



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - May 3, 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

**Farewell Ms O'Brien** - Our first assembly for Term 2 is Tuesday 8th May commencing at 9.10am. As well as our student performances and a chance to hear what is happening in the school, the assembly will be an opportunity for our school community to farewell Ms O'Brien. Ms O'Brien retired from Mount Martha Primary School at the end of Term 1 after a fantastic career and contribution to education and our school. Hope to see you there!

**School Cross Country** - Congratulations to all our students for their participation in the School Cross Country today. The course can be fairly challenging with the long hill up Glen Isla Drive to test the runners. The students all gave their best and there were some great examples of sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Sweatman, staff, student sports leaders and students from Mornington Secondary College for your organisation and assistance on the day. Results from the cross country assist in the selection of our cross country team that will participate in the interschool competition.

**Mother's Day Stall** - Next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. The students always take care and time making their decisions on that special gift! Mother's Day Raffle tickets are now being sold as well. Good Luck! Thank you Social Events Committee for organising the stall and raffle. Helpers on the day are required and always appreciated.

**NAPLAN** - NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please see the additional important information later in this issue.

**Prep 2019 Enrolment and Transition** - On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May will be the 2019 Prep Information Evening. A school tour will commence at 6.30pm with the Information Evening to start at 7.15pm. 2019 Prep Enrolment Week is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May with school tours on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9.30am. Tours usually take about 45 minutes. Please meet at the School Office. No bookings are required. Enrolment information will be available from the Office.

**Contact details** - There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please update your records in Compass for email and mobile numbers and in writing to the school for any other changes such as changes to parent/carers' name, address, student medical conditions and emergency contact details.

**Notify the school of your child's absence** - Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Please remember to log your child's absence using Compass prior to 10.00am on the day of the absence. Compass will generate an SMS from our school if your child is absent without reason by 10.15am on the morning of the absence. If you are notified via Compass SMS that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by calling the Office on 5974 2800 to let us know where your child is. Thank you for your assistance.

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



#### MAY

##### **Friday 4th**

Prep PJ Day 9.15am - 10.15am

##### **Tuesday 8th**

**Whole School Assembly  
9.10am in Gym**

Girls AFL & Boys Netball  
9.00am - 2.00pm

##### **Wednesday 9th**

Mother's Day Stall



##### **2019 Prep Information Evening**

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

##### **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

### Dates to Remember Coming Events

##### **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**

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

#### **TERM DATES: 2019**

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

## NAPLAN 2018

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2018 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 15 May, Wednesday 16 May and Thursday 17 May 2018. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 18 May 2018.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the school. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN please contact your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Karen Walker

**Assistant Principal**

Playing games at home and creating the ritual of a 'Family Games Night' is a fun way of engaging with your children in the mathematics they learn at school. You might like to start with a game of MULTO!

## Multo

### Instructions

Traditionally the game MULTO is used to practise mental multiplication skills, however, Multo can be played using any of the four processes; addition, subtraction, multiplication or division.

To begin you will need a 4X4 grid (see below).

Write 16 numbers on the grid.

Roll two dice and multiply the numbers together.

The aim is to complete a full row, column, diagonal, or 4 corners of the board.


I hope you enjoy playing MULTO!



Lyndal Gunn

(Maths Coordinator)

### **Play Based, Child Centred Learning**



### **Hands-on Maths**

## **Mount Martha Primary School**

### **Developing a Love of Literature**



### **School-wide Multimedia**

# **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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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - May, 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.*

# Gold For Green Day.

Tuesday 22nd May

Wear Green. Bring a Gold Coin.

Help us green our world.

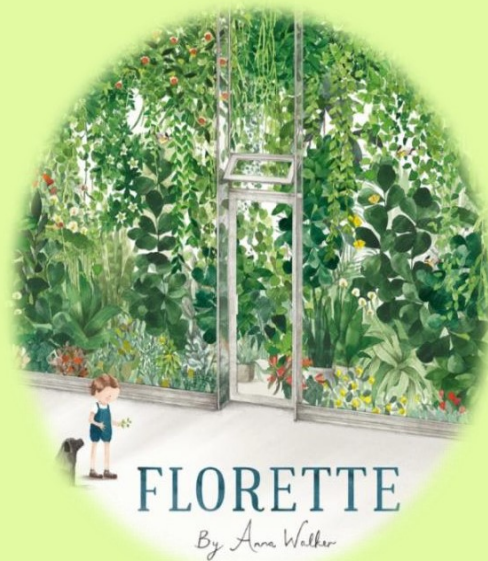


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Activities will include:

- Reading Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*.
- Pledges to the environment by all our students.
- Preps: Planting in the Prep Forest with their Year Four Buddies
- Year One: Tin Can Gardens
- Year Two: Cardboard Cubbies
- Year Three: Layered glass jar gardens.
- Year Four: Assisting Preps.
- Year Five: Environmental Collages.
- Year Six: Botanical workshops and maintenance of our existing gardens.



# NOTICEBOARD

## SCHOOL EVENTS COMMITTEE

*Come and be part of the fun*



*It's all about Mother's Day.....*

### MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE - Tickets sales start this Thursday morning

Each morning and afternoon starting this Thursday the SEC will be selling raffle tickets out the front of the school. There are amazing hampers filled with wonderful items - all donated from our community, so make sure you pop a couple of gold coins in your bag. Tickets will remain on sale until next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May in the morning only.



Tickets cost 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.


### MOTHER'S DAY STALL - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

So much fun is had at the Mother's Day Stall seeing our children so excited about shopping for their loved ones, so as you can imagine a few extra hands to help out during the day is fantastic. A **Parent Helpers Form** will be sent home this week so if you are able to spend an hour with us please complete the form and return to the office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> (next week) at the latest. (Form is also attached to this post)

Cheers Michelle

SEC MEETING DATES...  
MMPS Staff room, 7pm  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June

- Mother's Day Stall - Wed 9<sup>th</sup> May
- Hot Chocolate Day - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Student Disco - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June
- Treasured Threads - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June

 Mt Martha P.S. Social Noticeboard - Keep up with the Social News by subscribing to our facebook page.

Contact: Michelle- [pickfordm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pickfordm@optusnet.com.au)



School Events Committee

## SCHOOL EVENTS COMMITTEE

### MOTHERS DAY STALL – Parent Helpers Form

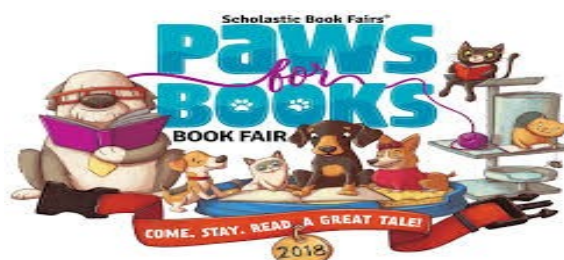
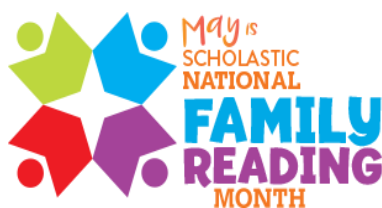
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ (so we can send you a confirmation ☺)

Please highlight the time/s you are available

- 8am – 9am (set-up)
- 9am – 10am
- 10am – 11am
- 11am – 12pm
- 12pm – 1pm
- 1pm – 2pm (inc pack up)

### LITERACY NEWS



## Read More in May is back for 2018

May is **Family Reading Month** and this year we have the opportunity for families to participate in the **Read More in May** competition. Encouraging children to read and continuing to read to children beyond the early years of primary school is critically important for literacy development.

Use the calendar that each child brings home to record days/minutes read each day, ensure that parents sign it and take the pledge to **Read More in May!**



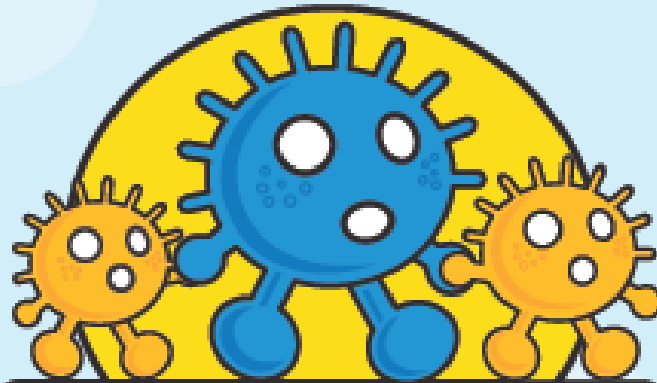
#### Photo competition

Take a photo of you reading with your family pet!

Great prizes to be won!

Drop photo entries to the school office or email to school address. Entries close Friday June 1st 2018

# ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



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TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018**



**Until they're ten, children must always hold  
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**ReBoot campaign for Aboriginal kids**  
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**and**  
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**donate football boots and runners**

*All football boots and runners will be distributed by Port Adelaide Football Club's Aboriginal Program.*

**Want to get involved? Drop your shoes into the office  
or Mrs O'Connor's classroom by Friday 15 June!**



**How many pairs can we  
reboot in 2018?**





## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Local company Absolute Soccer are delighted to announce that they will be running a soccer skills development session in the gymnasium at Mount Martha Primary School. We are going to run a free 'come and try' session on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May between 5:45 - 6:45pm. The session is available to girls and boys of all abilities who are currently in Years 4 and 5.

Please register your interest by emailing [nathan@absolutesoccer.com.au](mailto:nathan@absolutesoccer.com.au)".

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### Presented by Andrew Fuller

*Andrew Fuller is a Clinical Psychologist who has developed the resilience of over 193,000 young people in over 600 communities nationally.*

*He is the co-author of a series of programs for the promotion of resilience and emotional intelligence used in over 3500 schools in Australia and Britain called The Heart Masters.*

*He is an accomplished author of a number of books, including Unlocking Your Child's Genius, Tricky Teens, From Surviving to Thriving, and Beating Bullies.*



Resilience and emotional intelligence are essential life skills. Developing resilience is the most powerful way to protect kids from drugs, violence, peer pressure and other challenges they may face. Andrew will discuss:

- \* The active ingredients of resilience and how parents and grandparents can develop it in young people
- \* Friendship skills
- \* Parenting tricky kids
- \* Creating happy, confident and empowered young people
- \* Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- \* The essential conversations to have with your boy or girl
- \* B.A.S.E (Be. Active. Sleep. Eat)
- \* And more...

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