



# Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School

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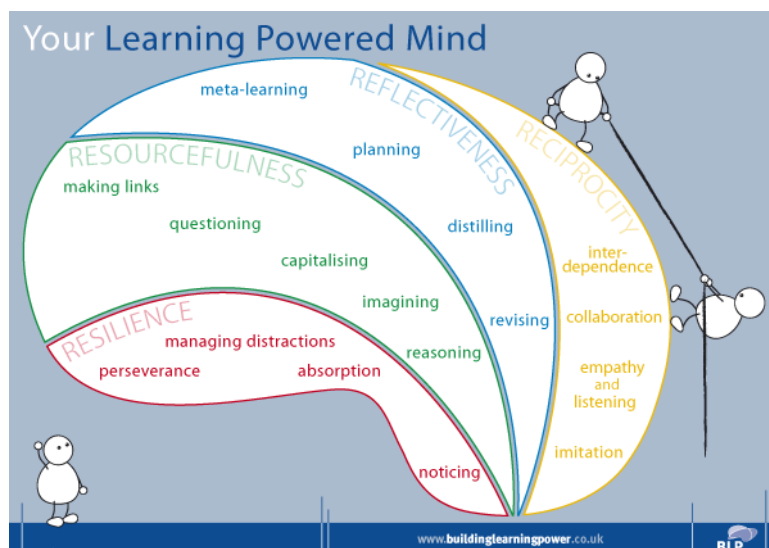
## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 14th July 2022

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**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.

**Student Free Day Monday** - The teachers and educational support staff were immersed in a day of high-quality professional learning to improve the quality of teaching and learning in our school. The morning was spent focusing on the learning dispositions of resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness, and reciprocity in students. Each of these areas are further broken down into capabilities. Teams will be using this in our Professional Learning Community focus on Mathematics this term. The afternoon session was spent building teacher knowledge of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Program and implementation of this program across the school. It linked in strongly with the Building Learning Power covered in the morning session.



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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

**COVID Update** - As you would be aware, following advice from the Acting Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government recently announced changes to the pandemic orders. There will no longer be a mandated vaccination requirement for all school staff (including principals, teachers, administration, and education support staff, including casual relief teachers (CRT's), pre-service teachers, and Outside School Hours Care staff), volunteers, contractors, and visitors in a mainstream school. This change was from 11.59pm Friday 24 June, so in effect from the start of Term 3 2022. With almost 100% of school staff now vaccinated across Victoria, this will cause little change to staff in schools. It will allow volunteers to assist again who are not triple vaccinated.

As part of the changes, parents and carers who have COVID-19 can transport their non-COVID-19 children via private vehicle to their primary or secondary school when an alternative person is not available to assist. This means that parents and carers will be able to leave COVID self-isolation to take their non-COVID-19 child to school via a private vehicle. The parent or carer must travel directly to and from the school only. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to walk the child to and from the entrance of the school safely. They must wear a face mask at all times. Family members are asked to continue reporting positive COVID-19 cases to both the [Department of Health](#) and our own [testing portal](#). You must also let the school know if your child is a close contact. Students who are close contacts and want to attend should still take five RATs over seven days and wear a face mask whilst indoors if they are aged eight years or over. Students should continue to stay home if they are unwell, even if they test negative on a RAT. The Victorian government is recommending face masks are worn in indoor settings (except for close contacts, who must wear a mask indoors unless an exception applies).

Thank you for your support as we continue to make these adjustments

**Staff Car Parks and Road Safety** - Concerns have been sent to the school, police and the local council about traffic management and the behaviour of motorists at school drop off and pick up times. These include the behaviour of motorists double parking to drop students, illegal right turns into Eco Park, people not crossing at the school crossing, dropping students off in the Melrose carpark and parking in no standing zones. The police and local council will be increasing the patrols around the school.



Please note that the staff car parks in Melrose Drive and Glenisla Drive are not drop off and pick up points for children. This is a potentially dangerous practise as staff members are trying to enter the car park between 8am and 8.45am. We also have students walking across the driveways of the carparks. In addition, when walking please use the pedestrian gates when entering or leaving the school rather than the staff car parks as we can have cars entering or leaving and they may not be expecting pedestrians. Teachers will reinforce with students to use the school crossing and not to cross Glenisla Drive behind the Melrose building. With the poor weather over the winter months, there is an increase in traffic congestion at pick up and drop off times. Thank you for your assistance to keep everyone safe.

Looking forward to a great term.

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### JULY

**Monday 18th**

**Division Boys Softball Finals**

9.00am - 12.30pm, Mornington

**Tuesday 19th**

**Division Girls Netball Finals**

9.00am - 11.00am, Somerville

**Division Boys Netball Finals**

9.00am - 12.30pm, Somerville

**Wednesday 20th**

**Year 6 - 7 Transition Program**

**Dromana Secondary College**

8.45am - 12.00noon

**Division Girls AFL Finals**

9.00am - 12.30pm, Mt Eliza

**Thursday 21st**

**Division Boys AFL Finals**

9.00am - 12.30pm, M Eliza

**Tuesday 26th**

**Year 5 Cranbourne Botanic Gardens**

9.15am - 3.00pm

Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

**Wednesday 27th**

**Year 2 Richard Gailbrath Cartooning Incursion**

9.45am to 12.45pm

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**Thursday 28th**

**Year 6 Queen Vic Market**

9.00am to 2.30pm

Melbourne

**Prep Community Walk**

9.00am to 1pm

Mt Martha Village

### 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 AFL	NA	18/7/2022
Year 5 Cranbourne Gardens	\$24	20/7/2022
Year 2 Cartooning	\$4.00	20/7/2022
Prep Community Walk	NA	25/7/2022
Year 6 Queen Vic Market	NA	25/7/2022
Year 5 & 6 Body Education Program	\$14	10/8/2022
Year 1 Where We Live	\$8	10/8/2022
Prep Kingswim	\$78	15/8/2022

#### TERM DATES: 2022

<b>Term 3</b>	11th July to 16th September <b>(Monday 11th July Student Free Day)</b> <i>Students return Tuesday 12th July</i>
<b>Term 4</b>	3rd October to 20th December

#### TERM DATES: 2023

<b>Term 1</b>	27th January to 6th April
<b>Term 2</b>	24th April to 23rd June
<b>Term 3</b>	10th July to 15th September
<b>Term 4</b>	2nd October to 20th December



### **Annual Story Writing Competition “Dreaming with eyes open...”**

Farrell’s Book Store is once again running their story writing competition in the lead up to CBCA Children’s Book Week in August. The aim of the competition is to provide an opportunity for kids to extend their love of reading and books by exploring and enjoying the process of creating their own piece of writing. They run the competition across five age groups from Prep to Year 12, with Farrells book vouchers as prizes and the finished pieces published on their website. Each year Farrells invites shortlisted entrants to an awards ceremony in store, this year featuring local author, Danielle Binks, on Saturday 27 August (full details TBC). Entries close on Sunday 31 July.

You can find more information about the competition, including entry requirements, here:

<https://www.farrells.com.au/kids-writing-competition-2022/>

Jane Doye

**English Learning Specialist**



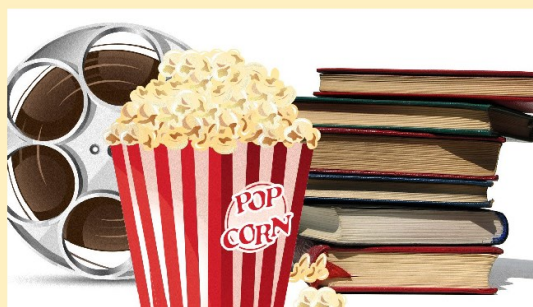


Wednesday 24th August 2022

9.10 Parade in the Gym

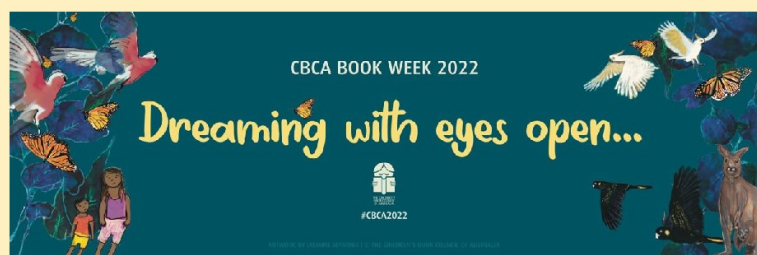
Families welcome!

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# Help us turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL\* PLAY EQUIPMENT**



**Our school\* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.**

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school\* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school\* earns!

**Collections close 9th September.**

**Tip for collecting:**

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

**Did you know?**

Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

**LET'S GET COLLECTING!**



\* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](https://www.wonder.australia) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](https://www.wonderrecyclingrewards) to share all your recycling champion stories!







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