



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 3 February 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

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again welcome back to Mount Martha Primary School for 2022. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and restful holiday! The COVID-19 pandemic has again set us some challenges to begin 2022 and we have some revised strategies to implement. It was wonderful to see how happy and enthusiastic the students were as they returned to school! The students have quickly settled in to their new classes. Organisation is a real focus for the first few days as students become familiar with the class and school routines. I am pleased with our very smooth start. On the first two pupil free days, staff updated training in management of anaphylaxis, allergies and asthma and also made the most of valuable curriculum planning and preparation time for the year ahead.

For 2022 we have new staff join Mount Martha Primary School. Welcome to Ms Tayla Howden, Mrs Victoria Rafeld, Ms Sheridan Cant, Miss Ellen Barry and Mr Nick Orchard. Mrs Kelly Cartwright and Mrs Melanie Moorhouse have returned to Mount Martha Primary School after being on leave. A staff list is in the newsletter for information.

Our 2022 Preps start in their Prep classes tomorrow! The first day of school is always a very exciting day for the students and their families. We wish them a wonderful time at Mt Martha Primary School!

I am really looking forward to a terrific year in 2022!

Welcome - A huge welcome to our new students and families who are joining our school community for 2022.

Year 1: Milla, Hunter, Inydana, William **Year 2:** Cindy **Year 3:** Paige, Philip, Levi, Rishi **Year 4:** Scarlett, Mia, Cameron, Harvey **Year 5:** Matilda, Owen, Polly.

Meet The Teacher - Establishing a relationship and lines of communication with your child's teacher is an important part of their education. To assist this we are having two "Meet The Teacher" sessions. The first is on **Tuesday 15th February for Years Four, Five and Six** and **Wednesday 16th February for Years Prep, One, Two and Three**. Bookings will be via Compass. More information about the booking process is included in the newsletter.

COVID Information - We have started the year with some new strategies to follow. Strategies are included for your information. Thank you again for your assistance in their implementation.

Rapid Antigen Tests - Free rapid antigen tests have been distributed for twice weekly testing of students at home.

Twice-a-week testing is strongly recommended for both students and staff. Earlier detection decreases the potential for outbreaks and spreading of COVID-19 amongst students, families and staff. No specific days are prescribed but it may help if tests are done on the same days from week to week to build up a routine.

Tests are provided in packs of five individual tests. Tests for each child were distributed to parents/carers and students at the start of week one and another pack for each child will be provided at the start of week three. We will advise when available.

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 REPORT continued

Students and staff will do the tests at home; they only need to report their result if it is COVID-positive. They must report a COVID-positive result to:

- the school by phone or the [RA Test Portal](#); this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in seven-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms
- the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) or call centre on [1800 675 398](#).

Information about how to do a test and how to read RAT results, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is [available online](#).

Vaccination requirements

Parents and carers must have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception (with limited exceptions) to enter school buildings.

All staff working in schools need to be fully vaccinated or have a verified medical exception.

COVID-19 vaccinations for students are not required for them to attend school but vaccination for students is highly encouraged. If your child has not yet had their first dose, please try to organise this as soon as possible. For more information on how to book a vaccination, including important information about vaccination for children aged 5 to 11, visit [Vaccination information for children and teenagers](#).

Management of confirmed cases and household contacts at school

A 'suspected' or 'symptomatic' case means a person who displays any [COVID-19 symptoms](#). 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. Parents/carers should complete a PCR or rapid antigen test.

1. If a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test) parents/carers should complete the [RA Test portal](#). A parent/carer is also required to inform the school by phone or in writing.
2. Students who report a positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.
3. Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school and isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.
4. The school community will be notified via a Compass post when a student or staff member has (or multiple students or staff members have) returned a positive COVID-19 test result and had attended the school. The notification can be provided to only the affected group/cohort/year level or to the whole school as required. It repeats instructions for continued school attendance and quarantine requirements as necessary.
5. Asymptomatic students or staff who have been in contact with a COVID-19 case at school or work should continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms. Symptomatic students or staff must stay or return home and take a rapid antigen or PCR test. On receipt of a negative test result, and if well enough, the student/staff member can return to school.
6. Students should refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic, unless it is known that their symptoms are caused by an underlying health condition or medication.
7. Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, have completed their 7 -day isolation period and are subsequently asymptomatic do not need to undertake surveillance testing for 30 days

Schools will treat health information, including an individual's vaccination status or diagnosed medical condition (including positive COVID-19 test results) in accordance with the Schools' Privacy Policy. COVID-19 diagnoses and vaccination statuses are not shared or discussed unless the individual (or their parent/carer) provides consent, or unless schools are legally obliged or authorised to do so (for example, to comply with a Pandemic Order).

Ventilation

We will also make sure that classrooms are well ventilated by opening windows and doors, to minimise the risk of infection. We have received air purifiers, which are being used around the school as an added safety measure. Outdoor learning spaces are also being used.

Other Vital COVIDSafe steps

Hygiene practices, mask wearing and social distancing will continue wherever possible in Term One. Visitors to school grounds must comply with density limits, face mask requirements, QR code/Compass Kiosk/manual check ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Hygiene Practices

Teachers will implement strategies for students to 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.

Face Masks

- School staff will be required to always wear masks indoors when not actively teaching or communicating with students. Masks are not compulsory for teachers and staff outdoors.
- Students in Year Three and above must wear a face mask indoors at school and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs, unless a lawful exception applies. Students must wear face masks even if vaccinated. Students are not required to wear masks outside. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exception should notify the school in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask to the school.
- When attending outdoor school camps and excursions, face masks are not mandatory, unless physical distancing cannot be maintained. Face masks must continue to be worn when indoors on camps and excursions.
- Visitors to schools aged eight and above must wear a face mask in all indoor spaces, unless a lawful exception applies.
- Students in Prep to Year Two are strongly recommended to wear a face mask indoors at school or an OSHC program.

Social Distancing

It is recognised that social distancing is difficult for primary school aged children however where possible we will continue to minimise mixing between classes and year levels.

Visitors including parents/carers are required to continue to use the QR code check in, Compass kiosk or manual register to enter buildings. Social distancing is required maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 metres. Early pick up or late arrivals will be organised from the Office. Parents should be mindful of not congregating at the school gates and must practice social distancing.

More information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website:

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

Kind regards, Martin Page

2022 Mount Martha Primary School Staff

Principal	Mr Martin Page
Assistant Principals	Mr Nick Orchard Mrs Karen Walker
Prep	Miss Tamara Byrne Miss Alex Keates Mrs Julie Moncrieff Ms Rachel Sutherland
Year 1	Mr Jerry Gaiser Mrs Janine McAuley Ms Alice Matthews Ms Tayla Howden Mrs Marta Reardon Ms Sheridan Cant
Year 2	Ms Lea Henderson Miss Alyssah Armstrong Mrs Jenny Spiridis Mrs Lyndal Gunn
Year 3	Mrs Kim Klan Mr Jason Cech Mrs Kelly Cartwright
Year 4	Mr Shane O'Donohue Mrs Rebecca Richards Mrs Joelle Rubinstein Mr Joseph Turner
Year 5	Mrs Jane Doye Mr Ross Hamaline Mr Justin Whelan Mrs Victoria Rafeld
Year 6	Mr Michael Beirne Ms Ashleigh Voutier Mrs Sally Giles Mr Jason Antoniou
Specialists	Mrs Julie Christie Mrs Megan Kohlman Mrs Sarah Forward Mrs Leanne Rault Mr Cameron Sweatman Mr Bill Nickeas Mrs Kris Colson
Office	Mrs Lindie Hartwig Ms Rhonda Edwards Ms Anna Goss Mrs Gina McMartin Ms Debra Tate
First Aid	Mrs Lorraine Stuart
Support	Mrs Maria Harvey Mrs Kerry Spiers Mrs Georgina Street Mrs Megan Lazzar Miss Ellen Barry
Boost	Mrs Kris Colson Mrs Lucinda Cooper Mrs Mel Moorhouse
Out of School Hours Care - Mrs Gillian Reid Mrs Jane Moore	
Maintenance - Mr David Hobson ICT Technicians - Mr Cameron Walker	

2022 Prep Students

A huge welcome to our 2022 Prep students who will start tomorrow Friday 4 February 9.00am - 2.15pm. Welcome also parents and families. The first day of school is always one to remember! They are quickly adapting to the school and classroom routines. Well Done!

Welcome to our 2022 Preps:

0A	0B	0C	0D
Fletcher C	Santiago AH	Harlan B	Teddy A
Poppy C	Oisin A	Penny C	Olive B
Charlotte D	Poppy B	Yvette F	Charlise B
Lily G	Sophie C	Violet G	Paxton C
Isla H	Sass C	Flynn G	Phoebe D
Ivy I	Tyler D	Amaya H	Logan F
Lior J	Flynn D	Peggy L	Alfie F
Oscar L	Henricus DV	Sylvie L	Fraser G
Oliver M	Jack H	Harriet L	Patrick J
Beth P	Lenni M	Phillipa M	Billie L
Indie S	Eve P	Hayden M	Rose R
Callan S	Nolan P	Charlie M	Ella R
Elise T	Olivia P	Ava R	Teddy S
Harvey W	Penelope R	Clancy S	Finn S
Olivia W	Yasmine S	Thea S	Chloe SW
Eden Y	Rory W	Chris S	Macy W
Milan Y		Marcus W	Byron W
		Ben W	Thomas W
			Olivia Z

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



FEBRUARY



Friday 4th

Preps start 9am - 2.15pm

Year 5A & 5B Beach Program & BBQ

9.00am - 3.00pm

Mt Martha Life Saving Club



Monday 7th

Year 5C & 5D Beach Program & BBQ

9.00am - 3.00pm, Mt Martha Life Saving Club

Meet the teacher bookings open today in Compass at 8.00am and close Monday 14th February 2pm.

Tuesday 8th

Year 4A & 4B Beach Program

9.00am - 3.00pm

Mt Martha Life Saving Club

Wednesday 9th

Year 4C & 4D Beach Program

9.00am - 3.00pm

Mt Martha Life Saving Club

Thursday 10th

All Year 3's Beach Program

9.00am - 3.00pm

Mt Martha Life Saving Club

Friday 11th

Year 6 Carnival and BBQ

9.00am - 3.00pm

Mt Martha Life Saving Club

Tuesday 15th

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Years 4 - 6 3.50pm - 8.30pm

Bookings essential on Compass

Wednesday 16th

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Preps 2.50pm - 7.00pm

Years 1 - 3 3.50pm - 8.30pm

Bookings essential on Compass

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.

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
04C & 04D Beach Program	\$25	6/2/2022
Year 3 Beach Program	\$17	7/2/2022

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1

28th January to 8th April

Preps commence Friday 4th 9am -2.15pm

Prep commence full time Monday 28th February

Term 2

26th April to 24th June

Term 3

11th July to 16th September

Term 4

3rd October to 20th December

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

This year our Meet the Teacher sessions will be held in Week 3 of the school year on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 February. Prep to Year 3 sessions will be on the Wednesday and the Year 4 to Year 6 sessions on the Tuesday. "Meet the Teacher" is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and to provide information that will assist the teacher to meet the social, emotional and learning needs of your child.

Bookings will open on Monday 7 February at 8am and will close on Monday 14 February at 2pm.

How to make a booking.

Parents can make bookings by clicking the 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews' button available next to their student's photo on their Compass homepage, or by clicking the Dashboard Alert at the top of their Newsfeed.

Welcome to the Hogwarts P-12 Portal

Use the links listed for each of your children to explore the portal. Please keep your mobile phone number and email address up to date (Tools > Update My Details). The school will use this to contact you regarding attendance, events, news and more.

Hermione GRANGER

- Profile (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)
- Send email to Hermione's teachers
- Add Attendance Note/Approval (Approved Absence/Late)
- View Academic Reports
- Book Parent Teacher Interviews**

1 overdue learning task
1 learning task due in the next week

Compass

My News

- Insights Cycle Open**
Your input/feedback is requested regarding Hermione for "Goal Setting & Review T2 2017".
[Click here to proceed](#)
- Parent Student Teacher Conference**
Term 3, 2017 - Parent Teacher Interviews regarding Hermione Granger.
[Click here for booking](#)

College Newsletter
Another busy month at Hogwarts P-12. Download the attached Newsletter and read our story on page 4 about our success at the Dragon Championships!
[Document.pdf](#)
2 days ago by Minerva McGONAGALL

We have arrived at the World Cup!
We have set up camp and attended our first match. It's a great atmosphere and we are having so much fun!
2 days ago by Rolanda HOOCH

They will also have two options available - Start Booking Now, which allows them to immediately begin the booking process, or Show Me How To Book, which includes a walkthrough explaining how to book using Compass. This section is highlighted in blue in the image below. If parents have multiple students at the school they can toggle between the staff members their students are associated with using the dropdown menu available at the top right of the screen, which is highlighted in red in the image below.

Term 3 2017 - Parent Teacher Interview

Thursday, August 31

09:00 AM	09:15 AM	09:30 AM
09:45 AM	10:00 Not available for booking	10:15
10:30 AM		
11:15 AM		
12:00 PM	Not available for booking	Bookings cannot be made.
12:45 PM	Not available for booking	Bookings cannot be made.
01:30 PM		
02:15 PM		
03:00 PM		
03:45 PM		

Welcome

Welcome to Term 3 2017 - Parent Teacher Interview

Parents are invited to come to the school campus on Thursday August 31st to meet with your student's teachers and year level coordinator.

Compass will walk you through the booking process but if you have any questions or issues please don't hesitate to contact our school administration during regular hours on 5555-5555.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Interview evening.

Sincerely,
Albus Dumbledore
Headmaster

[Start Booking Now](#) [Show me How to Book](#)

Mr Wendell GRANGER

Teachers

- Albus DUMBLEDORE
Prefect Interviews
Interview Welcome
- Severus SNAPE
H033A - Advanced Occlumency
Interview Welcome
- William (Bill) WEASLEY
H033A - Charms
Interview Welcome
- Lubeus HAGRID
E033A - Magical Creatures
Interview Welcome
- Lora TONKS
TYAA - Study Hall
Interview Welcome
- Amelia THAMRIN
H033B - Transfiguration Unit
Interview Welcome

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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WED 6:15AM
FRI 6:15AM
SAT 8:00AM

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