



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

## Principal Report

**School Council Election** - At the close of nominations last week four nominations were received for the four vacancies for parent representative on School Council therefore no ballot was required. The successful nominees in the Parent category vacancies were Elle Baker, Trudy Mason, Joanna Karagiannis and Alanna Alain. Daniel Vercoe and Karen Walker were the successful nominees for the DET employee vacancies. The next School Council meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March is our AGM followed by our first meeting of the new School Council providing an opportunity to thank retiring members, co opt for Community Members and welcome our new members to School Council.

**Whole of School Photos** - School photos will be taken next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Order form packs have already been sent home. A reminder that envelopes with payment should be returned on the day. Please ensure all students are in uniform. Family photo envelopes are available from the Office.

**Student Photographs** - A reminder that, in the interests of privacy, photographs taken of students at school events and activities require parental permission prior to publication. For example groups of students participating in a school activity should not be posted on social media without the permission of the parents of all children in the photo. The school seeks ongoing parental permission for school use through enrolment forms. Please notify the school in writing of any changes to this. School permission does not cover parent publication. Thank you.

**CSEF** - Another important reminder that the CSEF (Camps, Sports and School Excursions Fund) is available for eligible families to assist in the costs of education. Eligibility is based on the parent/legal guardian being the recipient of a valid means tested Centrelink concession card. If you applied in 2017 you do not need to reapply. New applications are only necessary for new enrolments or change in family circumstances. New applications can be made at the school and should be lodged as soon as possible.

**Swimming Sports** - Congratulations to our students in Year's 3 to 6 for their participation in the school swimming sports held last week at Mornington Secondary College. As always we saw some excellent personal efforts, sportsmanship and encouragement. Thank you to Mr Sweatman, staff, parents and student leaders for your help over the two days. District swimming sports will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Kind regards

Martin Page

## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

#### Tuesday 6th

- Year 3 Paul Kennedy visit
- Year 4 Hip Hop

#### Wednesday 7th

- Prep Responsible Pet Ownership

#### Thursday 8th



#### • WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

*Please remember to bring your photo packs with correct money enclosed*

- Year 1 Kings Swim
- Year 2 Kings Swim

#### Friday 9th

- Year 1 Kings Swim
- District Swimming

#### Monday 12th

Labour Day Public Holiday  
Students do not attend school on this day.

#### Tuesday 13th

- Year 4 Hip Hop

#### Wednesday 14th

- Year 2 Immigration Museum excursion
- Division Swimming

#### Thursday 15th

- Year 2 Kings Swim
- Year 1 Kings Swim

#### Friday 16th

- Year 1 Kings Swim

#### Tuesday 20th

- Year 4 Hip Hop

**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AGM**  
**8th March**

**6.45pm in the Staff Centre**

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS**

What an amazing 2 days at Mornington Secondary College. We had over 400 students compete in the school swimming sports. From 50m Freestyle events to 25m Butterfly events, everyone had a wonderful morning at the pool. Chants were heard from pool side and with that in mind; our students took to the water. Everyone showed great energy in their chosen events.

We had a record broken which is always an exciting moment for the school and for the student. Bella R broke the record in the 25m freestyle.

A special relay was held at the end of the Year 6 swimming sports featuring a Staff vs Student relay event. Mr Hartwig, Ms Gadsby, Ms Bond and myself started strongly and maintained the lead to win the race as our Year 6 team of Jack, Lochie, Lucy & Bella tried their best after a full day of swimming!

Huge thanks to all the parent helpers with finish judge, kickboard assistance, recording and supporting. All the teachers did a wonderful job to make sure the events ran smoothly and assisting on the day.

We'll maintain the suspense by announcing who won the 2018 House Swimming Sports ..... at the final assembly this term.

### **DISTRICT SWIMMING**

On Friday next week, our school swimming team will compete in the Mornington District Swimming Carnival at Pines Pool in Frankston. We wish all the following student the best of luck as they take to the pool. Good Luck!

#### **Mt Martha Primary Swimming Team**

**Yr6 : Jack A, Amelie C, Bella C, Lachlan C, Bailey F, Scarlett G, Jack McN, Emillio M, Lucy W-P, Ruby R, Oliver S, Reeve Q & Johanna R**

**Yr 5: Sasha B, Indianna C, Leni M, Xavier G, Arabella M & Kai W**

**Yr 4: Lachie A, Marley H, Lachlan H, Lucas H, Maggie M, Josie P, Ben P & Emillia S-P**

**Yr 3: Camryn S**

### **JOGGING CLUB**

Jogging Club has started with a record breaking number of students jogging each morning. Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies. The track is as follows:

**Start at Basketball courts, run around all 3 basketball courts and head down the ramp towards the oval. Running around the oval, continuing up past the gym on path past prep playground and down to get cards marked**

Jogging Club is run by Sports Leaders every Tuesday – Friday 8:30 – 8:55.

Mr Cameron Sweatman

**PE Teacher.**



Mount Martha Primary School recently celebrated Safer Internet Day and we have been doing lots of follow up work this term about online safety. Stay tuned for more internet safety pledges that will soon be posted on classroom blogs and the Digitech Blog.



Jack 3D

I pledge to ask my parents before downloading a game.



Mitchell 3A

I pledge to not share private internet and not look up ANY inappropriate stuff.

Mitchell



Trin 4D

I will not share my password with anyone except my family and teacher.



Marcus

My pledge is to never talk to anyone I don't know on the internet.



Amelie 6A

I pledge to always keep my passwords private and only send kind emails.



Scan the below code to view parent information about Cyber Safety.



Sarah Forward  
Digital Technologies  
Specialist Teacher



Charli 3D

I pledge to tell my parents if something upsets me online.



***Mt Martha Primary School is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2018.  
We have registered to take part in The National Day of Action Against Bullying and  
Violence on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.***

Dear parents,

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

**If your child talks to you about bullying:**

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

Look out for more information in the Banksia Bulletin leading up to the day of action.  
Thanks for your support in making Mt Martha Primary a great school for everyone.

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## **COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**

Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that Mt Martha Primary School can exchange for sports gear. The more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear we'll receive. Start collecting today because the race is on!

The collection box is located at the front office under the foyer TV.



Mr Sweatman

PE Teacher



### **SCHOOL PHOTOS - THURSDAY 8 March 2018**

#### **CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS – NOTE ONLINE ORDERING IS NOW FEE FREE**

Class and individual photographs of all students will be taken at school on **Thursday 8 March**.

**ENVELOPES WITH CORRECT MONEY ARE TO BE RETURNED ON PHOTO DAY ONLY**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN BEFORE THAT DAY**

**All children will have received an order form pack.**

**Packs range in price from \$25 - \$48. There are several options you can choose from depending on how many photos you require.**

**\*\* Sorry - No change available at the school office \*\***

**Each student will be given their own order form pack specific to their class.**

**Each student must hand his / her own envelope to the photographer on the photo day.**

**If the envelope is not presented the photo pack will not be included in the main delivery to the school.**

#### **FAMILY PHOTOS**

Parents who want their children to have a Family Photo, need to collect a Family Photo envelope from the office. The photographer will collect Family Photo envelopes on photo day and the children will be called to pose for those photos during either the morning or lunch recess.

***Correct uniform with attention to detail please.***

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



# SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE NOTICEBOARD

Hello Families,

Thank you to all who came to our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting last week, it was great to kick off the year with a good catch up, cuppa and choc's.

We discussed some events that need our immediate attention as the term is going so fast and Term 2 will be here before we know it! We are preparing for our fantastic Mother's Day Stall and Raffle so if you could help out the Sub Committee to get some items or have a business that would like to donate some items for the raffle, please get in touch we would greatly appreciate any contributions. Last year's hampers were absolutely amazing.....let's see what goodies we can conjure up this year!!

Martin Page also announced at the meeting, with the School Council approval, the SEC and schools next fund raising project will be the "LIBRARY REVAMP". With the past projects now completed, the new bike shed and playground, we needed a new fundraising project for this year. I think you will all agree a great project that we can all get behind as the whole school will benefit and we can provide a great, engaging space for the students. Look forward to seeing the plans for that one.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> event for the year is planned so all come along to our Barefoot Bowls night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. See the flyer for more details. Last year was a great social night and we all met some lovely new parents. ***PLEASE COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN...ESPECIALLY YOU NEW PARENTS....GREAT CHANCE TO EITHER GET A GROUP TOGETHER OR COME ALONE AND MEET SOME NEW PEEPS.*** The food was really good too and drinks very reasonable. See you there.

Have a great week.

Cheers,

Elle & SEC Team

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar SEC AGM staff centre 7pm	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> March Bare Foot Bowls & BBQ for Parents – MM Bowls Club

**JOIN:**  Mt Martha P.S Social Noticeboard.

**CONTACT:** ellebaker2006@gmail.com.

MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# BAREFOOT BOWLS PARENT'S NIGHT



FRIDAY 23rd MARCH, 7pm – 11pm  
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RSVP MON 19th by booking on Compass BE IN QUICK!



### PLAYERS WANTED

Mount Martha Basketball Club are inviting new players to join our club.

If your child is interested in playing please contact the club leaving details of child's name, date of birth and school year at:

[mountmarthabasketball@gmail.com](mailto:mountmarthabasketball@gmail.com)

The new season will begin at the start of Term 2 so please email your interest in well before the end of Term 1 to allow adequate time for team allocations and communications prior to registrations.

## **Clean up Mt Martha** **Sunday 4 March 2018** **9.00am—12.00pm**



Rubbish bags provided.

Please bring gloves and some tongs.  
Don't forget a hat, water and sunscreen.

**Register outside IGA at**  
**Mt Martha Village**

Hope to you can join us



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### Grade 1 Girls Day!

All existing Grade 1 girls teams **and** any new grade 1 girls wanting to start basketball are invited to join our Grade 1 Girls Basketball Day

Our Grade 1 girls competition is an introductory basketball program for girls wanting to learn the game and love it! If you have a daughter who is in grade 1 or a team of girls that would love to have a go, please come along!

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 4:30 – 5:30pm**

**Mornington Basketball Stadium**

**RSVP: [manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au](mailto:manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au)**

**All current Grade 1 girls teams are strongly encouraged to attend.**  
Players will receive a gift and be involved in fun skills & drills.

Mornington Basketball will be assisting any player looking for a team on the day.

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Mt Martha Primary School strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please alert the office to any hazards.

### SCHOOL TERMS 2018

**TERM 1** 31st January to 29th March 2018

**TERM 2** 16th April to 29th June 2018

**TERM 3** 16th July to 21st September 2018

**TERM 4** 8th October to 21st December 2018

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