



Mt. Martha Primary School

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Mr Martin Page

Assistant Principals
Mr Hugh O'Brien
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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 16 December 2021

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the 2021 school year draws to an end I would like to congratulate all our students for their fantastic achievements this year in both the remote learning program and onsite. The students should be very proud of their participation in the school program and the achievements they have made! It certainly has been another very challenging year for everyone! 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, your key role in delivering the remote learning program, planning and organising graduation, assisting on our activities or excursions when they have been able to run and being great supporters of Mount Martha Primary School - your wonderful contribution is always greatly appreciated!

Thank you again everyone for your ongoing assistance as we all worked our way through COVID-19 restrictions this year. Our community has been fantastic in supporting strategies to limit community transmission. Hopefully we can enjoy an uninterrupted holiday season.

COVID Information - Please refer to the letter in the newsletter from the Department of Education concerning vaccination for children aged 5 to 11. It provides some important information about the vaccination program that will commence on 10th January.

A reminder that COVID Hotlines remain another important source of information:

Dept of Health- 1800 675 398

DET- 1800 338 663 (available 8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and 10am-3pm Saturday to Sunday, excluding public holidays).

Staffing for 2022 - We have a number of staff changes for 2022. We will be welcoming the following new teachers to Mount Martha Primary School for 2022 - Victoria Rafeld, Sheridan Cant and Tayla Howden. Kelly Cartwright is returning after being on leave last year. We also welcome Nick Orchard in his role as Assistant Principal.

Karen Hodgkins, Darrel Hartwig, Danielle Adcock, Despi O'Connor and Alicia Latify will be on leave for 2022. We will farewell Sarah Bell and Jess Tobin. We thank them for their contribution to the students, staff, parents and Mount Martha Primary School community and wish them well for the future. Hugh O'Brien is retiring at the end of the year after 21 years in education and 11 years as Assistant Principal at Mount Martha Primary School. Hugh has made such an important contribution supporting our students, families and staff, in the school organisation and in the ongoing improvement of our facilities. Thank you so much Hugh.

Year 6 Graduation - On Tuesday our Year 6's celebrated their graduation in style (but somewhat differently this year) followed by an excursion to Gumbuya Park on Wednesday and their final farewell to the school at our WeBex assembly today. Thank-you parents and staff for your assistance in making the event happen. Congratulations and well done to our Year 6's on a great effort over their years at 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.

Last Day of Term - A reminder that school finishes for 2021 on **Friday 17th December** with a **1.30pm dismissal time**. Please note the early pick up time. On this day we will not be running a lunch break. Our middle "block" after recess will run from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Parents should consider if their child requires a slightly larger snack to get them through the additional class time.

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 continued

Start of School 2022 - A reminder that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2022 on **Tuesday 1st February**. 2022 Prep students will have individual interviews scheduled for Tuesday 1st February to Thursday 3rd February inclusive. 2022 Preps start in classes on Friday 4th February from 9am to 2.15pm.

Beach Program 2022 - Advance notice - The Beach Program commences day 2 (Wednesday 2 February) in Term 1 next year and will be published to Compass late January 2022.

Urgent - Library Books and Take Home Readers - All library books and take home reading material should be returned to the classroom as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Lost Property - An urgent final reminder for the year to check our Lost Property section near the Art Room. Thank you

Bikes - A final reminder also to collect bikes from the bike shed. We have a number of 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.

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.

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 2022!

Kind regards

Martin Page

END OF TERM TREAT

End of Term Treat - As the children get ready for the summer break, RT Edgar have helped to cool down the classrooms a little with a Berri Quelch icy-pole.

Every student in the school (and possibly a teacher or two) enjoyed a refreshing treat. The whole team at RT Edgar wanted to acknowledge the efforts of the students and teachers in the face of a challenging year. Thanks the kids loved it.





Department of Education and Training

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Dear parents and carers

Children aged 5 to 11 will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations from 10 January 2022.

These vaccinations will be available at participating general practices (GPs), pharmacies, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, and state vaccination centres.

The vaccine is one third of the adult dose and will be delivered at 2 separate appointments, expected to be 8 weeks apart. The time between the two doses can be shortened in special circumstances, such as in an outbreak response or for international travel.

The commencement of the program from 10 January 2022 provides an opportunity for all children aged 5 to 11 to receive at least one vaccine dose before they return to school, and their second dose before the end of Term 1 2022.

You are strongly encouraged to book your child or children in to receive their first vaccination before Term 1 begins.

COVID-19 vaccines have been tested, and shown to be safe and effective in protecting against serious illness and reducing the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading. They are important to protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19 and to reduce disruption to your child's education and out-of-school activities.

Vaccination is not mandatory to attend school, but it is highly encouraged to keep all children and their families safe.

How to book an appointment

Bookings will be available later in December 2021.

You will be able to book a vaccine appointment at a participating general practice (GPs), pharmacy or community health service, or at state vaccination centres through the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).

Victorian Coronavirus Hotline

The Department of Health's [Coronavirus Hotline](#) 1800 675 398 can assist you with bookings at general practice (GPs), pharmacy and state vaccination centres, and help with any questions you have about vaccination.

What to bring

For information on what to bring to a vaccine appointment please visit [Checklist: before your COVID-19 vaccination](#).

Support for students with disability or special requirements

There is [extra support](#) for students with disabilities and specialist requirements to access COVID-19 vaccinations.

Parents of children with disability who need extra assistance to access a vaccination should contact specialist [Disability Liaison Officers](#) who can help make the process easier.

The [Association for Children with a Disability](#) will hold a Facebook live session for families with children with additional needs on Tuesday 11 January at 10.30am. [Register online](#).

Parent and community webinars

Experts from the Royal Children's Hospital will hold a Facebook live session – 'COVID-19 vaccinations for 5- to 11-year-olds: Your questions answered' on Thursday 16 December at 11am.

Refer to [the Facebook page](#) for more information.

The Department of Health and leading medical research organisations will run webinars for parents and carers about COVID-19 vaccinations for 5- to 11-year-old children. Details to follow.

More information

Resources are available to help you and your child or children prepare for the vaccination:

- [Needle phobia - The Melbourne Vaccine Education Centre \(MVEC\) \(mcrc.edu.au\)](#)
- [Tips to help a child afraid of needles and stop it becoming a phobia - ABC Everyday](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination social scripts - Amaze - Autism resource](#)
- [Sesame Street ABC of COVID vaccines](#)

The Victorian Government's coronavirus.vic.gov.au website also has [information about COVID-19 vaccines in 63 community languages](#).

To ensure the safest start to the 2022 school year for your child or children, I encourage you to help them get vaccinated before they return to school.

Kind regards

Stephen Fraser
Deputy Secretary
School Education Programs and Support

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



DECEMBER



Friday 17th

Last day of Term 4 early dismissal 1.30pm

2022 FEBRUARY



Tuesday 1st

**Students in Years 1-6 commence today
2022 Prep Interviews 1-3 February**



Friday 4th

Preps start 9am - 2.15pm

Monday 28th

Preps commence full time 9am - 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.

2022 EVENTS Stay tuned!	COST	CLOSING DATE

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 4 4th October to 17th December

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1 28th January to 8th April
Tuesday 1st February 2022
Students in Years 1-6 commence
(Prep Interviews 1-3 February)

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December



2021 YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS

The following students received awards at the 2021 Graduation Ceremony:

AWARD	STUDENTS
David Pitts Citizenship Award	Samuel R Camryn S
Literacy	Max A Chloe M
Numeracy	Joshua B Emily O
Inquiry	Amelie V Scarlett M
ICT	Lewis W Camryn S
Visual Arts	Harper R Annie R
Physical Education	William G Ruby W
Performing Arts	Thomas M Eva B
LOTE	Koby E Ava M
BE YOU	Callum S Otis J Eden E Jocelyn S
GRIT Award	Charli C Jai Z
DROMANA VALUES AWARD	Camryn S

2022 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 1 - 6:	Commence 9.00am Tuesday 1st February 2022
PREP INTERVIEWS:	Tuesday 1st February, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd February Parents please attend with your child
PREPS START SCHOOL:	Friday 4th February 9.00am - 2.15pm
PREPS START FULL DAYS:	Monday 28th February 9.00am - 3.30pm
FEBRUARY OSHCP:	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.
SUNSMART POLICY:	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.
UNIFORM SHOP:	PSW School Uniform Shop 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: www.psw.com.au
BANKSIA BULLETIN:	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 3rd February 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

After another challenging and uncertain year, I am sure you are all looking forward to a well-earned break, free of computer screens and remote learning. We appreciate your flexibility and resilience in dealing with numerous lockdowns and disruptions to onsite learning throughout this year and assisting us with keeping your children's wellbeing at the forefront to help them through.

In 2022, Mt Martha Primary will continue to focus on the mental health and wellbeing of our students under the framework of Be You and Respectful Relationships. Our Social and Emotional curriculum will continue to be taught through the You Can Do It program and Protective Behaviours program. More information will be provided to parents and carers at the beginning of 2022. The following link was previously provided by **Be You** to assist parents with supporting students in the transition back to school following lockdowns, but is also relevant in returning to school after the long holiday break.

[Back to school anxiety during COVID](#)

These links also provide helpful information and may assist in answering any questions or concerns that you have:

Will my child bounce back from the Coronavirus crisis?

<https://childmind.org/article/coping-with-social-anxiety-during-social-distancing/>

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/>

On behalf of the Be You Team I would like to thank you again for your wonderful support of your children's learning and wellbeing throughout 2021.

The Be You Team wish to extend their best wishes to all of our Mt Martha families for a safe and happy Christmas. We look forward to continuing our work in supporting student wellbeing in 2022.

Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team



LUNCH ORDER REMINDER



Please note: There will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS** on **FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER** which is our last day of school.



FIRST AID NEWS

As we approach the end of the school year, just a couple of reminders from the First Aid Room.

If your child is leaving Mt Martha Primary School, on their last day, please collect any medication that is stored at school.

To ensure that we can provide accurate medical care for your child/ren as we head into 2022, could you please take some time over the holidays to obtain an updated Medical Action Plan (ie Asthma / Anaphylaxis / Allergy etc). It is a requirement that Medical Action Plans are updated annually and must be signed by a Doctor. Please return these at the beginning of the school year together with any required medication.

Prior to returning to school please also check your children's hair for head lice and/or eggs. Should you find any there are two choices of treatment:

Chemical: Treat and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in 7 days.

Non-chemical: Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days. The conditioner and comb method has been found to be very effective when the above procedure is followed.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the First Aid room from 10.45am to 2.15pm on 5974 2800. Thanks for your co-operation.

Wishing you a happy and safe festive season.

Lorraine Stuart, First Aid Officer.

LIBRARY NEWS



To assist with our end of year Library Stocktake we are asking parents to check at home for any Mt Martha Primary School Library books. Our records show many, many books have yet to be returned.

We thank you for your assistance.

Maria Harvey
Library



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Summer 2022 School Holiday Dates:

Thursday 6th
Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th
Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Thursday 20th, Friday 21st

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Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

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