



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - April 19, 2018.

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 everyone for the start of Term 2. I hope everyone had a restful holiday and enjoyed the chance to catch up with family and friends. The students have quickly settled in to their learning program and routines for what will be another busy term.

This term we have some terrific events planned. Some highlights include camp for our Year 4 students, the Summer Lightning Premiership for senior students tomorrow and, as usual, excursions and incursions to complement and enrich our program. Even though it is relatively early in the school year, Year 6 to Year 7 transition information will be distributed to parents in the very near future. Decisions need to be made about secondary school for 2019 and we also commence our tours and information sessions for our 2019 Preps. NAPLAN is scheduled for the 15th, 16th and 17th of May for students in Years 3 and 5 with more information provided to parents as it becomes available. This term is also when Semester One reports are prepared and distributed to parents and students reflect on and present their learning at our student led conferences which are scheduled for Tuesday 26th June. This is a Pupil Free Day. Please note the dates of our upcoming events from Compass, notes, class blogs and the newsletter as it is easy to miss something in busy term. Please ensure also that permission notes and payments, if required, are made via Compass by the due date as it really assists with the organisation and smooth running of these events.

ANZAC Day - This Wednesday 25th April many members of our school community will attend ANZAC Day ceremonies. Our school will be represented at both the Mornington Dawn Service commencing at 6am and the later service commencing at 10.00am by some of our staff and students. The services are at Memorial Park in Barclay Street. A wreath will be laid on behalf of the Mount Martha Primary School community and is our school community's way of remembering and acknowledging the sacrifice of those who died in the Gallipoli campaign in 1915 and in wars and conflicts since. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the many different meanings of war.

Assembly - Our first assembly for Term 2 is Tuesday 8th May commencing at 9.10am. Our assemblies are always a great chance to hear what is happening in the school and a way to see the talents of our students. Hope to see you there!

Mother's Day Stall - Some advanced notice that Wednesday 9th May is the Mother's Day Stall. All students will have the chance to visit the stall to purchase a fantastic and very reasonably priced gift. Thank you SEC for organising the stall. Helpers are always appreciated.

Mornington Secondary College Year 7 2019 Scholarships - Information regarding 2019 Year 7 applications is available from the Mornington Secondary College website <http://www.mornsc.vic.edu.au/> then following the "College Information" link. Applications are due by Friday 11th May.

Hats - A reminder that hats are required to be worn until the end of April as part of the Sun Smart policy. Again thanks for the assistance with this.

Looking forward to a fantastic Term 2.

Kind regards, Martin Page.

Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds on the capability of every student.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



APRIL

Friday 20th

Year 5 & 6 Summer Lightning Premiership
9.00am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th

ANZAC DAY students do not attend school today



Thursday 26th

Year 2 Gould League Excursion
8.45am - 3.15pm

MAY

Tuesday 1st

Year 4 Drains to the Bay Walk
9.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 2nd

Year 1B & 1C Heronswood Gardens Excursion
9.15am - 12.45pm

Thursday 3rd

Whole School Cross Country



Year 1A, 1D & 1E Heronswood Gardens Excursion
9.15am - 12.45pm

Tuesday 8th

Whole School Assembly
9.10am in Gym

Wednesday 9th

Mother's Day Stall



2019 Prep Information Evening

7.15pm in Staff Centre
6.30pm tour (no bookings required)

Dates to Remember Coming Events

MAY

Thursday 10th

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
6.45pm in Staff Centre

Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th

Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp
Arrabri Lodge Camp East Warburton
7.30am - 3.30pm

Tuesday 15th

2019 Prep Parent Tours 9.30am at the school office (no bookings required)

Wednesday 16th

2019 Prep Parent Tours 9.30am at the school office (no bookings required)

Thursday 17th

2019 Prep Parent Tours 9.30am at the school office (no bookings required)

Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th

Scholastic Book Club

Note: morning sales only on Friday 25th

TERM DATES: 2018

Term 1 29th January to 29th March
Term 2 16th April to 29th June
Term 3 16th July to 21st September
Term 4 8th October to 21st December

TERM DATES: 2019

Term 1 29th January to 5th April
Term 2 23rd April to 28th June
Term 3 15th July to 20th September
Term 4 7th October to 20th December

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



ANZAC Day is commemorated on the 25th April to mark the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australia and New Zealand forces during the First World War. On Tuesday the 24th April the Admin. Leaders will be at the front gate from 8:15am selling ANZAC merchandise to raise money for the ANZAC Appeal. Badges start at \$1 (please try to bring correct change). We hope you can support this worthy cause.

Thanks for your support

Administration Leaders



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - Wed 23rd - Friday 25th

Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time on Monday and Tuesday during school hours. From Wednesday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what's on offer during the following times:

Wednesday 23rd 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm

Thursday 24th 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm

**Friday 25th 8.30 - 9.30am only
(there is no afternoon session)**

A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children's literacy pleasure. This is a great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

Georgina Street, Book Club Coordinator.



WANTED:

Small Succulent or Geranium Cuttings.

Please bring in to school as soon as possible.

The Banksia Botanists will be propagating these cuttings.

These will be used for activities on **Gold for Green Day**.

Could they be delivered to:

Mrs. Spiridis' classroom.

Room 5 Melrose.



A friendly reminder to families and friends that **Melrose Dve is reserved for STAFF PARKING.**

Please use the Eco Park or Glenisla Drive.

'i sea, i care' Ambassadors Report



Jackson, Lucas, Thaila and Lola are Mt Martha Primary School's 'i sea i care' ambassadors for 2018. On March 1st we went on a Dolphin Swim. We went to Sorrento pier to catch the boat. As we wriggled into our wetsuits, we were all really excited!

From the pier, we cruised out to Chinaman's Hat to swim with the seals. Chinaman's Hat is a structure built especially for the seals in the bay. It cost \$200,000. As we got into the water to swim with the seals we noticed that the waves were rough and the seals smelt really bad. We had a great swim and enjoyed seeing the seals swimming under us. When we got back on the boat we got a hot chocolate and muffins.

Next we went to Portsea to look at the weedy sea dragons. We saw many as well as fish and a few other sea creatures. We learnt that the males carry the eggs instead of the females carrying them. After a while, it started to get really cold but no one wanted to get out as we were having too much fun looking at all the sea life. In the end we had to get out. Not long after we saw a penguin swimming behind the boat. Soon the Sorrento pier was in sight and the trip had ended.

The dolphin swim was an amazing experience even though we didn't see any dolphins. During the year we will attend another 3 workshops. We will also be spreading the word about stopping litter and how to help the dolphins and other sea creatures in the oceans and bay. We would all like to thank Georgia Forsberg for helping with transport and the lovely hot chips to warm us up after our adventures in the bay.

Jackson, Lucas, Lola and Thaila

The 'i sea i care' Ambassadors



SPORT NEWS - WHOLE SCHOOL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 3rd May, we are holding our School House Cross Country at School. Students will be running in their age group race (the age is what age they are on 31st December 2018). I would also like to encourage all students to wear something that relates to the house they are in for sports. If you are unsure what house your child is in – please see the classroom teacher.



ALL COMPETITORS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE

9:15	Prep	*1 lap -1km*
10:00	11yr old	COMP - *3 laps – 3km*
	11yr old	FUN RUN *1 lap – 1km *

RECESS

11:30	8yr old (Year 2)	*1 lap – 1km*
12:15	9/10yr old	COMP - *2 laps – 2km*
	9/10yr old	FUN RUN *1 lap – 1km *

LUNCH

2:00	12/13 yr old	COMP - *3 laps – 3km*
	12/13yr old	FUN RUN *1 lap – 1km *
2:45	Year 1	* 1 lap – 1km*

We will be holding 2 different events for 9/10, 11 and 12/13yr old races:

COMPETITION: Competitors are to complete the set amount of km/laps for their age group. Top 10 from this race will represent our school at District level.

FUN RUN: This race is a modified race, 1km which allows students to reduce the laps to complete what they are capable of. This is a non-competitive race and will cater for students who find it difficult and wish to walk the track.

The track route: Start far end of oval on track, running around the track, beside gym, across basketball courts, out back gate and down Melrose drive Continue along Normanby onto Glenisla drive. Up the hill and into the staff carpark back onto the oval to finish or start 2nd or 3rd lap.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support children. The sports leaders and students from Mornington Secondary College will act as 'Hares' for each race so the children have something to follow. During the Prep and Year 1 race, we will have year 6 students placed around the whole track to encourage and guide any students along to reach the finish line.

Cameron Sweatman, PE teacher.

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2019 Prep Information Evening

Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.15pm

in Staff Centre

**A school tour will commence at 6.30pm from the school office.
Please note no bookings are required.**

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**SCHOOL TOURS
MAY 2018
9.30am**

Tuesday 15th

Wednesday 16th

Thursday 17th

**Please meet at the
school office.**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

*You are most welcome to visit our school. Your child may soon be joining our learning community.
Enrolments for Prep 2019 will be taken at school during the week of 14th - 18th May.*

Enrolment forms need to be lodged at the school office by Friday 25th May 4.00pm.

Confirmation letters will be mailed by Friday 22nd June.

2019 PREP ENROLMENT WEEK

**Mt Martha Primary School
Monday 14th to Friday 18th May**

**Tours take
approximately
45 minutes**

Please consider taking the opportunity to visit our school for a tour on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, or Thursday 17th where you will see our current Prep students in their learning environment.

Children being enrolled must reach five years of age by April 30th 2019.

When you come to enrol you will need to provide the school with

- *proof of age - a copy of a birth certificate or extract of birth*
- *an Immunisation History Statement indicating your child's immunisation status*
- *Proof of residency*

All the enrolment information you require will be provided at the school office. We hope to meet you on one of our school tours.

*Yours faithfully,
Martin Page, Principal.*

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NOTICEBOARD

SCHOOL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Hi Everyone...

Your SEC has some great events planned for Term 2 that we know the MMPS students & community will enjoy. **Hot Chocolate Day**, the **Mother's Day Stall**, **Mother's Day Raffle** and the **Treasured Threads** recycled clothing event, just to mention a few.

Although there is a core crew that put these events together, these events wouldn't be possible without your assistance too, whether it is on a sub-committee or just helping on the day. So please keep an eye on the newsletter, SEC Noticeboard out the front of the school, class blogs and the SEC facebook page for any **"helpers needed"** requests. These will appear closer to the events. 😊



DONATIONS WANTED FOR MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE.

Do you run a business or have a special skill? We are looking for prizes for our Mother's Day Raffle Hampers and would love your help. If you can donate a prize or know a local business that might be willing to help, please let us know via the contacts below. Remember all proceeds go towards improving our school community.

TREASURED THREADS (date tbc): Have you de-cluttered your wardrobe lately? If you have, or need to, please put aside any clothes that you can donate for this fabulous event. If you can pop them aside at home and we will set a date soon in June for you to bring them into school.




Would you like to be involved in the SEC but can't make it to the evening meeting? Well come and meet some of the SEC crew for a coffee catch up at via Battisti in Mt Martha on Friday 27thth April at 9.30am. Find out about the events we run and how you may become involved. We would love to see you there. Please let us know if you can come along via email below or reply via our facebook page event.

Cheers Michelle

SEC MEETING DATES...
MMPS Staff room, 7pm
Wed 11th April
Wed 16th May
Wed 13th June

- Mothers Day Stall,
Wed 9th May
- Hot Chocolate Day
Friday 1st June
- Treasured Threads – date tbc

 Mt Martha P.S. Social Noticeboard

PTA Blog - mmpsptablog.wordpress.com or via the school website

Contact: Michelle- pickfordm@optusnet.com.au



School Events Committee

FIRST AID NEWS

HEAD LICE

The age old problem of head lice is back with us. Could you please check your child's hair for live eggs or lice?

There are two choices of treatment:

Chemical: Treat and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in 7 days.

Non-chemical: Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

I know it's frustrating, I've been there! We had head lice in our house on and off for 9 months, I tried everything! The conditioner and comb method was finally successful. I now leave a head lice comb in the shower and we comb through the conditioner once a week while washing our hair and have been free of lice for nearly 3 years. Head lice take 14 – 17 days to mature so if you continue to comb each week you will remove the lice before they are able to lay more eggs and thus break the cycle.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the First Aid room from 10.45am to 2.15pm on 5974 2800.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Lorraine Stuart
First Aid Officer

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