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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 16th 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

After School Welcome Picnic - Next **Thursday 23rd February** - Our SEC (Social Events Committee - PTA) with the support of our Year Six SEC Leaders are holding a picnic. The students have been busy organising games for this fun afternoon. They will also have a sausage sizzle and Zooper Doopers for sale. Please bring some snacks and enjoy getting to know others in our community. Further details are in this weeks Banksia Bulletin.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community - Our school collects, uses, discloses, and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or when permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice and Privacy Policy found on our website MMPS Website Policy Page. We ask parents at the beginning of each year to sign an ICT agreement with their child. Last week permission forms were sent in a Compass post to parents of students in Years Prep-Four for the use of Seesaw. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents

School Council Election 2023 - As mentioned in last week's newsletter, there are three parent vacancies from March 2023 - 2025 and the capacity for the co-option of three community members. We also have two vacancies for a school employee from March 2023 - 2025 and two casual vacancies from March 2023 - 2024. Nominations close on Monday 20th February at 4pm and forms are 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. A School Council Fact Sheet is contained in this newsletter again this week.

Whole of School Photos - School photos will be taken on **Thursday 16th March**. Further information is contained in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin on how to order photos. If parents wish to order a 'family photo', which means having siblings combined, they need to be pre-ordered by **4.30pm on Wednesday 15th March**.

Swimming Sports - Our school Swimming Sports are being held today for Years Three and Four and on Friday 17th February for Years Five and Six. The sports are held at Mornington Secondary College. We always see some excellent personal efforts, and high levels of participation, sportsmanship, and encouragement. Mr Sweatman always does a terrific job organising the sports and staff, parents, grandparents, and student leaders provide valuable assistance to ensure a smoothly run and enjoyable event. Good Luck and have a great day!

Meet The Teacher - It was great to see so many parents of students taking the opportunity to share information with the teachers at the Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. Establishing new relationships with class teachers and open lines of communication is important in the learning partnership we enjoy with students, parents, teachers, and other school staff.

Continued

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

Immunisation History Statements - Thank you to those families who have provided a completed Immunisation History Statement. A friendly reminder to please drop a copy into the office if you have not already done so.

Excursions and Activities - It has certainly been a busy start to the year with lots of interesting and engaging learning activities. In the first two weeks we had students from Years Three- Six participate in our Beach Program, Year Three History Walk in Mornington on Tuesday, the Year Four Hip Hop Dance program starting Friday and last week the Years Three-Four students began working with Bruce Grantford on the film festival. Next week our Year One students have their South Beach walk.

Recap

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 was handed to parents to check, amend, and sign at Meet the Teacher meetings. If you were unable to attend the meetings, they will be sent home to be amended, signed, and returned to school. Thank you for your assistance.

Warm	regards
Karen	Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



FEBRUARY

Friday 17th

Year 6 Swimming Sports

Mornington Secondary College Pool 9.00am - 11.45am

Year 5 Swimming Sports

Mornington Secondary College Pool 11.00am - 1.45pm

Year 4 Hip Hop Dance

Mount Martha Primary School 9.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 22nd

Year 3 & 4 Film Festival

9.30am - 12.30pm 9.30-10 3A 10-10.30 3B 10-.30-11 3C 11.30-12 4C 12-12.30 4B 12.30-1 4A



Thursday 23rd

SEC After School Welcome Picnic

Preps from 2.30pm

Years 1-6 from 3.30pm onwards



Friday 24th

Year 1 South Beach Walk

9.15am - 12.30pm

Year 4 Hip Hop Dance

Mount Martha Primary School 9.30am - 1.00pm

Monday 27th February Preps start full time

9.00am - 3.30pm



Tuesday 28th

Year 2 YAWA Swimming Program

2C & 2D: 12.30 - 1.00pm 2A & 2B: 1.00 - 1.30pm (Times indicate session in water)

MARCH

Wednesday 1st

Year 3 & 4 Film Festival

9.30am - 12.00pm 9.30-10 3A 10-10.30 3B 10-.30-11 3C 11.30-12 4C 12-12.30 4B 12.30-1 4A

COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



Parents are reminded to log into the Compass Parent Portal to <u>consent and/or pay</u> 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 1 South Beach Walk	Nil	21/2/2023
Year 2 YAWA Swimming	\$49.80	23/2/2023
Year 1 YAWA Swimming	\$41.80	28/2/2023
Year 2 VR Aboriginal Australia	\$16.00	12/3/2023
Year 6 CYC City Camp	\$340.00	13/3/2023

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

TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March

Year 1 - 6 students commence Wednesday 31st January

Term 2 15th April to 28th June

Term 3 15th July to 20th September

Term 4 7th October to 20th December

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the Public Administration Act 2004.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

COMPASS NEWS - HOW TO ADD AN ATTENDANCE NOTE

Absences

If your child is absent parents are required to notify the school. Our preferred method for notifying the school if your child/ren is absent is via the Compass parent portal. Parents can also send a note when their child returns. The Department of Education requires a reason to be recorded for all absences.

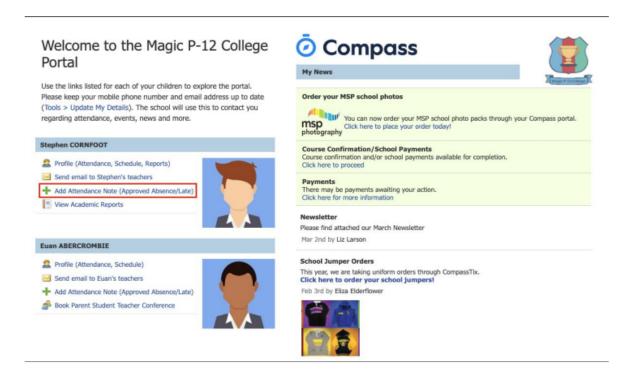
Parents are requested to notify the school of their child's absences prior to 10.15am. If you have not reported the absence to the school by 10.15am an SMS and/or email will be sent to inform you that your child is not at school today. Once a week an Unexplained Attendance Letter is emailed to parents if there are any outstanding Unexplained Absences recorded against their child. Please see below instructions on how to add an attendance note. Thank you for your assistance.

Warm regards

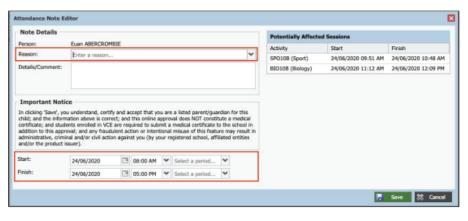
Gina McMartin

How To: Add an Attendance Note for an upcoming Absence

If your child is going to be away, you can add in an Attendance note to advise the school. To do so, click 'Add Attendance Note (Approved Absence/Late)'.



A Note screen will open. Select the applicable reason from the drop down list; add in any additional information if applicable in the Details/Comment box. Select the start and finish date/time of the absence and click 'Save'.



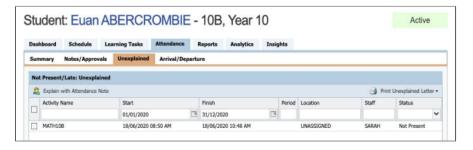
How To: Add an Attendance Note for an Unexplained Absence

If your child has been marked Not Present without an explanation, you will be required to add an Attendance Note.

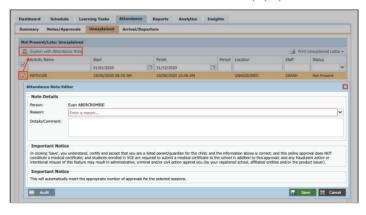
You will see an alert on your homescreen.



Click the alert and it will take you to your child's 'Unexplained' attendance tab where you will see any sessions listed for which they were marked as Not Present or Late.



Select the session (or sessions) that you are adding a note for and then click 'Explain with Attendance Note'. This will cause the Attendance Note screen to pop open.



Select the applicable reason for the absence and add in the relevant details/comment. Click 'Save'. This will assign the attendance note to the sessions you selected and they will update to no longer show as unexplained absences.

AFTER SCHOOL WELCOME PICNIC

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY (Preps from 2:30 other years 3:30pm).

To welcome in 2023 you are invited to an after school picnic.

So bring a snack.....







or buy a sausage (\$3.00) or Zooped Dooper (\$1.00).

And a game......



This is a SEC (Social Events Committee (PTA)) event. The wonderful SEC Year 6 Leaders are looking forward to ensuring it is a fun afternoon for all!! Please come and join in:-)

DIGITECH NEWS



Term 1, 2023

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 1 topics:

- eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you (30 minutes) For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- Setting your child up for success online (30 minutes) For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- Getting the most out of gaming (45 minutes) For parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.
- Navigating online friendships (30 minutes) For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

For more information and to register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars







DIGITECH NEWS





Safer Internet Day 2023

Tuesday 7th February was **Safer Internet Day** and we discussed Internet safety at school. Students were reminded of our school acceptable Internet use agreement, which was signed by families via Compass for this year. The internet agreements have also been posted on class blogs. Classes have all done a lesson about staying safe on the Internet and this will be followed up with more discussion during Specialist Digital Technology sessions this term.

Thanks to our fabulous Year 6 Digitech Leaders for helping to share the following internet safety messages with our school community.



<u>T</u>ell your parents or a trusted adult if you see something online that upsets you.

<u>H</u>ide your password.
Only share it with your parents.

Interesting websites can be fun. Check with a trusted adult if a site is okay to use before visiting.

<u>N</u>ame calling or being mean is not cool and could be cyberbullying. <u>Keep your</u> special personal information safe. Don't share it online.

There are many excellent resources and games for students of all ages and also informative parent information about Cyber safety available on the <u>iParent page of the Office of eSafety Commissioner</u> website. They offer regular free parent webinars. If you are interested in registering for a parent webinar <u>click here</u> to find out more. The school Digital Technologies blog has a <u>parent page</u> with links to parent information and our school internet agreements.

Sarah Forward

Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023

MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL - PHOTO DAY THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023



ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

Choose your own FREE background



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- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 18 different backgrounds to choose from no additional cost

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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
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- Select your State
- 4 Enter your special unique Access Key



Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.





Saver Plus. Start saving now. Make next year easier. A savings coach. Up to \$500 in matched savings. It's free.

*Eligibility criteria apply









Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*



Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*



Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible







Mt Martha Netball Club

Come and Try

NETBALL

AT HAMPDEN ST NETBALL COURTS!
ALL YEAR 2 & 3 STUDENTS WELCOME
OTHER AGE GROUPS PLEASE ENQUIRE



COMMUNITY NOTICES



JOIN THE FUN!

Mt Martha & Surrounds: All Girls Auskick Centre

> Mace Oval, Mt Martha 21st February - 21st March 4:30pm - 5:30pm



For more details, contact chloe.beck@afl.com.au

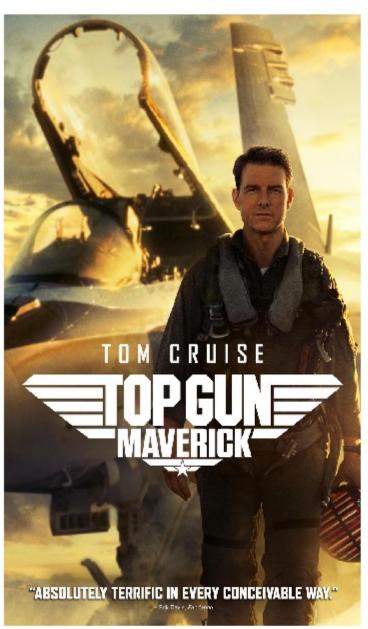
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THE KILBURN CINEMA

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



On Friday February 17th
Danckert Real Estate will be
holding a very special event for
Mt Martha residents and locals
- our fifth annual community
event - The Kilburn Cinema.
We would love for you to join
us.

We have secured the grounds of Mt Martha Community House as a venue for an outdoor cinema screening of 'TOP GUN MAVERICK'. This acclaimed 2022 action drama is the sequel to the 1986 film Top Gun with Tom Cruise reprising his starring role as the naval aviator Maverick.

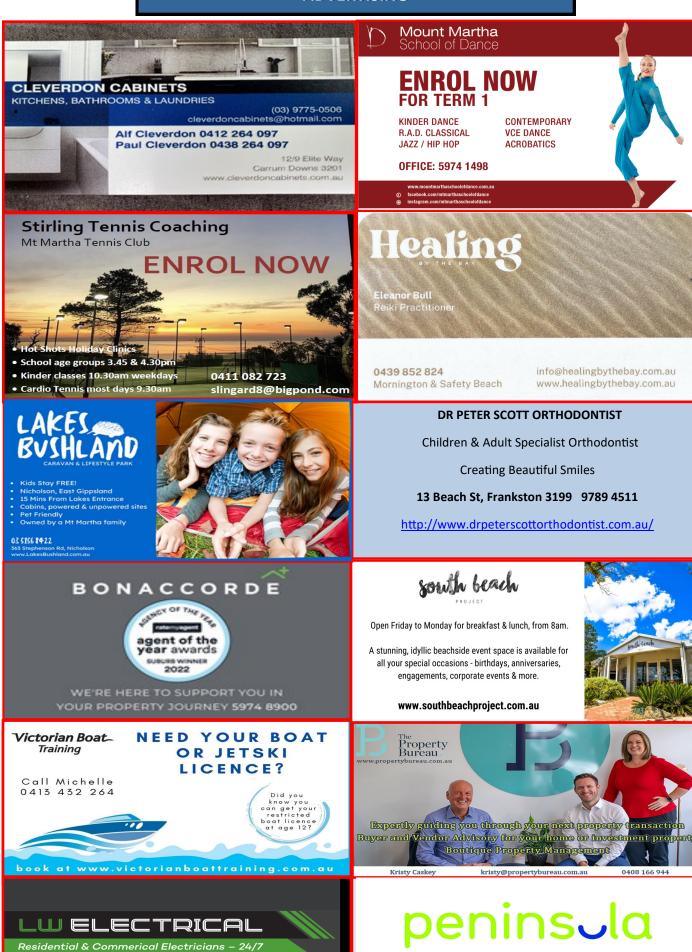
The event is open to the public and we invite families and friends to enjoy this first class family movie under the stars across the road from the Bay. Fine food, snacks and beverages will be available on site to purchase throughout the night (BYO). Plus there will be live music to enjoy before the show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

So bring along a rug, comfy chairs and blankets - and grab yourself a spot on the lawn in front of the cinema screen.

See you there!

For more information please contact Sam Danckert on 0432 444 040. sam@danckert.com.au

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