



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 17th August 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

**Planning for 2024** - Our planning for 2024 really starts to gain momentum in the next few weeks as we begin to look at our class structures for next year. Please let the Office know if you are leaving Mount Martha Primary School next year so we can work with our best estimates of enrolment at each year level. Thank you.

**Hats On** - As part of the Sun Smart Policy hats are to be worn from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September is the first school day where we will be expecting to see students back in their hats! Advance notice to locate your child's hat and to see that the name on the hat is still legible to enable a speedy return if the hat is misplaced. Thank you.

**Leave Next Week** - I will be on Long Service Leave from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to travel to Vietnam. Like many people, for a trip that was booked for 2020 and then the COVID pandemic changed all our plans. Nick Orchard will be the Officer in Charge in my absence and Jane Doye Year 5 will be out of class to assist. I very much look forward to our Book Week Dress Parade that I will sadly miss. I am also sorry that I will not be able to attend the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a great event on our school calendar. I wish all the fathers, grandfathers and special people in our student's lives a relaxing and happy Father's Day for Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**School Values** - Over the last 18 months we have been working with our students on understanding our school values. One of our very talented Year One students Arlo has drawn pictures to accompany our values. At the end of last term, we acknowledged Arlo for his amazing pictures at a Whole School Assembly. We will be using these as a visual representation of our school values. Well done, Arlo.



**Knowledge** is information and experiences that allow us to understand the world, ourselves and others. Learning is lifelong.

**Respect** is appreciating everyone's differences by understanding how words and actions affect the world, ourselves and others.

**Integrity** is doing the right thing in the right way at all times, even if it is hard or no one is looking.

**Collaboration** is working, growing, learning and playing together, towards a common goal.

*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

**Year Six Market** - The market is coming up on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. For our Year Six students it is an activity that they really look forward to organising. The students (after sessions with the teachers) get together in groups and present their idea for a stall or activity to a panel (shark tank style). With support from the teachers, they ensure they have a mix of activities, food stalls and craft stalls. The school provides each group with seed funding for their stall. This cross-curriculum inquiry unit covers many areas of the Victorian Curriculum: Mathematics, English, Design and Technology, Economics and Business and the capabilities of Critical and Creative Thinking and Personal and Social. The students always do an amazing job running the market for all the students across the school to enjoy. We very much appreciate the support of the Year Six student's parents who behind the scenes are supporting the market. All students will have the opportunity to visit the market to purchase craft or food items and participate in lots of fun activities like "dunk the teacher." All families will receive a notification through a Compass post on how to purchase the vouchers for the day. Further information is contained in the newsletter.

**Mobile Phones in Schools** - Reminder to our school communities of the Department of Education Policy on the use of Mobile Phones. Mount Martha Primary School's Policy is available on the school website [MMPS Website Policy Page](#). At Mount Martha Primary School student's mobile phones are to be turned off and in school bags during school hours. Students may wear a smart watch; however, all applications must be switched off so that it may only be used as a watch. If you need to get a message to your child during school hours, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

**Wellbeing Resources** - After Covid lock downs there is an increase across schools in Victoria of families looking for support and resources to support children's mental health and wellbeing. The school website <https://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/> on the parent tab is a link to wellbeing sources. One that families may like to explore is **The Brave Program** is an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. The programs are free and provide ways for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries.

There are also programs for parents. -<https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>.

### Reminders

**2023 Parent Opinion Survey** - Last week, all families should have received a link and login details for the survey. It is available for families to complete until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September. We are inviting all school families to complete the survey rather than a 30% random sample of parents/caregivers/guardians. Areas of strengths and those that require further improvement will be reported to the school community when all data is received from Department of Education.

**Reminder Book Week** - It only six days until everyone will gather on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August for the Book Week Parade in the School Gym at 9.10am. The theme this year is Read, Grow, Inspire and the featured artist is Australian Illustrator Matt Ottley whose book Luke's Way of Looking was a Children's Book Council Australia Honour Book in 2000. Come dressed as a favourite character. We are asking students to donate a gold coin to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This will assist to help make literacy resources more accessible to Indigenous communities. We welcome members of our school community to come along and enjoy this special day.

**Fathers' Day Breakfast** - On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be celebrating Fathers' Day with our traditional Father's Day Breakfast. More information is to come about ordering your Breakfast Packs. It is a wonderful morning; all families are invited. We need lots of helpers to run the day so any help you can give is appreciated. The SEC will provide more information about signing up to help. More information is contained in the newsletter.

Warm regards

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### AUGUST

##### Friday 18th

Prep YAWA Swimming Program  
(Five Sessions)  
Session 4  
YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

##### Monday 21st

Year 5 & 6 Film Festival

Year 5 & 6 Body Education student Session

Regional Girls Soccer  
10.00am - 2.30pm  
Casey Fields, 369 Casey Fields Blvd, Cranbourne East



##### Tuesday 22nd

Whole School Book and Movie Character  
Dress Up Day  
9.10am Parade in Gym

**Please bring gold coin donation for  
Literacy Resources for Indigenous Com-  
munities.**



Year 5 & 6 Body Education student Session

##### Wednesday 23rd

Year 7 Transition Program  
Dromana Secondary College  
8.45am - 12pm



2024 Story Time Bookings open  
8.30am today in Compass Conferences.  
Bookings are essential and close 2pm September 6th.  
(details to follow)

##### Thursday 24th

Year 4 Willum Warrain and Balnarring Wetlands  
9.00am - 2pm  
Willum Warrain

Year 5 & 6 Body Education student Session

##### Friday 25th

Year 5 & 6 Body Education student Session

Prep YAWA Swimming Program  
(Five Sessions)  
Session 5  
YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

### 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 Willum Warrain	\$29	21/8/2023
Year 3 Dandenong Market	\$15	24/8/2023
District Athletics	\$15	24/8/2023
Prep Craft Power	\$15.50	30/8/2023

#### TERM DATES: 2023

Term 3 10th July (**Student Free Day**)  
11th July to 15th September  
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

#### STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023

Term 3 Monday 10th July  
Term 4 Monday 20th November



#### TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March  
**Year 1 - 6 students commence**  
**Wednesday 31st January**  
9.00am - 3.30pm

##### Prep Interviews

Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February  
or Friday 2nd February

**Preps Start Part Time - Monday 5th February**  
9.30am - 2.15pm

**Preps Start Full Time - Tuesday 12th March**  
9.00am - 3.30pm

Term 2 15th April to 28th June  
Term 3 15th July to 20th September  
Term 4 7th October to 20th December

## SPORTS NEWS

**Congratulations to Billie R on making it into the Victorian 12yrs and under State team. Last week in Albury the team played 6 rounds of football against every Australian state. Victoria reached the finals to play against the ACT and won. What an achievement!**

**Billie is a great example of our values at Mount Martha Primary School. She shows Respect, Integrity, Collaboration and Knowledge both in the classroom and in her sporting activities.**



**Sheridan Cant  
Year 6 Classroom Teacher**

BOOK WEEK - TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST

**Dress Like a Book Character Day!**



**Get ready for some fun—dress up as your favourite book or movie character!**

**Tuesday 22nd August 2023**

**9.10 Parade in the Gym**

**Families welcome!**

**Part of our Book Week Celebrations.**



**Gold Coin Donation—helping to make literacy resources more accessible to remote Indigenous communities.**



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FOUNDATION**





# Fathers Day Breakfast

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2023

From 6:45 am - 8:45 am

**Entertainment by Harry the Guitar Tutor  
& our talented students!**

**Delicious egg & bacon rolls– \$5 each**

**'Muddle and Grind' Coffee van on site with  
coffee, tea and hot chocolate available  
for purchase!**

**Orders now open on Compass!**

*Volunteers needed!*

*Sign up here if you can help with this fun event*  
<https://signup.zone/oi7jEEzNbtCnHfYXh>



WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE TEAM  
TO HELP ORGANISE AN EXCITING  
NEW EVENT?



WE'RE HOPING TO HAVE A

# HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



MONSTROUS MUSIC - SPOOKY GAMES - SCARY  
COSTUMES - FUN FOOD - CREEPY COMPETITIONS  
LOTS OF FRIGHTENING FUN!

PROPOSED DATE: FRIDAY 27 OCT

**BUT WE CAN ONLY HAVE THIS  
FREAKY FESTIVAL WITH YOUR HELP!!**

If you would like to get on board, please email  
your name and phone number to the school at:  
[mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  
and we'll let you know what needs to be done,  
to ensure the fun!



## The Year 6 Market - 2023

The Year 6 Students are currently undertaking an exciting Cross Curriculum based Project, 'The Year 6 Market 2023'.

The project covers many curriculum areas including:

- Economics and Business
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Design and Technology
- English
- Mathematics.

This year's market will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September during school hours. It will be a wonderful mix of activity, craft and food stalls. The Year 6 students are very much looking forward to showcasing some new games, food and craft that will ensure all students have an awesome time.



The students from "Beachy Bracelets" working on their marketing. Can't wait to get one in my footy team colours!



## YEAR SIX MARKET NEWS

### **CASH FREE**

This year the students will once again be using a 'token system' for payments on the day. This not only allows for safe payment, it also provides the school community with many rich learning tasks around money, budgeting and equity.

### **Here is how it works:**

Students will be able to purchase a '\$15 Market Pack' via Compass. The Pack will be for a Sausage in Bread (or equivalent if diet doesn't permit), a juice and 20 tokens with a value of 50 cents per token. Students will be given these tokens and will use these at the various stalls. Simple!!



All activities, additional snacks and most craft will be either one, two or three tokens.

You will be able to purchase these Market Packs via 'Compass' shortly.



## YEAR SIX MARKET NEWS

### MARKET PROFIT

All profits from the market are split between 'The Royal Children's Hospital', leaving a legacy item (such as a piece of art) for the school that will allow the 2023 Students to be remembered, and helping the Year 6 students fund their graduation celebration.

Thank you for your support of the Year 6 Students as they complete this learning.

**Look forward to seeing you all there!**

### The Year 6 Students



Students from prior years enjoying some market activities.

### Handy Market Hints:

- Bring along a reusable bag to carry any products or prizes and a pouch/wallet for their tokens.
- Encourage your child to do some extra jobs around the house to earn the \$15 to buy their Market Pack on Compass.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What sort of prizes can be won?

A: Occasionally the prize is simply participating! For example, one stall allows you to "Dunk a Teacher"! What more could you ask for? Many other stalls have prizes ranging from things such as tattoos, basketballs and some great surprises!

Q: Can I purchase additional tokens.

A: No. Each year level will have the opportunity to visit the market for about one hour. The allocated number of tokens per Market Pack should be enough for them to enjoy throughout this time. Talk to your child about using two or three tokens to purchase a treat, three or four for a small item of craft and then to use the remaining tokens on their favourite five activities! LOOK OUT THOUGH!! SOME TEACHERS AND YEAR 6 STUDENTS MAY BE HANDING OUT ADDITIONAL TOKENS TO THOSE SHOWCASING THE SCHOOL VALUES ☺

Q: Please, can I purchase additional tokens?

A: No. See previous answer☺

Pitching in to help each other. Great collaboration!

# BACK 28's PARTY



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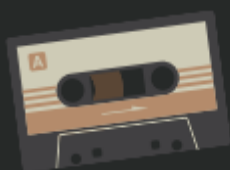
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