



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 15 October 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.

Congratulations to all our students for a very successful return to onsite learning on Monday. Students were glad to be back at school seeing their teachers and friends and engaging in learning back at school. They are quickly settling in and adapting to some important new routines. Teachers have been prioritising activities to assist in the transition back to school and re-establishing relationships as part of a focus on our students' wellbeing.

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 was fantastic!

"Transition to Onsite Parent and Carers Handbook". A reminder that the handbook contains important information about the return to school and current protocols. It has previously been sent out on Compass. 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.

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.
- 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 in to 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.
- The school day will commence at **9am** as usual. Please follow the "Kiss and Go" rules.
- At the end of the day, **Years 3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm. Students in Prep to Year 2 will finish at 3.30pm as usual.** Siblings should have a pre-arranged and clearly understood outside meeting place if travelling home together.
- Students should bring their own named water bottle as drinking fountains are not available.

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

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>

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Continued PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome. A huge welcome to Kyah and Willow (Year 1), Violet (Year 2), Isaac (Year 3), Josh (Year 4) and Leo and Zara (Year 5). Welcome to the students and their families who joined our school community this week.

Parent Opinion Survey. The office will soon distribute access information for the annual Parent Opinion Survey to a random sample of our families. The survey is completed online. This is a Department of Education produced survey that all government schools undertake each year and provides another important source of feedback in such areas as our teaching, curriculum, organisation and management. All surveys are anonymous. If your family receives a survey thank you for your feedback.

Footy Day. Please see the additional information in the newsletter regarding Footy Day which is next **Thursday 22nd October**. Students may wear their footy or sporting clothes. We are finalising our parade format. Due to COVID -19 restrictions this year parents are unable to attend onsite.

AFL Grand Final Day Public Holiday. A reminder that **Friday 23rd October** is the "AFL Grand Final Day Friday" public holiday. No students are required at school.

Student Groupings- Planning for 2021. 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 31st 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 2021. Thank you for assisting our planning in this way.

Kind regards, Martin Page.

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

TTY/voice calls: ☎ 133 677

Speak and listen: ☎ 1300 555 727

SMS relay: ☎ 0423 677 767

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment contact us through the National Relay Service: [communications.gov.au](https://nrs.communications.gov.au)

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

Coming Events



OCTOBER

Until further notice:

Year 3 to 6 finish at 3.20pm

Prep to Year 2 finish at 3.30pm

Thursday 22nd

Footy Day students invited to wear favourite sporting uniform

Friday 23rd

Public Holiday - Students do not attend school on this day.



2021 Student Supplies & Rugby Top Order First Payment Plan debit of 50% today

NOVEMBER

Friday 6th

2021 Student Supplies & Rugby Top Order Second Payment Plan debit of 25% today

Thursday 12th

School Council Meeting 6.45pm

Friday 20th

2021 Student Supplies & Rugby Top Order Third and final Payment Plan debit of 25% today



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		
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TERM DATES: 2020

Term 4 5th October to 18th December
Early dismissal last day of Term 4
1.30pm

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1 28th January to 1st April
Term 2 19th April to 25th June
Term 3 12th July to 17th September
Term 4 4th October to 17th December

BE YOU NEWS



Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been such an exciting celebration for all students and staff to be able to return to school this week. The staff went to great lengths to decorate the school and make a special welcoming atmosphere for the students who returned to school on Monday. Our focus has been to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible for the children and to closely monitor how they are feeling. It was great to see so many excited and happy faces.

We can't thank you enough for your support in getting your children through such a difficult time, and for assisting with home learning. Let's hope that we get through to the end of the year without any more lockdowns!

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

This term, the **Protective Behaviours Program** will also 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](#)

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/>

For parents seeking additional support, contact Beyond Blue Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service - <https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/> or call 1800 512 348.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns about how they are coping with all of the changes this year.

Kind regards, **Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.**

SPORT NEWS

Welcome back everyone after a strange term 3! Because of Covid 19 restrictions all PE and sport sessions must be delivered outdoors (not in the gym) so please remember that we need to have **hats** on (Sunsmart period has commenced). PE lessons will be modified but we will still get a lot done in the next 9 weeks and we will enjoy what we have left of this year!! Until then, we still need to remain safe whenever we use equipment or entering buildings.

FOOTY DAY

Next **Thursday 22nd October** we are going to run our Footy Day. This is where we ask all students to wear their favourite sporting uniform. We will see AFL guernseys , soccer uniforms, basketball tops and other sporting codes sportswear come to school. With the current COVID Restrictions, we are still trying to plan a parade/s for the students to enjoy this day. Unfortunately we **cannot** have any parents onsite while this is happening. This is unfortunate but is a part of the Department approach to keeping schools safe. I'm sure all class teachers will take a photo or two for the class Blogs. Keep your eyes out for those.

JOGGING CLUB

Unfortunately until we are notified of any change to the COVID restrictions we will be holding off on Jogging Club till 26th October when we might get more information. This is such a shame for those keen on a morning jog or trying to reach milestones but hopefully we can be back up and running soon.

REMOTE LEARNING

I hope that over Term 3 you were doing your remote learning from home and that you managed to try out some of my challenges and activities? It was so nice to see posts to my padlet, showing what you were doing via video or photos. I'm glad that I could bring some laughter and enjoyment into your remote learning days and even embarrass myself a little because I'm not the Ultimate Mt Martha Ninja Warrior.

I also know that a lot of physical activity was happening through bike riding or just going for a walk/walking the dog. Thank you to the parents/guardians....or should I say home teachers for everything you have done to keep your child active and motivated.

I appreciate everything you have done.

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.

Victorian High-Ability Program

This year the Department of Education introduced a student excellence program called the Victorian High-Ability Program (VHAP). The VHAP will provide up to 48,000 high-ability students in Years 5 to 8 at government schools across the state with the opportunity to participate in 10-week online extension and enrichment programs, in English and Mathematics.

The virtual program, delivered by Virtual School Victoria, will focus on extending and developing students' mathematic and English abilities.

After completing the virtual program, students will participate in a masterclass with other high-ability students from schools in their local area. All masterclasses will incorporate the latest COVID-19 advice and risk mitigation strategies to maintain a safe environment for students and staff.

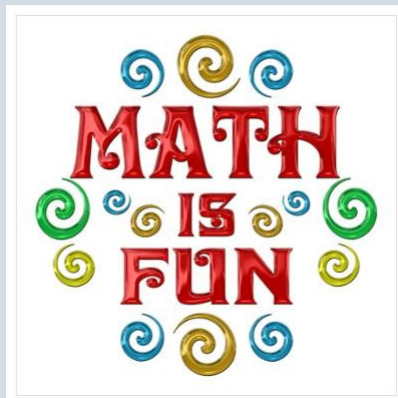
The Department is centrally managing the selection process for the program based on student academic performance. Parents of students selected for the program have been provided with more information about the program and started their experience last week online!

Congratulations to our VHAP students selected this term. These students will be participating in the Mathematics program:

Henry C - 5C

Sibella S - 5C

Mitchell J - 5B



Despi O'Connor

High Abilities Practice Leader

Travelling Smarter

Mount Martha Primary School

The innovative parking signs around our community are aimed at improving safety for those who walk, ride, skate and scoot to school. In addition, these zones greatly assist with traffic congestion and road safety issues around our school.

Park and Stride:

This zone was an initiative designed in consultation with the Mount Martha School Community. Park and Stride routes have been chosen based on site viability, natural surveillance of routes and where our families live. Park and Stride is currently available from **Mt Martha House** and just outside **Via Sole Pizza** on Walara Drive.

Kiss & Go:

This zone is a pick up and drop off zone. The idea is that the driver remains in the car, the children exit **kerbside** where you can just kiss them and go freeing up the space for others.

If you have any questions or need more info please talk to a TravelSmart representative at school.

Despi O'Connor

TravelSmart Coordinator



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