being involved in differentiated open ended tasks with enabling and extending prompts. This focus will build on the work students and staff completed in Term Three on student's learning disposition in mathematics.

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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

Changes to COVID Settings in School - You may be aware that the Victorian Government has announced changes to the COVID-19 isolation requirements. This means that from yesterday at 11.59pm on Wednesday 12 October, the mandatory orders around isolation for people with COVID-19 have ended and instead we move to health advice and recommendations for people with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for five days and do not attend school after five days if they are still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health.

We will, however, no longer report occurrences of positive cases to the school community. We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases. Free Rapid Antigen Tests are available at the school for those who need them. Parents and carers will be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school. Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so. To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures. Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well.

Year Three Camp - Our Year Three students, staff and a fantastic group of parent volunteers are heading "all the way" to the Briars Camp on Monday next week for three days of exciting activities. We hope you all have a wonderful time on your first camp and look forward hearing about your adventures after camp.

Prep 2023 Information Night - Next week on Wednesday night we have the next in a series of activities for Parents of our 2023 Prep students. The session will run from 7.00pm - 8.30pm and provides parents/carers with an insight into how they can support their child's transition into school. A highlight of the evening is a fashion parade of the school uniform by some of this year's Prep students.

Somers Camp - Next week we have ten students who are heading to the nine-day district camp at Somers. This camp will have 160 students from our network attending. We all hope they have a wonderful time.

Class Splits - Late last term, the school had to decide to split grades for Term 4 when classroom teachers are absent. With higher than anticipated staff absences (due to the COVID pandemic) the Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) budget has been expended for 2022. We know this decision is not ideal, but we are confident that all children in the school will continue to receive best practice in teaching and learning if their class has been split.

[Recap of Previous Newsletter Articles](#)

Student Groupings - Planning for 2023 - 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 28th 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 Mount Martha Primary School in 2023. Thank you for assisting our planning in this way.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



OCTOBER

Friday 14th
Year 6 Bike Education



Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th
Year 3 Briars Camp
Parents drop students at Briars
Camp at 9.00am
Bused back to MMPS arrive 1.15pm on Wed 19th



Monday 17th
Division Girls Volleyball
9.00am - 11.45am
Somerville Recreation Reserve

Tuesday 18th
Division Girls Basketball
9.00am - 11.00am
Frankston Basketball Stadium



Wednesday 19th
2023 Prep Parent Information Evening
7pm in Staff Centre

Regional Athletics
Casey Fields Athletics Centre
9.00am - 3.30pm

Thursday 20th
Division Boys & Girls Hotshot
9.00am - 2.00pm
Peninsula Grammar, Mt Eliza

Friday 21st
Division Boys Softball
9.00am - 1pm
Wilson Rd Reserve, Mornington

State Table Tennis
9.00am - 3.30pm
Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre

NOVEMBER - ADVANCED NOTICE

Saturday 5th
Working Bee
9.00am - 12noon



Friday 18th
Teachers Professional Practise Day
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY
OSHCP available - bookings are essential



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.

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Division Boys & Girls Softball	NA	14/10/2022
State Table Tennis	NA	14/10/2022
Boys Division Kanga Cricket	NA	17/10/2022
Yr 6 PARC Swim Program	NA	2/11/2022
Yr2 Minibeasts	\$10	6/11/2022
Yr 5 Science Discovery Dome	\$9	6/11/2022
Yr 6 Gumbuya World	\$40	30/11/2022
Yr 5 End of Year Celebration	\$3	30/11/2022

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December
(1.30pm dismissal)



TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to 6th April
Year 1 - 6 students commence
Tuesday 31st January

Prep Interviews
31st January, 1st February & 2nd February

Preps commence Friday 3rd February
9.00am - 2.15pm

Preps start full time Monday 27th February

Term 2 24th April to 23rd June
Term 3 10th July to 15th September
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

SSV Team VIC Track and Field

During the last week of Term 3, Harry P went to the State Team trials at Lakeside for Track & Field in Long Jump, 100m and 200m in the under 9/10 age group. This trials was an invitation only event via SSV where they use previous times/distances to make sure we have the best students represent Victoria.

Harry showed great determination in all his events on the day and from the trials has secured a spot in the Team Vic 10-12 Years Track and Field Team, qualifying for the 100m, Long Jump and 4x100 metre relay.

He will now train with the Victorian team and compete at the School Sport Australia 10-12 Years Track and Field Championships in Brisbane in November. We wish Harry all the best as he competes against others from all around Australia.



Jogging Club

Jogging Club is running smoothly. The Sports Leaders are will be down on the Basketball Courts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to run Jogging Club starting at 8:40. It is so good to see many students and younger siblings joining in this early morning exercise. Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies.

Jogging Club will run for the next seven weeks before we finish up for 2022. So if you are close to a milestone or want to try to get the next one – use the warm weather and strive for your personal goals!

Missing Uniforms/Equipment

Can everyone who has represented our school in summer/winter sports or athletics - **please return singlets or shirts to the school ASAP.**

Can you also return any borrow equipment (shot put/discus) that you trained with back to school.

Summer Sports

Good luck next week to our summer teams that are playing in the Southern Peninsula Division Championships: Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys/Mixed Kanga 8's, Boys/Mixed Softball & Girls and Boys/Mixed Hot Shots

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Aussie Bird Count 2022.

This term from the 17th October our Environment Leaders will be recording our findings for the Aussie Bird Count. The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is presented by BirdLife Australia, the nation's premier independent bird conservation organisation.

The Aussie Bird Count is an activity for all-ages that involves observing and counting the birds that live near you – whether that's in your garden, the local park, a beach or even your town centre. By telling them about the birds you've seen within a 20 minute period, you will help BirdLife Australia develop an understanding of local birds whilst getting to know the wildlife on your doorstep!

You and your family can contribute by registering your interest through the following link.

<https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/>



Jenny Spiridis

Year 2 Classroom Teacher

SEC NEWS - FOOTY DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support of the school's fundraising efforts this year. We have had another year of wonderful activities for the children and families, with a couple of exciting events still to come.

Footy Day was a lot of fun for everyone, but we are aware that the donuts provided were not what everyone was expecting. Unfortunately Rebel Donuts were impacted by several factors on the day, which were out of their control. Rebel have kindly acknowledged that they did not deliver what was ordered and have given the school 50 cents discount on the cost of each donut purchased.

As a result, families have the choice of two options:

- (a) to request a refund of 50 cents per donut purchased, credited to your compass account, or to pass the 50 cents per donut on to the funds being raised for the vibrant new playground markings for the school.
- (b) If you would like to choose option (a), please contact the school by phone at 5974 2800 or email at mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au by **Friday 21st October 2022**.

Note: There is no action required if you are happy to donate the 50 cents per donut to the school.

Thank you!

Rhonda Edwards

SEC Liaison

JAPANESE DAY NEWS - Wednesday 16th November

Japanese Day will take place in Term 4 on Wednesday 16 November! Students will make Japanese art and crafts in their classrooms and get outside for sports activities to help 'aka' (red) and 'shiro' (white) take home the Japanese Day cup. Last year, Shiro were the champions! This year parents will again have the opportunity to order some sushi for their children via Compass.



Sushi Orders will open on Compass at 9am on Wednesday 12th October and close at 4pm on Wednesday 26th October.

There will be a choice of three sushi packs each containing two sushi rolls.

Please note these packs cannot be changed. To facilitate the options available for this event we are required to use the CompassTix platform. This incurs two fees; a 45c booking fee (parents to pay) and a 2.5% transaction fee (school to pay).

OPTION 1: 2 x Vegetarian \$7

OPTION 2: 2 x Chicken & Teriyaki \$7

OPTION 3: 2 x Tuna and Cucumber \$7

We are looking forward to a great event again in 2022!



Nickeas Sensei





MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM



PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

COME IN AND JOIN US FOR OUR - EVERYTHING THAT FLIES DAY!



HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM COST: \$50.00 PER CHILD(LESS CCS%)

CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED



FREE DRESS 😊

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER @ 6PM!!!!

TERM 4 WORKING BEE

at MMPS!



- we are asking for your help at our
Term 4 Working Bee!

Date: Saturday 5th November

Time: 9am - 12pm.

If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, secateurs, shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful.

Purpose: Getting grounds ready for the upcoming summer season.

Some jobs required for the day:

- Building temporary fencing.
- Re-establishing garden edging in Sensory Garden
- Preparing garden beds for Prep planting.
- Moving heavy garden furniture(round garden pots)
- Pruning and mulching

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea is provided.

Please complete this attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day.

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday November at the school Working Bee.

My name is _____ and my child/ren's names are _____

Please return to the office as soon as possible.



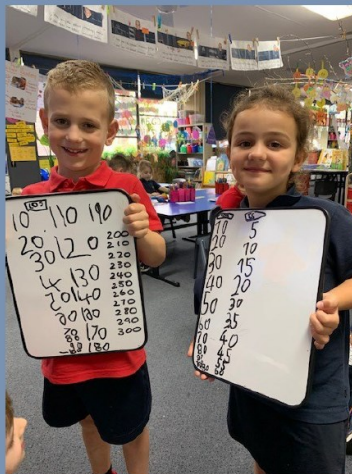
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2023 PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 19th October 2022

7.00 - 8:30 pm

in Staff Centre



This is a session designed to provide all the information you need to know about our Transition Program, ways to prepare for the 2023 school year and important school procedures and administrative details.

Includes a PSW fashion parade as well as a light supper.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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Website: www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au

2023 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 1 - 6:	Commence 9.00am Tuesday 31st January 2023
PREP INTERVIEWS:	Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February Parents please attend with your child
PREPS START SCHOOL:	Friday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm
PREPS START FULL DAYS:	Monday 27th February 9.00am - 3.30pm
FEBRUARY OSHCP:	OSHCP offers a service for parents requiring care for their Prep children during these 4 weeks of early finish times. To register for this service please contact Gillian Reid on 0407 438 858.
SUNSMART POLICY:	Everyone is encouraged to be SUNSMART and the wearing of hats is compulsory until May 1st. Parents should supply their child with sunscreen to be kept in their school bag.
UNIFORM SHOP:	PSW School Uniform Shop Located at 1/22 Watt Rd, Mornington Vic 3931 1800 337 396 Trading Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm & Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm Online orders: www.psw.com.au
BANKSIA BULLETIN:	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 2nd February 2023

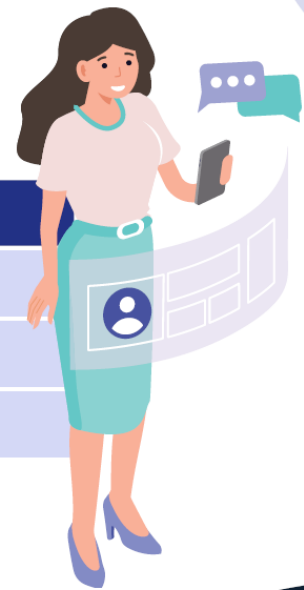
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Dealing With Feelings

Wednesday 12th October 1pm - 2.30pm

Dealing With Conflict

Wednesday 19th October 1pm - 2.30pm

Building Resilience and Self Esteem

Wednesday 26 October 1pm - 2.30pm

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 1pm - 2.30pm

WHEN: October 12, 19, 26 2022

WHERE: Somerville Recreational Centre
14 Edward Street
Somerville

COST: FREE

INQUIRIES:
Michelle Brown 0429174150
Michelle.Brown@anglicarevic.org.au



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Sibling Rivalry

Thursday 6th October 9.30 - 11.30am

Peaceful Parenting

Thursday 13th October 9.30 - 11.30am

Building Resilience and Self Esteem

Thursday 20th October 9.30 - 11.30am

DAY: Thursday

TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am

WHEN: October 6, 13, 20

WHERE: The Corner Youth Centre
Wilsons Road
Mornington

COST: FREE

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