



Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary
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Assistant Principals
Mr Hugh O'Brien
Mrs Karen Walker

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 14 October 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

Pupil Free Day - A final reminder that tomorrow **Friday 15th October** is a **Pupil Free Day** for Mount Martha Primary School. Staff will be focussing on Values education, an introduction to DET's "Respectful Relationships" program and further work in our English priority. It will be a very useful professional learning day. No students are required to attend or participate in remote learning activities tomorrow. Out of School Hours Care are running a program on the day. Bookings should already have been made.

Assistant Principal News - Hugh O'Brien has advised that he will be retiring at the end of the year. Mr O'Brien has been at Mount Martha Primary School for 11 years and has made such a fantastic contribution in so many areas that have improved our students' learning, wellbeing and our school. We will have opportunities later in the year to celebrate his career.

We have completed the process of appointing a new Assistant Principal and have pleasure advising that Mr Nick Orchard, currently at South Yarra Primary School, will be commencing at the start of the 2022 school year.

Return to On Site Learning - Next week we commence the staged return of students to onsite learning. This will commence from Monday 18th October with our Prep students.

For our school, this means that the following arrangements will be in place:

Year Level	Date of return	Days of week
Prep	Monday 18 th October	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday 21 st October	Thursday, Friday
Year 2	Thursday 21 st October	Thursday, Friday
Year 3	Tuesday 26 th October	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday 26 th October	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday 28 th October	Thursday, Friday
Year 6	Thursday 28 th October	Thursday, Friday

A reminder that the remote learning program will continue the days when students are not scheduled to attend onsite. This includes learning at home or at school for students whose parents are authorized workers or deemed vulnerable according to DET criteria. Registration is still required to assist in planning our staff for the day.

Principal Report continued overleaf

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 REPORT CONTINUED

We are really looking forward to seeing all our students back onsite over the coming weeks.

Once again I would like to thank parents and carers for all of your work in delivering the remote learning program. Teaching can be challenging at the best of times and your work engaging with your children and the teachers has been fantastic!

A reminder that:

- Unwell students should not be sent to school or remain at school if 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.
- Face masks must be worn by students in Years 3 to 6 when indoors at school and recommended for students in Prep to Year 2. We are awaiting further advice from DET regarding consideration of individual circumstances.
- Social distancing between adults is a key control measure and must continue to be practiced. Parents are encouraged to only be onsite for essential business. Parents must not enter classrooms or corridors, must wait offsite at drop off and pick up and not congregate at the school gates.
- In the initial days of returning to school some students may require a parent to walk them into school or a pick up but we should all be working to minimise this.
- Initial communication with teachers will still be via the teachers' gmail and phone numbers used in the remote learning program.
- Essential visitors to school grounds must comply with density limits, face mask requirements, QR code/Compass Kiosk/manual check ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- The school day will commence at **9am** as usual. Please follow the "Kiss and Go" rules.
- When students first return in the staged timetable the school day will finish at **3.30pm** as usual. From the 5th November when all students have returned **Years 3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm. Students in Prep to Year 2 will finish at 3.30pm.** Siblings should have a pre-arranged and clearly understood outside meeting place if travelling home together.

Thank you for your assistance in implementation of these strategies. This will assist in keeping our school community safe.

"Transition to Onsite Parent and Carers Handbook" - A handbook containing important information about the return to school and current protocols will be Compassed to parents/carers. Information is based on recommendations from Victoria's Chief Medical Officer and DET with a view to limiting transference of COVID-19 and applies to all members of our school community.

Return of Prep Students - Recognising that Prep students may require more support in return to school next week the following arrangements are in place. Prep students are advised to enter using the single gate downhill from the school crossing, proceed through the gym foyer and meet their teacher in the amphitheatre at 8.50am. If you feel that you need to accompany your child to the amphitheatre area please do that and then leave the school site once your child has made contact with their teacher. Maintain social distancing with other adults whilst on the school site (We have some dots to assist). At the end of the day Prep students will be dismissed outside. Parents are required to leave the site promptly after collecting their child. Parents will be advised if any changes will be made to this arrangement.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the following websites, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.australia.gov.au/> <https://www.health.gov.au> [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) and <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/education-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19>.

PRINCIPAL REPORT CONTINUED

2022 Student Supply Orders & 2022 Year 6 Rugby Tops - A reminder that your child's 2022 Student Supply Order and the 2022 Year 6 Rugby Top Order are due by **Monday 25th October**. Please read the information carefully from last term's Compass post as there has been a change in processes this year.

Student Groupings - Planning for 2022 - 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 29th 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 2022. Thank you for assisting our planning in this way.

Kind regards

Martin Page

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



OCTOBER

Friday 15th

Curriculum Day students do not attend onsite or participate in remote learning lessons if current restrictions are still in place.

An OSCHP program will be offered. Bookings essential.



Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th

Prep students return to face to face learning at school

Wednesday 20th

2022 Prep Online Information Night

Via WebEx

Student surnames starting with **A - J** please attend 7.00 - 8.00pm

Parents please refer to Compass Newsfeed & emails for WebEx Meeting Link.

Thursday 21st

2022 Prep Online Information Night

Via WebEx

Student surnames starting with **K - Z** please attend 7.00 - 8.00pm

Parents please refer to Compass Newsfeeds & emails for WebEx Meeting Link.

Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd

Years 1 & 2 students return to face to face learning at school

Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th

Prep students continue to face to face learning at school

Tuesday 26th - Wednesday 27th

Years 3 & 4 students return to face to face learning at school

Thursday 28th - Friday 29th

Years 1, 2 students continue to face to face learning at school

5 & 6 students continue to face to face learning at school

COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



With restrictions permitting, the below Events will be published to Compass once confirmed.

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.

SCHEDULED EVENTS (TO BE CONFIRMED)	PROPOSED DATE	COST
Year 6 PARC Swimming	8—12 Nov	\$NIL
Year 3 Somers Camp	10—12 Nov	\$230
Year 3 Professor Bunsen	19th Nov	\$12
Years 3-6 Swim Sports	24th Nov	\$6
Prep Enchanted Garden	8th Dec	\$28
Year 2 Reptile Encounters	8th Dec	\$15
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	10th Dec	\$21
Year 6 Gumbuya World	15th Dec	TBC
Year 1 Dinosaur World	15th Dec	\$28
Year 4 South Beach Lunch	15th Dec	\$10
Year 5 Sausage Sizzle	15th Dec	\$2
Year 3 Max The Magician	16th Dec	\$3

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 4 4th October to 17th December

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1 28th January to 8th April
Students in Years 1-6 commence 1st February 2022
(Prep Interviews 1-3 February to be confirmed)

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

Hot Chocolate Day Has Changed To...



CHOC TOP & FREE DRESS DAY!! FRIDAY 12TH NOV

As the weather warms up
the chocolate cools down.
And to make Hot Chocolate
we need parents around.

As parents can't stay
let's **dress in favourite spring colours**
and have
CHOC TOP DAY!

IF YOU ORDERED A HOT CHOC,
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO A THING

IF YOU DIDN'T ORDER A HOT CHOCOLATE
AND WOULD NOW LIKE TO ORDER A CHOC
TOP, PLEASE GO TO COMPASS COURSE
CONFIRMATIONS

Things to know

Vanilla Choc Tops are supplied by the Choc Top Ice Cream
Co and contain dairy, soy & gluten.

A Yoconut choc coated vanilla coconut ice cream will be
the dairy, soy & gluten free option.

SEE EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS

ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 8TH NOV

BE YOU NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look forward to our transition back to onsite learning, supporting student mental health and wellbeing remains a major priority for Term Four. We understand that all students will need time and assistance to readjust to being back at school, and we will monitor their progress closely to ensure they are feeling safe and supported.

Our Social and Emotional Learning program - **You Can Do It** – will continue to provide students with the opportunities to build their coping skills and resilience, as well as teaching mindfulness, gratitude, having a calm brain, positive self-talk and a growth mindset.

The **Protective Behaviours Program** will continue to support students in developing the awareness, knowledge and strategies to help keep themselves safe in a range of situations

The following link was forwarded from **Be You** to assist parents with supporting students in the transition back to school.

[Back to school anxiety during COVID](#)

These links also provide helpful information and may assist in answering any questions or concerns that you have:

Will my child bounce back from the Coronavirus crisis?

<https://childmind.org/article/coping-with-social-anxiety-during-social-distancing/>

Coping with Social Anxiety During Social Distancing.

<https://childmind.org/article/coping-with-social-anxiety-during-social-distancing/>

The Beyond Blue Healthy Families website also provides a great range of resources for supporting children through challenging times such as these.

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/>

Please take the time to explore the information through these links, in preparation for our return to school.

We are all looking forward to being back in the classroom with our students and hope all goes to plan for our return. Thank you for your incredible support during the remote learning period. Whilst your children may not always appreciate your help, we certainly do!

Kind regards,

Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.

SPORT NEWS

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Unfortunately the District Athletics has been cancelled for 2021. With the restrictions still in place and the uncertainty regarding inter-school sport restarting it was a difficult decision that had to be made by the District Committee. This is disappointing for our school team as we had only just announced the team prior to this period of remote learning commencing.

In saying that if any students want to have a go at the **SSV Virtual Track and Field** event they can. The link below will give you more details if you are interested. Maybe with the last few weeks of remote learning commencing – this might be a good way to keep active and challenge yourself.

****Please make sure you check it out with your parents/carers so you understand how it works****

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Pages/SSVVirtualTrackandField.aspx>

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Can everyone who has represented our school in cross country or our senior summer/winter sports, - **please check if you have any singlets, shirts, jumpers and return them to school when we return on the 28th October!**

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 Sports Mornington 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 Sport Mornington. You'll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend. Thanks for your ongoing support.

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher



Webinar for Parents

of 2 - 12 year olds

A webinar for parents to learn simple strategies to reduce anxiety and build resilience in your child

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- Identify and combat your child's anxious behaviours.
- Learn simple strategies to reduce anxiety.
- Build resilience in your child for greater social and academic success.
- Improve your parenting confidence and family bonds.



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\$59

"Good for learning practical aspects of parenting regarding building resilient kids - All with a neat scientific background to assist in understanding." **RHEA, PARENT.**

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5 - 13 years



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Program TWO (4 days) : January 2022 3rd – 6th 9.30am – 1pm

MMLSC Members: \$80 per program
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* COVID RESTRICTIONS PENDING

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Mornington Basketball is currently offering free online training sessions and welcome any students from Mt Martha Primary and Osborne Primary to attend. The sessions are being hosted by two of our senior women's players Keely & Charli on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Further details can be viewed by following this link

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