



Mt. Martha Primary School

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Mrs Karen Walker

Assistant Principal

Mr Nick Orchard

**Mt Martha Primary
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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 2nd February 2023

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back - to Mount Martha Primary School for 2023. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and restful holiday! It was wonderful to see how happy and enthusiastic the students were as they returned to school! The students have quickly settled into their new classes. Organisation is a real focus for the first few days as students become familiar with the class and school routines.

On the first two Pupil Free Days, staff updated training in management of anaphylaxis, allergies and asthma, professional development in English and made the most of valuable team curriculum planning time and preparations for the year ahead. The 2022 class teachers and learning boost staff spent time sharing important information with 2023 staff about their students to ensure a smooth transition for students to their new classes.

For 2023 we have new staff join Mount Martha Primary School. Welcome to Miss Taylah Proietti, Miss Caitlyn Burchell and Miss Britt Hoyle. Mrs Despi Oconnor and Mrs Julie Christie have returned to Mount Martha Primary School after being on leave. A staff list is in the newsletter for information.

Our 2023 Preps start in their classes tomorrow! The first day of school is always a very exciting day for the students and their families. Over this week they have visited the classroom and spent some time with their class teacher completing some initial assessment tasks, choosing their bag space, locker tub and having some one-on-one time with the teacher. We wish them a wonderful time at Mount Martha Primary School!

We will have a Tea and Tissues Morning Tea in the Staff Centre after taking your child to class for any prep parents/carers /younger siblings that would like to attend.

School Improvement Agenda - Our school is in the final year of our School Strategic Plan. We are currently completing our Annual Implementation Plan for 2023. This will be approved by School Council in March and shared with the school community. As a Professional Learning Community, we have areas the whole school is focusing on to improve student outcomes and teaching and learning in our classrooms. This term our English goal is to improve students' word knowledge through the Implementation of the MMPS Phonics and Morphology Learning Continuums. This school goal is further defined to a year level goal. Teachers will then collect pre assessment data from students as well as create collaborative plan units of working using high impact teaching strategies and knowledge gained from current professional development. The teaching staff will meet on a regular basis to share best practise and will post assess students to measure learning growth. More information will be provided over the term to the school community.

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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

We are also focusing on improving connections and engagement of our school community. This is an area that our School council and SEC (Social Events Committee) have been working on. We will share further details over the term of ways we would like to gather the thoughts and ideas of the community. The data from the Parent Opinion Survey is being used to drive an improvement agenda. I would like to gather more detailed information from those who completed the survey and because this is a small sample of our school community also include opinions and thoughts from a broader range in the community. This includes what is valued, what we are doing well at, areas of improvement, refinement, and potential changes. I am planning to have some coffee and chat sessions with parents/carers after school drop off in the staff centre. I will find other ways for those who cannot make these to have their thought and opinions heard and valued. More details to come in the next few weeks.

New Students - A huge welcome to our new students and families who are joining our school community for 2023. All the Prep students along with Year 2: Etta, Year 3: Levi, Year 4: Alana, Oliver, Year 5: Dylan and Poppy, Year 6: Ben, Imogen, and Jack.

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 14th February for Years Four, Five and Six** and **Wednesday 15th February for Years Prep, One, Two and Three**. Bookings will be via Compass. More information about the booking process is included in the newsletter.

Update - Contact Information and Student Health - We do our best to look after the health needs of our students and sometimes we need to contact you. To assist us with this a reminder to update the school if any contact details have changed e.g., telephone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. Also please contact the office to supply updated asthma, anaphylaxis or other medical condition plans as required. Our current contact information will be handed to parents to check, amend, and sign at Meet the Teacher meetings. If you are unable to attend the meetings, they will be sent home to be amended, signed, and returned to school. Thank you for your assistance.

Balcombe Pre School - From Monday 13th February Balcombe Pre school will be relocating to Mount Martha Primary School for its four-year-old program, while urgent repairs are completed at the Pre School. At this stage it is anticipated this will be for the remainder of Term One. They will be using the two rooms at the end of the basketball courts next to the green shed. We will relocate the programs that were to run in these rooms until the Pre School are able to return to their permanent site. I have been liaising with Pre School staff, Pre School-President, Mornington Peninsula Shire, Department of Education and Victorian School Building Authority to ensure our site is compliant with preschool regulations and to ensure minimal disruption to our school community. The area around the portables will have temporary fencing erected on Saturday 4th February. This will include part of the play equipment usually available to Year One and Two. We have reallocated the equipment behind the Prep room 28 for them to use, students have access to the Lost Playground at the bottom of the oval and the play equipment behind Year Two classrooms. Welcome to Balcombe Pre School staff, students, and families to our school community. We are very happy to be able to support the broader Mount Martha community and ensure children have access to their wonderful pre school program.

Repairs to Classrooms - I am pleased to announce that rooms 34 and 35 will have the repairs completed this week after flood damage last year. It is expected that Victorian School Building Authority will have the work completed by Friday 3rd February and 2D will be able to relocate to their permanent classroom space. They will be in room 35 and room 34 will have Learning Boost Numeracy with Mrs Cooper on Monday and Wednesday, Prep Japanese on Friday with Mrs Moorhouse, Story Dogs, and other Junior School Learning Boost programs run by teachers/educational support staff and allied health professionals coming in to work with students. I will send a Compass post to parents in 2D when I have confirmation from Victorian School Building Authority that the works are completed.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

School Policies - At the beginning of each year a reminder to parents that on the school website <https://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/> under the information heading is access to school policies. It is a requirement of Department of Education to request parents read the following policies thank you.

- Attendance
- Child Safety Standards
- Mobile Phone Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Anaphylaxis Management Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Health Care Policy
- Medication Policy
- Headlice Policy
- Personal Property Policy
- Photographing, Filming and Recording Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Student Dress Code

School Council elections 2023 - Nominations open on **Monday 13th February** for vacancies on our School Council. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students.

Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills, and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Nominations close on **Monday 20th February at 4pm** and forms will be available from the school office. An election will be conducted should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies. You can contact me at the school if you have any queries.

I am really looking forward to another terrific year in 2023!

Warm Regards

Karen Walker
Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1st
06A and 06B Beach Program
9.00am - 3.00pm
Mt Martha Lifesaving Club

Thursday 2nd
06C and 06D Beach Program
9.00am - 3.00pm
Mt Martha Lifesaving Club

Friday 3rd
Prep Students commence today
9.00am - 2.15pm



Monday 6th
05C and 05D Beach Program
9.00am - 3.00pm
Mt Martha Lifesaving Club

05A and 05B Beach Program
9.00am - 3.00pm
Mt Martha Lifesaving Club

Tuesday 7th
03A and 04B Beach Program
9.00am - 3.00pm
Mt Martha Lifesaving Club

Wednesday 8th
03B and 04A Beach Program
9.00am - 3.00pm
Mt Martha Lifesaving Club

Thursday 9th
03C and 04C Beach Program
9.00am - 3.00pm
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Friday 10th
Year 6 Beach Carnival
9.00am - 3.00pm
Mt Martha Lifesaving Club

Tuesday 14th
Meet the Teacher
Years 4, 5 & 6
Bookings open Monday 6th February on Compass

Wednesday 15th
Meet the Teacher
Prep, Years 1, 2 & 3
Bookings open Monday 6th February 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.

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 6A & 6B Beach Program	\$24.60	31/1/2023
Year 6C & 6D Beach Program	\$24.60	31/1/2023
Year 5A & 5B Beach Program	\$16.80	1/2/2023
Year 5C & 5D Beach Program	\$16.80	2/2/2023
Year 3 & 4 Film Festival	\$45.00	2/2/2023
Year 3A & 4B Beach Program	\$16.80	5/2/2023
Year 3B & 4A Beach Program	\$16.80	6/2/2023
Year 3C & 4C Beach Program	\$16.80	7/2/2023
Year 3 History Tour	\$11.00	8/2/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to Thursday 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



Mt. Martha
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2023 STAFF

Principal	Mrs Karen Walker
Assistant Principal	Mr Nick Orchard
Prep	Miss Tamara Byrne, Miss Alex Keates, Mrs Julie Moncrieff, Ms Rachel Sutherland and Mrs Rebecca Richards.
Year 1	Mrs Marta Reardon and Mrs Despi O'Connor, Mrs Janine McAuley, Ms Alice Matthews and Ms Tayla Howden.
Year 2	Miss Tayla Proietti, Miss Alyssah Armstrong, Mrs Jenny Spiridis, Mrs Suzi Knorr and Mrs Kresta Mason.
Year 3	Mrs Jerry Gaiser, Miss Caitlyn Burchell and Mrs Kelly Cartwright.
Year 4	Mr Joe Turner, Miss Britt Hoyle and Mrs Joelle Rubinstein.
Year 5	Mrs Jane Doye, Mr Ross Hamaline, Mr Justin Whelan and Mrs Victoria Rafeld.
Year 6	Mr Michael Beirne, Ms Sheridan Cant, Mrs Sally Giles and Mr Jason Antoniou.
Specialists	Mrs Julie Christie, Mrs Megan Kohlman, Mrs Sarah Forward, Mrs Leanne Rault, Mr Cameron Sweatman Mr Bill Nickeas and Mrs Melanie Moorhouse.
Office	Mrs Lindie Hartwig, Ms Rhonda Edwards, Ms Anna Goss, Mrs Gina McMartin and Ms Debra Tate.
First Aid	Mrs Rhonda Edwards and Ms Louise Petersen.
Support	Mrs Maria Harvey, Mrs Kerry Spiers, Mrs Georgina Street, Mrs Megan Lazzar, Miss Ellen Barry, Ms Tanya O'Halloran and Ms Louise Petersen.
Boost	Mrs Kris Colson, Mrs Lucinda Cooper and Mrs Liz Atkinson.
Out of School Hours Care - Mrs Gillian Reid, Miss Emma Lindenburg and Mrs Jane Moore.	
Maintenance - Mr David Hobson	ICT Technicians - Mr Cameron Walker

2023 Prep Students

A huge welcome to our 2023 Prep students who will start tomorrow. Welcome also parents and families. The first day of school is always one to remember! They are sure to quickly adapting to the school and classroom routines.

Welcome to our 2023 Preps:

0A	0B	0C	0D	0E
Asher B	Walter B	Lily B	Georgia B	Olive B
Arthur B	Evelyn C	Lake B	Fergus C	Ethan B
Bayden C	Finn H	Harvey E	Theo C	Lachie C
Scout C	Samuel H	Maxie F	Darcy E	Imogen F
Vann G	Ella H	Freja G	Lily G	Morgan H
Hannah G	Clara J	Mitchell H	Kiera G	Oscar K
Eligh H	Margot J	Millie H	Ben H	Ji K
Gwen H	Madeleine M	Murphy H	Anna H	Elizabeth K
Jordan J	Liana M	Finn J	Owen H	Dylan P
Layla M	Archie P	Sienna K	Marlow J	Flo R
Raelyn M	Olivia P	Jack L	Cooper N	Mason S
Elise M	August P	Fred L	Campbell P	Stevie S
Pippa O	Lucas P	Milla M	Frankie R	Rosa S
Ettie P	Victoria R	Lewis M	Indi R	Archie S
Florence R	Emmison S	Eliza O	Hugo R	Jemima T
Isla S	Nicholas S	Holly R	Chloe S	Edie T
Grady T	Ruby T	Knox S	Oakley W-K	Bodhi W
Tahlia W	Ayla T			River W

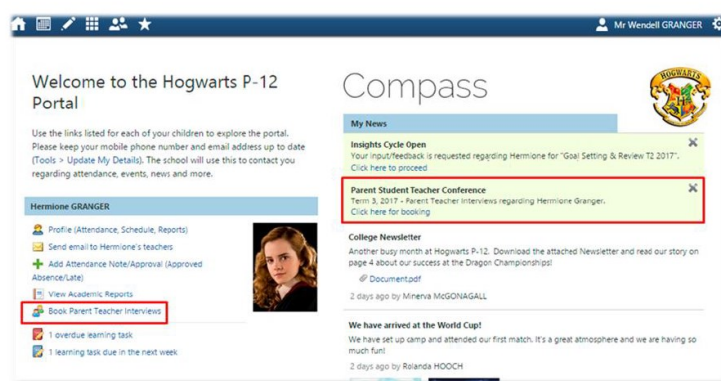
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Meet the Teacher

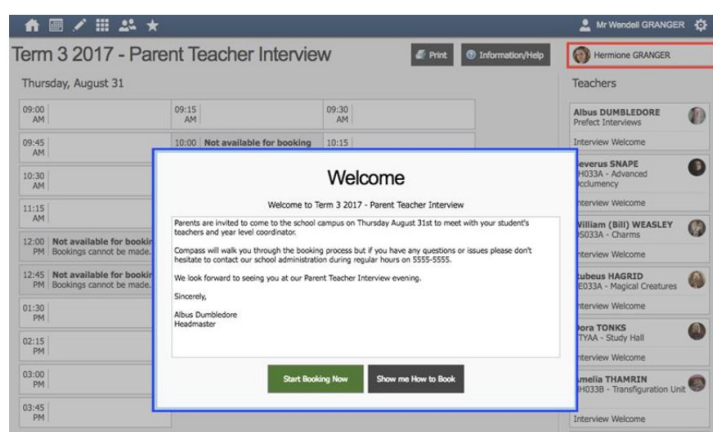
This year our Meet the Teacher sessions will be held in Week 3 of the school year on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February. Prep to Year 3 sessions will be on the Wednesday and the Year 4 to Year 6 sessions on the Tuesday. "Meet the Teacher" is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's 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 6th February at 8am and will close on Monday 13th 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.



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.



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Kind regards,

Nick Orchard (Assistant Principal)

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The event is open to the public and we invite families and friends to enjoy this first class family movie under the stars across the road from the Bay. Fine food, snacks and beverages will be available on site to purchase throughout the night (BYO). Plus there will be live music to enjoy before the show from 6pm.

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Wednesday 8th February 2023

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