



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 4 June 2020

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Return to On Site Learning

With two days to go for our remote learning program I would again like to congratulate our students, parents/carers and staff for all your work in the remote learning program. Everyone has risen to the challenges of remote learning magnificently. We are looking forward to having our students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 join us back at school on **Tuesday 9th June**. Congratulations to our students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 for a very successful return to onsite learning. Classes are very settled with students adapting to our new routines.

A focus with all our students as they return to school has been to prioritise activities to assist the students to settle back in and re-establish relationships. With the health and wellbeing of our students always a priority, teachers will be monitoring the students as we are conscious that students may have a variety of feelings about returning to school.

A reminder that once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if a parent/carer chooses to keep their child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

Return of Loaned Computers - Year 3 to Year 6 borrowed Laptops are required to be returned either **after lunch on Friday 5th June or during Office hours on Tuesday 9th June**. This will allow students to access computers in classrooms as soon as possible and our normal teaching program to resume.

"Transition to Onsite Parent and Carers Handbook" - With the imminent return of students in Years 3 to 6 information may now be a higher priority for parents with students in those year levels. It is included with today's post. Please read as it contains important information about the return to school. 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.

Some key points concerning the return to school:

- 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.
- Social distancing between adults is a key control measure and must continue to be practiced. Social distancing is not required amongst students when onsite. Parents are encouraged to only be onsite for essential business. Parents must not enter classrooms or corridors. Communication with teachers will continue to be via gmail and telephone. The Office is open but social distancing is required. Early pickups or late arrivals will be organised from the Office. Parents must wait offsite at drop off and pick up and not congregate at the school gates. We recognise that in the initial days of returning to school some students may require a parent to walk them in to school or a pick up but we should all be working to minimise this.

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

Principal Report continued

- The school day will commence at 9am as usual with students usually arriving at different times from about 8.30am. This staggered arrival allows for a flow of students entering and easier physical distancing. Please follow the “Kiss and Go” rules.
- At the end of the day, students in Years **3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm. Students in Prep to Year 2 will finish at 3.30pm as usual.** A slightly earlier finish will allow an improved flow of students off site while still allowing siblings to meet if required for the walk home. Siblings should have a pre-arranged and clearly understood outside meeting place if travelling home together.
- Designated play equipment and areas already exist for our students and oval use is timetabled. This together with a large play area will mean that recess and lunchtimes will remain at their usual times.
- Students should bring their own named water bottle as drinking fountains are not available.
- Teachers will work to ensure all students wash/sanitise their hands each time upon entry and exit of rooms, before and after eating, after using the toilet and after coughing or sneezing. Students will be reminded of the need to cough or sneeze into their elbow and use tissues. All classrooms have handwashing and/or sanitiser available, tissues and antiseptic wipes. Parents may choose to supply their own child with sanitiser and tissues.
- Enhanced and additional cleaning of high touch points and toilets is provided. Playground equipment will also be cleaned.

Thank you for your assistance in implementation of these strategies. It starts with reading the information provided in the handbook. This will assist in keeping our school community safe.

As we have seen recently in the media in a school setting if a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 the school will contact the Department of Health who will advise the next steps. It is likely the school will be shut and reopen after a deep clean has occurred. This takes usually between 1 and 3 days.

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

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Welcome - A huge welcome to Sofia P and her family who joined our school community this week.

Hot Chocolate Day - Thank you to our fantastic SEC for organising the “remote” Hot Chocolate Day on 1st June to welcome the start of Winter. The cold, windy and rainy weather was certainly appropriate! Once again SEC have taken a flexible approach to running some of our traditional events. Thank you families for sharing your photos!

Kind regards

Martin Page

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

Coming Events

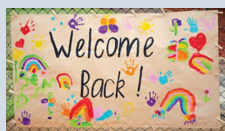


JUNE

Monday 8th

QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Students do not attend school



Tuesday 9th

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

recommence learning onsite at school

REMINDER TO RETURN SCHOOL LAPTOPS



Thursday 11th

School Council Webex Meeting 6.45pm

Monday 15th

Years 3 & 4 Planning Day

Tuesday 16th

Prep & Year 1 Planning Day

Wednesday 17th

Year 2 Planning Day

Thursday 18th

Year 5 & 6 Planning Day

Friday 19th

Specialist Planning Day

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.

EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
2020		
<div style="background-color: #90ee90; border: 2px solid yellow; border-radius: 50%; padding: 20px; text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;"> 2020 EVENTS POSTPONED </div>		

TERM DATES: 2020

Term 2	14th April to 26th June
Term 3	13th July to 18th September
Term 4	5th October to 18th December

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HOT CHOCOLATE DAY NEWS



HOT CHOCOLATE DAY!

Thank you to everyone who joined in on the Hot Chocolate Day at home fun this week! Your pictures were delicious.

We saw square marshmallows and marshmallow faces, macaroon garnishes, Tim Tam toppings, sprinkles galore, hot chocs in pigs, penguins, superheroes and travel cups.

Special shout out to the human rabbit warming up by the fire with cat and dog, all three with a hot chocolate!

We have put together a short video as a flavour of the day, you guys are awesome!

[Click here to view.](#)

And check out this Hot Chocolate recipe posted by one of our families - Yum!

4 cups whole milk
2 tbsp cocoa powder
4 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped
7 oz sweetened condensed milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper



PLANNING WEEK TERM 2 2020

Week 9 (June 15 - 19)

Mon 15 June - Years 3 & 4 (8 classes)

Tuesday 16 June - Prep and Yr 1 (7 classes)

Wed 17 June - Years 2 (5 classes)

Thursday 18 June - Year 5 & 6 (8 classes)

Friday 19 June - Specialists

Hoping this information proves to be useful in selecting footwear on these particular days.

Thanks for your cooperation.

KIDS MATTER TEAM

LOST PROPERTY

Due To COVID-19 restrictions parents and caregivers will not be able to access Lost Property. We have recently sorted the lost property area and any school clothing with the students name clearly labelled has been returned to their classroom.

Lost property will be sorted at the end of every week and any items not labelled will be transferred to the swap area in the Gym Foyer.

To reduce the amount of clothing that ends up in lost property on a daily basis, could you please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's full name so that they can be returned to their classroom.

Thank you



BE YOU NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Below is the link to a report presented by Dr Michael Carr Gregg, about helping children to deal with the uncertainty and transitions we have been faced with due to the Coronavirus. The information covers both the Primary and Secondary school settings and there are some helpful tips for parents in talking to their children about the 'new normal' in each setting.

This report has been made available to us by SchoolTV:

"Although the reality of the Coronavirus is ongoing, we are all experiencing various levels of transition across Australia and New Zealand. Whilst many children may be excited at the prospect of lockdown restrictions being lifted, others may feel mixed emotions.

As we adjust to new routines, keeping a check on our young people's mental health and wellbeing will be vitally important. In this Special Report, we share a few ideas to help ease this time of transition and adjustment."

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back

Thank you to all of our families for the amazing effort you have sustained in supporting your children with their home learning throughout this time.

Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.



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Caring for our Community during Coronavirus



Care packages for those in need



Mornington Peninsula Shire, in partnership with local Community Support Centres, is offering care packages for our most vulnerable and isolated community members who are impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic on the Peninsula. Care packages will be sent to eligible households through contactless delivery.

Care packages will include non-perishable food and essential hygiene items.

You are eligible to receive a care package if you:

- are being impacted by Covid-19 due to self-isolation
- are considered 'at risk' of getting COVID-19
- have no support locally to access supplies
- are experiencing significant hardship due the current situation.

How do I register to receive a care package?

Phone the Shire on ☎ 1300 850 600

If you need the assistance of an interpreter phone ☎ 131 450

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Don't let the kids have all the fun ... Interested Parents can also get involved by joining the Parents
Committee or just helping out every now and then ...

If you want some adventure and fun yourself, you can ask about the benefits of becoming a leader !

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Term fees are payable 4 times per year (we run with normal school terms).

*Camps and some district events are extra, usually around \$70 for a weekend camp and \$15 for a day event

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Joey Scouts
1hr

Ages 5-7
TBC

Cub Scouts
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Ages 8-10
Wed

Scouts
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Ages 11-14
Thu

Venturer Scouts

Ages 15-17
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