



# Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**End of Year** - As the 2022 school year ends, I would like to congratulate all our students for their fantastic achievements this year. The students should be very proud of their participation in the school's programs and the achievements they have made! A huge thank you to our terrific staff for all their work in the school. Thank you to our wonderful parent community whether it be on School Council, SEC, planning and organising graduation, assisting on our activities or excursions and being great supporters of Mount Martha Primary School –your wonderful contribution is always greatly appreciated!

**Final Assembly for 2022** - Our Final Assembly will be tomorrow, (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December) at 9.10am in the Gymnasium. We hope to see our school community attend the Farewell Assembly for the 2022 school year. School finishes for 2022 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December with a 1.30pm dismissal time. Lorraine Stuart will be attending so we can thank her for her contribution to Mount Martha Primary School now that she has officially retired.

**Start of School 2023** - Students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2023 on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The 2023 Prep students will have interviews scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week and begin school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Teachers return to school on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January undertaking important Professional Development and Planning to ensure a successful start to the year.

**Smile Squad School Dental Program 2023** - Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's only School Dental Program. Smile Squad offers free oral health packs, free annual oral health examinations and free follow-up treatment for all students attending Victorian Government schools. Smile Squad will be available to all students for free, even if they do not have a healthcare card or Medicare card, or if they are ineligible for the Commonwealth Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). There are no out-of-pocket expenses for families. We have been allocated access to this program in 2023. At this stage we have not received dates. When we have more information, we will let our school community know. Further information is available at [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au).

**SEC Disco** - Last Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December we had our End of Year School Disco. The Junior Disco (for students in Prep - Year Three) ran from 5.00 - 6.15pm. The Senior Disco (Year Four – Year Six) ran from 6.30 - 8.00pm. Thank you to the parent and staff volunteers that ensure our students had a fantastic night. Also, to our DJ Tim for ensuring that you kept the students dancing all night.

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



The Mount Martha Primary School community acknowledges & pays respect to the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong people of the Kulin nation, the traditional custodians of these lands & waters.



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

**Year 6 Graduation** - On Tuesday our Year 6's celebrated their graduation in style with a beautifully decorated Gym that had been transformed into a Hollywood theme. It was hard to believe that this stunning and elegant space was our School Gymnasium. It was followed by an excursion to Gumbuya World on Wednesday and their final farewell to the school will be at our assembly on Friday. Thank you parents and staff for your assistance in making this event happen. Congratulations and well done to our Year 6's on a great effort over their years at Mount Martha Primary School. They have been outstanding role models and leaders in our school. We wish them every success for their secondary education and beyond and know they will take fond memories of Mount Martha Primary School with them. A full list of Award Winners is contained in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin.

**Beach Program 2023** - Advance Notice. The Beach Program commences early in Term 1 next year. Please keep a look out for Newsfeeds via Compass with some of the events and due dates that will occur in early in the school year. Pay/consent dates are also listed in this newsletter. Please refer to the Newsfeed for more details as to events that your children will be participating in.

**Lost Property** - An urgent final reminder for the year to check our Lost Property section near the Art Room. Thank you to parent, Karen Murphy, as well as our Year 6 student Admin Leaders, for their assistance with the tidying and sorting of the Lost Property Area.

**Bikes** - A final reminder also to collect bikes from the Bike Shed. We have several bikes that have been parked in the Bike Shed for an extended time. If not collected, they will be locked in the Bike Shed for the holidays. They are much better to be at home for the holidays allowing students to enjoy some bike riding.

**SRC Salvos Wishing Tree Gift Pick Up** - Today the Salvation Army are coming to collect the gifts for the Wishing Tree and our Year 6 SRC Leaders are excited about handing over our gifts. The students picked gift that I purchased for our school community to donate. Here are many more gifts hidden behind the students for outdoor play, giant bowling sets, soccer goals, basketball rings etc. There will be lots of happy faces of children over Christmas due to the generosity of our school community. Thank you.



**Emergency Contact** - In the event of an emergency concerning the school during the school vacation or out of school hours please contact the Department of Education Emergency and Security Management on **1800 126 126**. They will in turn contact the appropriate staff. Thank you.

**COVID Settings in School** -The Department of Health strongly recommends that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Free rapid antigen tests are available at the school for those who need them. Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so. To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures. Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

### Recap of Previous Newsletter Articles

**Student Reports** - Semester 2 reports for students were available via Compass on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The reports provide both students and parents with information on their achievements, areas for improvement and how parents can assist with their learning at home. Congratulations students for your achievements this year!

**Library Books and Take Home Readers** - The school has excellent literacy resources for our students including Library Books and Take-Home Readers. Keeping our collection of resources for students to use year to year is important. Can parents have a look at home for any school books and return them to the classroom or Library as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

**Staffing 2023** - We will be welcoming new teachers to Mount Martha Primary School for 2023: Tayla Proietti, Abbie Mantle, Caitlyn Burchell and Britt Hoyle. Danielle Adcock, Karen Hodgkins, Lea Henderson, and Jason Cech will be on leave for 2023. Lyndal Gunn will be taking leave from Mount Martha Primary School to experience working in another school. We will farewell Shane O'Donohue, Ashleigh Voutier and Tai Rodwell we thank them for their contribution to the students, staff, parents, and Mount Martha Primary School Community and wish them well for the future. Martin Page will continue to be on leave from Mount Martha Primary School for Semester One of 2023. The Department of Education has confirmed that I will continue in this role during Martin's absence.

**Merry Christmas** - I would like to wish everyone in our school community a safe, restful, and happy holiday. I am really looking forward to a fantastic year in 2023!

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### DECEMBER



**Friday 16th**

**Final Assembly in Gym**

9.15am - 10.30am

**Year 4 End of Year Celebration**

10.30am - 3.00pm

**Year 3 Max The Magician**

11.30am - 12.30pm



**Tuesday 20th**

**End of Term Early Dismissal**

1.30pm

#### JANUARY 2023



**Tuesday 31st**

**Year 1 - 6 Students commencing today 9.00am**

**Prep Interviews**

Tuesday 31st, 1st February and 2nd February

#### FEBRUARY



**Friday 3rd**

**Prep Students commence today**

9.00am - 2.15pm

**Monday 27th February**

**Preps start full time**

9.00am - 3.30pm

### 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.**

**Thank you.**

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 6A & 6B Beach Program	\$24	30/1/2023
Year 6C & 6D Beach Program	\$24	31/1/2023
Year 5A & 5B Beach Program	\$16.20	1/2/2023
Year 5C & 5D Beach Program	\$16.20	2/2/2023
Year 3A & 4B Beach Program	\$16.20	5/2/2023
Year 3B & 4A Beach Program	\$16.20	6/2/2023
Year 3C & 4C Beach Program	\$16.20	7/2/2023

#### TERM DATES: 2022



**Term 4** 3rd October to 20th December  
**(1.30pm dismissal)**

#### TERM DATES: 2023

**Term 1** 27th January to 6th April  
**Year 1 - 6 students commence**  
**Tuesday 31st January**  
**Prep Interviews**  
**31st January, 1st February & 2nd February**  
**Preps commence Friday 3rd February**  
**9.00am - 2.15pm**  
**Preps start full time Monday 27th February**

**Term 2** 24th April to 23rd June  
**Term 3** 10th July to 15th September  
**Term 4** 2nd October to 20th December

## 2022 YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS

The following students received awards at the 2022 Graduation Ceremony:

AWARD	STUDENTS
David Pitts Citizenship Award	Sebastian C Zoe A
Literacy	Julia K Addison B
Numeracy	Jethro L Ruby B
Inquiry	Lila P Amelie R
Digitech	Shiah-Blu R Silas B
Visual Arts	Phoebe R Indy W
Physical Education	Kalani R Henry J
Performing Arts	Flynn B Jessica H
LOTE	Shiah-Blu R Noah F
Values Award	Sebastian C Owen S Tate B
GRIT Award	Georgie S Dylan G
Dromana Values Awards	Georgie S
Padua Values Awards	Stephanie N
Year 7 Scholarships for 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flynn B - Dromana Secondary College</li> <li>Archie J - Dromana Secondary College</li> <li>Makai V - Peninsula Grammar</li> <li>Jethro L - Peninsula Grammar</li> <li>Ziva W - Flinders Christian Community College</li> </ul>

## 2023 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>YEAR 1 - 6:</b>	<b>Commence 9.00am Tuesday 31st January 2023</b>
<b>PREP INTERVIEWS:</b>	<b>Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February</b> Parents please attend with your child
<b>PREPS START SCHOOL:</b>	<b>Friday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm</b>
<b>PREPS START FULL DAYS:</b>	<b>Monday 27th February 9.00am - 3.30pm</b>
<b>FEBRUARY OSHCP:</b>	<b>OSHCP offers a service for parents requiring care for their Prep children during these 4 weeks of early finish times. To register for this service please contact Gillian Reid on 0407 438 858.</b>
<b>SUNSMART POLICY:</b>	Everyone is encouraged to be SUNSMART and the wearing of hats is compulsory until May 1st. Parents should supply their child with sunscreen to be kept in their school bag.
<b>UNIFORM SHOP:</b>	<b>PSW School Uniform Shop</b> Located at 1/22 Watt Rd, Mornington Vic 3931 1800 337 396 Trading Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm & Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm Online orders: <a href="http://www.psw.com.au">www.psw.com.au</a>
<b>BANKSIA BULLETIN:</b>	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 2nd February 2023





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### Summer 2023 School Holiday Program Dates:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 children | 9:00am start - 2:00pm finish

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited to 16 per day

### Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Park

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Open daily between 10am and 4pm. Keeper Club runs from 9:00am-2:00pm.





## FAMILY FUN – Summer 2022/23

Sun filled days and the warm nights of summer at the Briars encourage us to slow down to a quieter, more relaxed pace. Make the most of summer celebrations and extend that summer holiday feeling by exploring the Briars and taking part in the activities on offer.

### Snakes – face your fear, embrace your fascination!\*

Snakes are sensitive creatures, very often misunderstood and therefore feared. They play a very important part in maintaining the health of our environment. Join us for a close-up encounter with these gentle creatures to help you better manage your fear or fascination! Empower yourself, learn how to identify Australian snakes, what snakes you might see at the Briars and what snakes live in your neighbourhood.

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
2pm – 2.45pm and 3.15 – 4.00pm | \$15 adult/child/concession

### Briars Junior Ranger – Who lives in my area?\*

Have you ever explored your backyard or local park to find out who lives there? A live animal encounter will introduce you to different native animals and will enable you to identify and differentiate between them. You will then be able to identify and classify what you find in your own backyard. Using your new Junior Ranger skills, we then play “Who Belongs Where?”, a custom-designed game for classifying reptiles, birds, mammals, amphibians, and invertebrates.

Suitable for kids 6 to 10 years old. Parents can take some time to relax as this program is for kids only.

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
10.30 – 12.00noon | \$29.90 per child

### We prefer the night!\*

#### Twilight trek and animal encounter

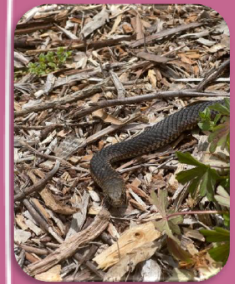
Join our Rangers as they take you off track on this hour-long exploration of the sanctuary at twilight. Hear the Kookaburras call goodnight and witness nocturnal animals coming out to forage and hunt for food. Bring a torch and help spot kangaroos, micro bats, koalas, emus, sugar gliders and more!

Ever wonder what’s happening on your roof and in your backyard at night? Our animal encounter program will personally introduce you to some of your nocturnal visitors. Get to know them better and understand why your roof and backyard is their home too.

Suitable for all ages. Children must bring an adult. If you require assistance or have accessibility questions, please give us a call on 5974 3686

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
8.00 – 9.30pm  
\$32 adult, \$25.90 concession/child

\*Bookings are essential for programs/walks and can be made by visiting [https://the\\_briars.eventbrite.com.au](https://the_briars.eventbrite.com.au)  
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### MEETING DETAILS

#### December 2022:

- Thursday Dec 15th 2022, 11am - 12pm (Vic Time)
- Monday Dec 19th 2022, 1-2pm (Vic Time)

#### January 2023:

- Wednesday Jan 11th 2023, 10-11am (Vic Time)

#### Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWl4WjRMbGRlRng0NGhoVWVZz09>

**Passcode:** 027166

### KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO JOIN SAVER PLUS

- ☒ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ☒ Have a child in school OR be studying yourself
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#### RSVP

Scan the QR code or click the link below to register  
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A Mt Martha Uniting Church Peace Trail Event

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