



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 16th March 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

Ride2School Day - Friday 24th March is National Ride2School Day. There is some important information in the newsletter. On the day, to raise awareness of road safety, the "White Bike Foundation" have organised a ride from Mount Martha House to the school. This will require some road closures from Mount Martha House, along Dominion Road to Glenisla Drive and up Glenisla Drive to the school gate. This will be from 8.30 to 8.45. Participants in the ride will need to be ready to ride at 8.30am at Mount Martha House. It is suggested to arrive at Mount Martha House at 8.15am.

School Council AGM - Last Thursday at the Annual General Meeting we elected the new office bearers for 2023.

- Jeanette Phillips- President
- Andrew Cocks -Vice President
- Sally Hines- Treasurer

The following people are the other School Council members:

- Cade Witnsh
- Jackie Hanley
- Tara Moore
- Liana Cope
- Belinda Hengel
- Clement Murphy
- Karen Walker-Executive Officer DET
- Nicholas Orchard-Secretary DET
- Jenny Spiridis- DET
- Justin Whelan- DET
- Michael Beirne- DET

We would like to thank Kirsty Effiong, Damien Van Raay, Jane Goddard, Jerry Gaiser and Kim Klan for their valuable contribution to School Council on behalf of everyone in our school community.

SEC - Our SEC AGM will be **4th April 7pm** in the staff centre. The SEC runs fantastic school community events that are fun, build connections in our community and raise funds to assist our school. Please come to the next meeting to share your ideas and meet a fabulous group of friendly, dedicated volunteers who are keen to build connections and improve our school for everyone in our community to enjoy. One of the ways that we are hoping to connect with a large number of parents in the community is to have regular coffee and chat mornings in the staff centre after drop off. The first will be next **Tuesday 21st March at 9am** in the Staff Centre. This will provide an opportunity to catch up with members of SEC as well as Nick Orchard and myself. We are hoping that parents can share ideas, meet other parents and build stronger community connection. Hope to see you there.

Sleep Health for Students - While we know sleep is essential for good health, research shows that many children and young people are not getting enough sleep on school nights. This can affect thinking, concentration, memory, reaction times and mood.

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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

Research shows about 12% of primary school-aged children, a quarter of 12- to 15-year-olds and half of 16- to 17-year-olds don't get enough sleep on school nights. The recommended amount of time to sleep for primary school-aged children is 9 to 11 hours. For teenagers, it's 8 to 10 hours.

Signs that your child is not getting enough sleep can include:

- low mood and irritability during social interactions
- reluctance or arguing about getting off devices and going to bed
- falling asleep during the day
- difficulties waking up for school and sleeping in late on weekends to catch up
- changes to communicating or interacting at home.

You can help your child to improve their sleep by:

- establishing a regular sleep pattern and consistent bedtime routine
- supporting them to avoid using electronic devices such as smartphones before going to bed and in bed
- encouraging your child to exercise and spend time outside in daylight, steering clear of vigorous activity in the hour before sleep
- encouraging them to wind down and relax before going to bed.

If your child is still having trouble sleeping, has persistent problems with low mood, excessive daytime sleepiness, restlessness in bed, severe snoring or waking unrefreshed, despite getting adequate length sleep, they should see a doctor.

For more information on sleep health, you can refer to:

- [Sleep tips for children](#) and [Facts about sleep for parents and school staff](#), from the Sleep Health Foundation
- [Why sleep is so important](#), from the Kids Helpline's
- [Sleep explained](#), from the Better Health Channel.

New DET Enrolment Policy - The Department of Education has introduced a new procedures and timeline that schools must use to support Foundation enrolments for the 2024. These guidelines apply to all government schools. The new timeline aims to support schools to plan and manage current and future enrolments and staffing levels. It also seeks to make the enrolment process easier and clearer for families, by standardising key enrolment dates and processes in primary schools. A fact sheet for parents is attached to this newsletter.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

WORLD HARMONY DAY - WEAR SOMETHING ORANGE



Dear Parents,

Harmony Day is next Tuesday 21 March. It is a time to celebrate our diversity and Australians of all backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging. To celebrate, we would encourage everyone to wear something orange. The colour orange signifies determination and meaningful communication. It also represents mutual respect and freedom of thoughts and ideas.

During the day, some classes will be learning more about Harmony Day and discussing the importance of cultural diversity and inclusiveness in our school community and the wider world.

Regards,

Bill Nickeas

Japanese Teacher

Enrolling in primary school for 2024

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers. We want to help make the enrolment process as easy as possible for you.

In Victoria, your child has the right to attend their designated neighbourhood school (your 'local school') under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*.

You can also apply for a place at a school that is not your local school. The school will consider your application in line with the Placement Policy. For more information on the Placement Policy, visit the [Enrolling in school](#) page.



New statewide timeline for Foundation (Prep)

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep. We have released a new Foundation enrolment timeline for all Victorian government primary schools to follow (see page 3). The timeline aims to help you understand when and how to enrol your child into Foundation for the 2024 school year.

When should I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

Your child must be 5 years old by 30 April in the year that they start school.

Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.

To enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school for the 2024 school year, submit an enrolment application to the school by 28 July 2023.

How do I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

Take these steps to enrol your child in their first year of primary school:

1. Find your local school on the Find my School website (see below).
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) (available from 24 April 2023).
4. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation **by Friday 28 July 2023**.
5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application **by Friday 11 August 2023**. If you receive an offer of placement, you should accept the offer **by Friday 25 August 2023**.
6. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions **during Term 4 2023**.
7. Your child will start Foundation **from Tuesday 30 January 2024**.

How do I find my local school?

Find your local school on the Find my School website by following the steps below:

1. Enter findmyschool.vic.gov.au into your browser.
2. Enter your permanent residential address under 'Enter your address to get started'.
3. Select 2024 under 'Enrolment year'. **Note:** 2024 school zones will be available late Term 1, 2023.
4. Select Primary under 'School type'.

The map will then show your address, your local school, and on the left the contact details for the school. If you scroll down, it will also show you the five closest schools to your address.

You can also search by school name under 'Search for school'.

Can my child apply to a government primary school that is not our local school?

Yes, you can apply to schools other than your local school. The school will consider your application in line with the Placement Policy and available space. You can find information on how applications are prioritised on the [Enrolling in school](#) page.

What happens if I receive a letter saying my enrolment application was unsuccessful?

You should apply to enrol your child in another school. Your child is guaranteed a place at their local school. Your child's local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit [Find my School](#) to locate your child's local school. The [Enrolling in school](#) page can also help you to confirm your child's address for enrolment.

You can also appeal the decision. The [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) page has information on the process to appeal an enrolment application outcome.

What happens if I miss the enrolment timeframes?

You can apply to enrol your child into Foundation for the 2024 school year at any time from Term 2, 2023.

While you are asked to submit an enrolment application by Friday 28 July 2023, applications after this date will still be accepted from those families who miss enrolment timelines, move permanent residence or newly arrive to Victoria.

Enrolment applications submitted after 28 July 2023 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the department's Placement Policy.

Where can I find further information on enrolling in primary school?

You can ask your local primary school for further information on the Foundation enrolment process.

At the start of Term 2, 2023 you can also find an information pack on the Foundation enrolment process on the [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) page of the Starting School webpage.

If you require help translating the information pack, please talk to your local primary school for assistance.

Who do I contact for help?

The Transition Coordinator, Enrolment Officer or Principal of the primary school you want to apply to can help you with any questions you may have about the enrolment process.

Useful links

Please find some useful links below that may be helpful for you as your child starts primary school in 2024:

Find my School – findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Information on school zones – vic.gov.au/school-zones

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) – vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

Enrolling in school – vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol

Disability and inclusive education – vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education

Regional office contacts – vic.gov.au/office-locations-department-education-and-training

Timeline for 2023-24

2023 Dates	Activity
Term 2: Monday 24 April 2023 – Friday 23 June 2023	
Terms 1 and 2, 2023	Primary schools conduct tours, information sessions and other activities for families seeking Foundation (Prep) enrolment for their child for 2024.
By the start of Term 2, 2023	School zones for the 2024 school year go live on findmyschool.vic.gov.au Parents/carers should go to findmyschool.vic.gov.au to locate their designated neighbourhood school for 2024. The Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers is available to download from Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) .
From Week 1, Term 2 2023	Primary schools may distribute the Enrolment Information Packs to prospective families and their school community.
From Week 1, Term 2, 2023	Enrolment applications open – parents/carers may submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school from this date.
Term 3: Monday 10 July 2023 – Friday 15 September 2023	
By Friday 28 July 2023	Enrolment applications due – parents/carers submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school by this date.
By Friday 11 August 2023	Primary schools notify parents/carers in writing of Foundation (Prep) enrolment outcomes, as per the 'Priority Order of Placement' under the department's Placement Policy. This may include a letter confirming enrolment, a letter of offer, or an unsuccessful application letter. Parents/carers sent an unsuccessful application letter may start submitting written non-placement appeals to their preferred primary school.
By Friday 25 August 2023	Parents/carers sent a letter of offer indicate acceptance of their child's place by this date.
By Friday 25 August 2023	Closing date for parents/carers to submit a written non-placement appeal with their preferred primary school.
By Friday 15 September 2023	Primary schools notify all parents/carers, in writing, of the outcome of their non-placement appeal by this date.
Term 4: Monday 2 October 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023	
During Term 4, 2023	Primary schools host transition sessions.
By Friday 20 October 2023	Closing date for parents/carers to submit a written non-placement appeal with the relevant Regional Director, where they have been unsuccessful with their appeal to their preferred primary school.
By Friday 17 November 2023	Regions notify all parents/carers in writing of the outcome of Regional Director non-placement appeals by this date. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Friday 20 October 2023.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



MARCH

Friday 17th

Year 4 Hip Hop Dance

9.30am - 12.30pm

MMPS

Year 1 YAWA Swimming Program

YAWA Aquatic Centre, Rosebud

1A & 1C: 12.30 - 1.00pm 1B & 1D: 1.00 - 1.30pm

Naplan Testing - Friday 24th

Years 3 & 5 continues

Tuesday 21st

World Harmony Day

Celebrate our diversity and Australians of all backgrounds. Wear something **orange**.



Year 2 YAWA Swimming Program Rosebud

2C & 2D: 12.30 - 1.00pm 2A & 2B: 1.00 - 1.30pm

SEC Meet and Greet Morning Tea

9.00am - 10.00am

Staff Centre



Wednesday 22nd

Year 3 & 4 Film Festival

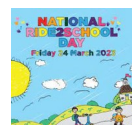
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12-12.30 4B 12.30-1 4A

Friday 24th

Year 4 Hip Hop Dance

9.30am - 12.30pm

MMPS



Ride2School Day

Year 1 YAWA Swimming Program Rosebud

1A & 1C: 12.30 - 1.00pm 1B & 1D: 1.00 - 1.30pm

Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th

Year 6 CYC City Camp

7.15am for 7.30am departure

Arrival back to MMPS 3.30pm



Tuesday 28th

Year 2 YAWA Swimming Program Rosebud

2C & 2D: 12.30 - 1.00pm 2A & 2B: 1.00 - 1.30pm

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.

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp	\$375	26/4/2023

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

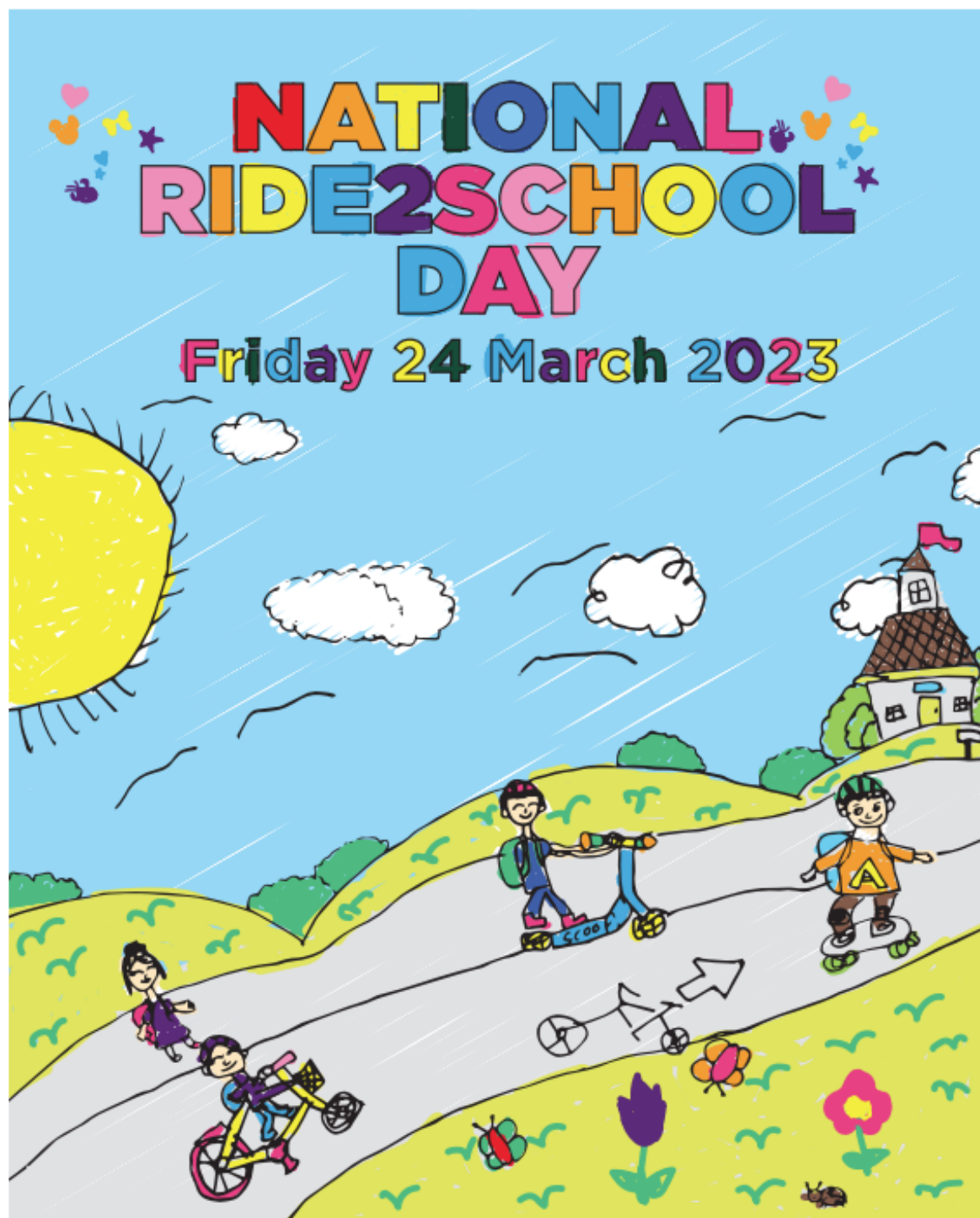
Wednesday 31st January

Term 2 15th April to 28th June

Term 3 15th July to 20th September

Term 4 7th October to 20th December

Ride2School Day – Friday 24 March



ride2school.com.au

SOCIAL EVENTS
COMMITTEE (S.E.C.)
MEET & GREET
MORNING TEA

9:00 AM, TUESDAY
21 MARCH 2023

IN THE STAFF CENTRE

START YOUR DAY OFF WITH
A CUPPA AND A CHAT! LEARN
ABOUT WHAT THE S.E.C. DOES
AND HOW YOU CAN JOIN US.
LOTS OF FUN AND ENGAGING
ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR 2023!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Ride2School Day – Friday 24 March

This year we will again celebrate Ride2School Day with The White Bike Foundation. The White Bike Foundation raises awareness of sharing the road and making sure all road users make it to their destination. The White Bike Foundation crew will join our Ride2School celebrations by leading students to school from Mount Martha House which is our main Park and Stride point. We will be accompanied to school by police and volunteers from 8:30-8:45. We ask all independent riders to stay on the road and young riders who need support with walkers on the footpath. Meeting time is 8:15, formalities at 8:25, rolling at 8:30.

Mount Martha Primary School has actively been encouraging students to walk, scoot, skate or ride for 14 years now and has earned Gold School status for their efforts. A student leadership team has helped to drive this change with student messages about the benefits at every school assembly. The Social and Events Committee (SEC) has also supported the cause through the establishment of the bike shed.

In 2007, less than 20% of our school population actively travelled on a fair-weather day! But with some changes to two major travel routes, including speed humps, a second crossing, two Park and Stride points at Mt Martha House and Walara Drive shops, and an on-road bike lane and a Bike Education program, we have moved to well over 40% on a similar day.

Bike Education has been the biggest change agent and has increased the number of students cycling more often. Students have learnt to ride, gained more confidence or have improved their technical skills all while being at school. Year level teachers have been trained and roll out the program. This year we enter our 13th year of bike education.

National Ride2School Day is always a perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

Park and Stride points allow parents to park within 1km of the school and avoid the backlog of traffic. There is a second one that starts at the Walara Street shops (750m). These points were identified through our work with the council to find safe routes to school. They are marked with Park and Stride signage. So if you live too far to walk or ride all the way, try to park and stride.

See you outside!

Despi O'Connor

Year 1 Classroom Teacher



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Harmony DAY 21 MARCH

Harmony Day
Share Tables



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SATURDAY STORYTIMES



Ages
4-7

ROSEBUD LIBRARY

10AM - 10.30AM

SATURDAY 11TH & 25TH MARCH

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Term 1, 2023

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- **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



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WE NEED YOUR HELP

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The following jobs are yet to be filled:

- **Social Media Manager**
- **Social Function Coordinator**
- **Canteen Manager (Paid Contract)**
- **Head Trainer**

Put your hand up today and email secretary@mtmarthajfc.com.au

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IS YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOOTBALL?

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