



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Friday 16 July 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

Welcome Back - Welcome back everyone for the start of a very different Term 3! Our COVID-19 settings can change very rapidly. As a result we held back yesterday's Banksia Bulletin so we could include as much up to date information as possible.

Yesterday evening the Premier announced new restrictions for Victoria. The restrictions will be in place from 11.59pm Thursday 15 July for a 5-day period. Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, all Victorian schools moved to a period of remote and flexible learning from Friday 16 July to Tuesday 20 July inclusive.

Thank you everyone for supporting the first day of remote learning. Year level and whole school information was sent out via Compass and teachers will continue to use Webex, See Saw and Google Classroom in their remote learning program. Year levels and teachers will update student work for Monday and Tuesday and hold regular video conferencing via webex. Specialist teacher lessons will also be available. We are all hopeful that this period of remote learning ends next Tuesday. We will make adjustments to the program if it is to continue for longer. 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. Please continue to seek support from your child's classroom teacher.

Some of our forthcoming school events will have to be postponed. However, there are some which are further away which still may occur. Please refer to the current information in the newsletter. We will update our events calendar as the term progresses and restrictions change.

With the latest outbreak we can see the importance of COVID restricting measures for schools and the community. Updated COVID-19 information is provided in the newsletter for quick reference.

As with other remote learning periods, our school will provide on-site supervision for students in the following DET categories:

- Children where both parents and/or carers are [authorised workers](#) who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:

*Where there are two parents/carers, both must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision

*For single parents/ carers, the authorised worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.

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.



Continued Principal Report.....

- Children experiencing vulnerability, including:
 - *children in out-of-home care
 - *children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and is assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
 - *children identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service.

For eligible students the DET attendance application must be completed and submitted to mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au **by 3pm on the Friday** to provide information on the required days for the following week. This will assist our planning for the week ahead. The usual booking arrangements apply to our Outside School Hours Care service.

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.

Welcome - A huge welcome to Zoe T in Prep, Skye M in Year 1 and Oliver T in Year 3 and their families who are joining our school community for 2021.

Semester One Reports and Pupil Free Day - A reminder that Semester One Student Reports will now be distributed via Compass on **Monday 26th July**. The Student Led Conferences will now be on **Tuesday 27th July**. **Bookings will open Monday July 19 at 8.30am and closed Monday 26 July at 2pm. Tuesday 27th July is now the Pupil Free Day with students only attending with parents/carers at their scheduled conference time.**

A program will be provided by Out of School Hours Care on Tuesday 27th July as usual for a Pupil Free Day. More information on booking is included in this newsletter. Please make a booking. We will advise on procedures if restrictions require a different format for the student led conference.

Thank you for all your assistance and patience as we start Term 3. Keep Safe! Stay Warm!

Kind regards

Martin Page

UPDATED COVID-19 INFORMATION

Updated COVID-19 Information for the start of Term 3

Face Masks:

- Primary school students do not have to wear a mask while at school or attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program but may choose to do so.
- School staff and students must abide by face mask requirements when attending public venues.
- School staff (primary and secondary) and secondary school students **aged 12 or older**:
 - *Face masks must be carried at all times and must be worn indoors, by anyone aged 12 years and over unless a lawful exception applies,
 - *Must wear a face mask indoors at school.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.
- **Parents, carers, and visitors must observe indoor face mask requirements. Face masks must be worn outdoors when 1.5m physical distancing cannot be maintained.**
- You do not need to wear a mask in your own home, or if a lawful exception applies.
- Parents are allowed to visit on site however social distancing (1.5 metre distance) between adults remains a **key** control measure and **must** continue to be practiced including when dropping off or picking up students. Visits should be for essential business. Please also avoid congregating at school gates to avoid congestion at entry and exit points.

QR Codes/ Compass Kiosk Check In:

- If you are required to enter buildings on school grounds, for whatever purpose, parents and visitors are required to use the provided QR code check-in at building entrances. The Compass kiosk is also available in the Office foyer.

Health Measures:

- Unwell students should **not** be sent to school or remain at school if symptoms (even mild 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 should follow the latest DHHS and medical practitioner advice as to testing and quarantining.
- The school will continue to practise strict hygiene protocols and enhanced school cleaning procedures are also in place.
- Drinking fountains are available but students may choose to bring their own named water bottle.

Density Limits:

- Density limits do not apply in classrooms and other spaces students use. A limit of 1 person to 4 square metres applies to all other indoor areas. QR code/manual check-in required.
- Students and staff can attend assemblies in person. Other visitors access remotely.

School Activities:

- School playgrounds are open for use during and out of school hours.
- Excursions, incursions and interschool activities are not permitted. When allowed to run they must comply with record keeping obligations and appropriate density limits.
- Indoor and outdoor interschool sport cannot proceed throughout Victoria.
- School Camps are not permitted.

ContinuedUPDATED COVID-19 INFORMATION

Travel advice:

- There are 5 reasons to leave home and restrictions on the distance you can travel.
- Travel restrictions between states and territories and in some remote areas of Australia are currently in place. These restrictions are implemented by individual state and territory governments and are subject to change at very short notice.

Currently, Victoria has listed a number of states and territories as orange and red zones, meaning any Victorians returning from:

- **orange zones** must obtain an orange zone permit to enter Victoria, isolate on arrival, get tested within 72 hours, and stay isolated until they get a negative result
- **red zones** must obtain a red zone permit to enter Victoria, travel directly home upon arrival, get tested at the required time points (within 72 hours of arrival and on or about day 13 post arrival) and quarantine for 14 days.

Student absence due to border restrictions:

- We acknowledge that due to the current situation nationally, some students may be returning from a designated **orange** or **red zone** and be required to undertake home-based quarantine on return. In such instances, these students will be provided with learning materials until they are able to return to school.
- The Department of Health has sent a text message to Victorians who have recently returned from red zones to contact the DET COVID-19 Hotline if they have school aged children at home. **If your family is in this situation, please contact the COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 338 663 or the school as soon as possible to advise if your child or children will be absent due to border restrictions or quarantine requirements.**

In the event of an outbreak:

- In the event of another outbreak, each family should regularly check the list of public exposure sites in Victoria (where a person with COVID-19 has attended), and if anyone in the family has attended a site at the times listed, follow the instructions given.

For more information about schools and coronavirus (COVID-19) please access the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

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

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING

Student Led Conferences on Tuesday July 27 2021 (Pupil Free Day) - How to make an online booking.

Student Led Conferences will be conducted for all students on Tuesday 27 July. Bookings can be made using Compass **from Monday 19 July at 8.30am onwards**. Bookings will close at 2pm on Monday 26 July. If you have not made a booking by that time you will need to contact the teacher directly to arrange a time for your conference. The office Administration staff will not be able to assist you with this matter as they will be unaware of the availability of individual teachers.

It is very important to be on time for your conference as appointments are made back to back.

To make a booking, log on to Compass after 8.30am on Monday 19 July and you will be able to make bookings by clicking the "Student Led Conference" button next to your child's photo on their Compass homepage, or by clicking the Dashboard Alert at the top of their Newsfeed.

If you have any queries about this matter please contact the school on 5974 2800.

NB Please note that due to Mrs Gunn being on leave the students in 3C will have their Student Led Conferences on Thursday August 12. Parents and carers with students in 3C should still login to Compass during the above dates to make a booking for August 12.

The Administration Team

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



JULY

Friday 30th, (August 27th & Friday 10th Sept)

Year 6 Dromana Secondary College Visit
8.45am - 12.00pm, Dromana

Monday 19th

**Student Led Conferences open on
Compass today 8.30am onwards**



Monday 26th

Student Reports published on Compass today

**Student Led Conferences bookings
close on Compass today at 2pm**



Tuesday 27th

Pupil Free Day - Student Led Conferences

Students only attend with parents/carers at their
scheduled conference time.

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.**

EVENTS 2021	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 2 Cartooning	\$13	21/7/2021
Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports	\$6	26/7/2021
Year 3 & 4 Swimming Sports	\$6	27/7/2021
Prep Community Walk	NIL	27/7/2021
Year 6 Queen Vic Market	\$7	3/8/2021
Prep Kingswim	\$65	9/8/2021

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 3 12th July to 17th September

Term 4 4th October to 17th December

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1 28th January to 8th April
Students commence 1st February 2022
(Yrs1-6)
(Prep Interviews 1-3 February
to be confirmed)

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

SEC NEWS - HOT CHOCOLATE DAY POSTPONED!

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SPORT NEWS

SWIMMING SPORTS

In 2 weeks we will hold our Year 3 – 6 School Swimming Sports at Mornington Secondary College. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours to the event and support their team to see who will be crowned the House Swimming Champions for 2021.

On the day of both events, I have some students from Mornington Secondary College assisting with the pool side jobs which I would normally ask parents to assist with. This has been a request from Mornington Secondary College due to the Covid 19 restrictions and regulations.

If we get confirmation closer to the events that parents are permitted on the Secondary School grounds, we will let you know but unfortunately at this stage – NO SPECTATORS.

Dates are: Year 5/6: Thursday 29th July Year 3/4: Friday 30th July

Students have all received an event sheet and will have to return it to their classroom teacher no later than Wednesday 21st July.

Border - Green

Curry - Blue

Flintoff - Red

Gardner – Yellow

MISSING UNIFORMS

Can everyone who has represented our school and still possibly has a sports top or singlet hiding in the washing basket or under the bed - **can you please return them to me or the office ASAP.**

JOGGING CLUB

Jogging Club is running smoothly. The sports leaders are down on the basketball courts on Tues/Wed/Thur to run Jogging Club starting at 9:40. It is so good to see so many students and little brothers/sisters joining in this early morning exercise.



Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies.

*****If the weather is drizzling/raining then it won't go ahead. The cards will get wet and we don't want you to start the day with wet clothing!***

VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

This year Mt Martha PS has been offered the chance to enter the Interschool Mountain Bike Challenge at Dromana Secondary College. This is a great chance for those students keen on mountain bike riding to take part in such an event. The 3.2km course will take riders through a combination of paved pathways between the school buildings, through parkland and around the sports oval.

It is suggested that students in Years 5 and 6 can enter this event but also understand that there is a level of riding ability needed. Dromana Secondary is open to the public on the weekends for those wishing to check it out. There is a 'race' and a 'novice' category for each age group.

The date of the event is Sunday 8th August at Dromana Secondary College. The cost of the event is \$25 - \$30.

Details and entry here: <https://entryboss.cc/calendar/vics>

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.



Dear Parents and Carers,

A key focus of the Be You initiative and the Child Safe Standards framework, is to support students in developing the knowledge and strategies to keep themselves safe in a range of situations. In Term Three of each year, our school teaches the Primary Protective Behaviours Program across all year levels, to ensure that all students understand how to recognise and respond to unsafe situations.

The aim of the Primary Protective Behaviours program is:

- To help protect children and young people because we cannot be with them every minute of the day.
- To give children and adults permission to talk about problems or difficult situations they face.
- To empower children with the right to feel safe and act to keep themselves safe.
- To help students to understand that threats to their safety do not necessarily come from strangers.
- To provide a safe way of talking about acceptable and unacceptable verbal and physical contact.

The program strategies can provide the basis for helping children to be safe at school and address problems such as bullying. It can also help everyone learn to stay safe from the risks that surround us in everyday life.

The program focus is on everyone Feeling safe, Being Safe and Talking about it.

The program is based on two themes:

- **We all have the right to feel safe all of the time.**
- **Nothing is so awful that we can't talk about it with someone.**

In conjunction with the two themes are the three major concepts of the program:

SAFETY – an individual feeling and a basic right for every person

EARLY WARNING SIGNS – specific physical indicators that alert us to possible risks to our safety

NETWORKING – identifying people to talk to and developing communication skills.

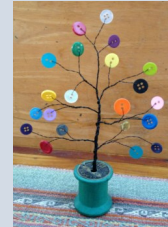
Students will learn to be PERSISTENT and to keep asking for help until they feel safe again.

In the *You Can Do It* program we will also be focusing on Resilience and Social-Emotional skills. Please contact the Principal, Karen Hodgkins or your class teacher if you would like more information about the Protective Behaviours program.

Kind regards, Karen Hodgkins and The Be You Team.

PUPIL FREE DAY OSHCP

MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM



Student Led Conferences - PUPIL FREE DAY



Tuesday 27th July 2021



COST: \$50.00 PER CHILD(LESS CCS%)

CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS

HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH



BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 20th JULY!!!!

RECYCLING NEWS



Thank you for all your hard work recycling bread bags and tags.

This week is the final week of collection and we will be sending off our last box of bread wrappers and tags on Friday afternoon.

So please bring in any last wrappers and tags that you have before the pink Wonder Recycling box disappears at the end of the week!

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Time: 7pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Online

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