



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - 16 April 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

**Welcome Back** - Welcome back everyone for the start of a very different Term 2! Thank you everyone for supporting the first week of remote learning. Year level and whole school information was sent out via Compass on Tuesday to start us off for student learning on Wednesday. Year levels and teachers will update student work Monday and Wednesday mornings and hold regular video conferencing via webex. Specialist teacher lessons are posted on blogs. Teachers will reflect on the students' learning experiences and may adjust the tasks and methods of delivery as the term progresses and we settle into this mode of delivery. We are conscious of the need to provide learning tasks and guidance around the structure of a day while recognising the different things that may be taking place at home. Hopefully technology will cooperate to assist our processes.

The Premier announced last week that, based on advice from the Victorian Chief Medical Officer to assist in slowing the spread of COVID-19, all students who can learn from home must learn at home. The exception is for vulnerable children or children of essential workers on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other childcare arrangements can be made.

The reason for this was reiterated today by Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Dr Brett Sutton, who stated: "My advice to the Victorian Government was and continues to be that to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), schools should undertake remote learning for term two. This is because having around a million children and their parents in closer contact with teachers and other support staff has the potential to increase cases of coronavirus not just in schools but across the community. By having remote learning, it can contribute to physical distancing and therefore supports efforts to drive transmission down."

For eligible students the DET attendance application must be completed and submitted to [mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) by 3pm on the Thursday to provide information on the required days for the following week. This will assist our planning for the week ahead.

Continued overleaf

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED .....

A letter from Jenny Atta, Secretary Department of Education and Training is attached for your information.

**Communication** - Advice has already been provided regarding the methods of communication that parents can use with teachers. This can be combinations of email, blogs, video conferencing or telephone. Please note that teachers are available between 8.50am and 3.50pm. Please note also that the School Office hours are from 8.30am to 4pm.

**Attendance** - Even in this time of remote learning schools still have an obligation to record student attendance. Students who are eligible to attend will have their attendance recorded at school. Parents of students who are learning from home should continue use the Compass absence function to record if their child is not participating in the learning program for that day. Teachers will monitor student work and follow up if students have not engaged in the learning tasks.

**COVID -19 Information** - While media coverage has been extensive, it is important that we continue to keep ourselves up to date using trusted and accurate sources of information.

For example <https://www.australia.gov.au/>, <https://www.health.gov.au> and <https://www.education.vic.gov.au> provide comprehensive and accurate information.

Thank you for all your assistance and patience as we start Term 2.

Kind regard

Martin Page

## LETTER FROM JENNY ATTA



### Department of Education and Training

Office of the Secretary

2 Treasury Place  
East Melbourne Victoria 3002  
Telephone: 03 9637 2000  
DX210083

Dear parents and carers

The Victorian Government has advised new arrangements for school education for Term 2, 2020.

All children who can learn from home must learn from home.

This course of action has been determined to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), based on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

Our schools have been re-oriented to support learning from home.

Principals and teachers have put in place plans to provide a learning from home program for all year levels. This includes provision by the Department of Education and Training through your school of laptops or tablets and network access, if required.

In order to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, your teachers and the whole community, it is important that you follow the Victorian Government's direction and keep your child learning at home this term.

On-site school attendance is available as a last resort where parents and carers are not able to put in place arrangements to supervise children at home. Your school will have provided you with further information about this.

Information for parents and carers to support you supervise your children at home can be found here:  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your own circumstances, please talk to your school or phone the Department of Education and Training parents' and carers' hotline on 1800 338 663.

Thank you for your cooperation and your support for our teachers, schools and community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Atta'.

**Jenny Atta**  
Secretary  
Department of Education and Training

## ON-SITE ATTENDANCE FORM



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Student/s name:

Student/s date of birth:

Student/s year level/Class

*The Victorian Government has stated that all students who **can** learn from home **must** learn from home.*

Dates required:

Please note you need to complete this process weekly to ensure adequate staffing on-site.

Emergency contact details:

I am requesting that my child/ren attend on-site schooling because my child/ren is/are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made.

By submitting this form, I declare that my child/ren is/are well and I will collect my child/ren as soon as is practicable upon the request of the school if my child becomes unwell.

Day	Date	AM, PM or ALL DAY
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Tuesday		
Wednesday		
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