



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 17 December 2020

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 2020 school year draws to a close 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 an unusual year! 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 in Terms 1 and 4 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 and mean we can enjoy a more normal holiday season.

Staffing for 2021 - We have a number of staff changes for 2021. We will be welcoming the following new teachers to Mount Martha Primary School for 2021 - Alice Matthews, Alyssah Armstrong and Ashleigh Voutier. Kelly Cartwright, Despi O'Connor and Alicia Latify will be on leave for 2021. We will farewell Donna Gadsby and Jill Bull who are retiring this year and Jo Rossiter who is moving interstate. We thank them for their contribution to the students, staff, parents and Mount Martha Primary School community and wish them well for the future.

Year 6 Graduation - On Tuesday our Year 6's celebrated their graduation in style (but somewhat differently this year) followed by an excursion to Gumbaya 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 School for 2020 - School finishes **tomorrow Friday 18th December at 1.30pm**. 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.

Start of School 2021 - A reminder that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2021 on **Friday 29th January**. 2021 Prep students will have interviews commencing Friday 29th January and the next Monday and Tuesday and start classes on **Wednesday 3rd February from 9am to 2.15pm**.

Beach Program 2021 - Advance notice. The Beach Program commences early in Term 1 next year. A newsfeed will be sent via Compass shortly with some of the events and due dates that will occur in early in the school year. Pay/consent dates are also listed in this newsletter. Please refer to the newsfeed for more details as to events that your children will be participating in.

Principal Report continued

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 practice their Bike Ed skills.

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 2021!

Kind regards

Martin Page

END OF TERM TREAT

End of Term Treat - As the children get ready for the summer break, RT Edgar led by Vicki Sayers and her Mt Martha team of Amber Sealy and Jonathon Moloney 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 Vicki, Amber and Jonathon the kids loved it.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

Coming Events



DECEMBER

Thursday 17th

Whole School Assembly 2.30pm via Webex



Friday 18th Last Day of Term 4

Early dismissal 1.30pm.

2021

JANUARY

Friday 29th

Term 1 Students in Years 1 - 6 commence today

(2021 Prep Interviews Friday 29th January, Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February)

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 3rd

Preps start 9.00am - 2.15pm



MARCH

Monday 1st

Preps start full days 9.00am - 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.

EVENTS 2021	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 6 Beach Program	\$42	28/1/2021
Year 5 Beach Program	\$42	31/1/2021
Yr 4A & 4B Beach Program	\$28	2/2/2021
Yr 4C & 4D Beach Program	\$28	3/2/2021
Year 3 Beach Program	\$28	4/2/2021
Years 3&4 Film Festival	\$35	10/2/2021
Year 2 Ciao Italy	\$9	11/2/2021
Year 4 Hip Hop Dance	\$29	16/2/2021
Year 1 South Beach Walk	\$NIL	16/2/2021

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1 27th January to 1st April

**Students in Years 1 - 6 start
Friday 29th January**

*(2021 Prep Interviews Friday 29th
January, Monday 1st and Tuesday
2nd February)*

**Preps start Wednesday 3rd February
9.00am - 2.15pm**

**Preps start full days Monday 1st March
9.00am - 3.30pm**



2020 YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS

The following students received awards at the 2020 Graduation Ceremony:

AWARD	STUDENTS
David Pitts Citizenship Award	Hudson Grace
Literacy	Matisse Charlie T
Numeracy	Ayana Bayley
Inquiry	Isaac Lana
ICT	Emily Romily
AEU	Luca Alex
Visual Arts	Lachie Hannah
Physical Education	Hudson Tilly
Performing Arts	Grace Jasper
LOTE	Jack P Max T
BE YOU	Chloe Thomas Kobe
Dromana Secondary College	Grace
Padua College	Chloe
GRIT Award	Harry Holly



2021 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 1 - 6:	Commence 9.00am Friday 29th January 2021
PREP INTERVIEWS:	Friday 29th January, Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February Parents please attend with your child
PREPS START SCHOOL:	Wednesday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm
PREPS START FULL DAYS:	Monday 1st March 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 Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
BANKSIA BULLETIN:	The first publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 4th February 2021

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply in 2020.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





ParentBrief



When parents don't have a compass, kids are at risk of getting lost

As parents, we need a compass. When we have a compass, we're able to guide our kids in appropriate behaviour, ethics and standards, and give them markers for respect of authority. Our parenting compass gives directions on how to make friends, be independent, take responsibility and work as a team, as well as mark milestones in our child's emotional development and maturity. When we adopt a parenting style that is not short on structure, lacking rules or boundaries, or one too haphazard or too laid back, we help our kids steer a path to true north. When we give in to our kids with permissive parenting, we're not equipping them with the directions they need, and our kids run the risk of getting lost...

Why permissive parenting?

It's understandable for parents who were raised by strict, overly controlling, authoritarian parents, to want to be more relaxed about parenting their own children. Some may decide on a less structured, more casual approach to parenting, where discipline and the laying down of rules and imposition of consequences are not high on their list of priorities. Others may decide that it's more important to be a friend to their child rather than a parent, so that their authority doesn't negatively impact the relationship. The upside of a permissive parenting style is that kids often feel free to do just as they please. The down-side is that the world they live in is structured around commitment, responsibility, and respect for authority.

What's so important about structure?

Without structure and firmness, some kids develop a frustration phobia. They do not have the Habits of the Mind that are required to do work they don't feel like doing. In addition, giving too much freedom and power for making decisions to young children, may contribute to rebelliousness later on. As these children become adolescents, they may continue to exercise the right given to them by their parents to decide what they do with their time and money and whether they do their work or not. As parents, once we've given up our power and authority, it can be impossible to get it back when we notice our kids abusing theirs.

The link to underachievement

Of all the parenting styles, permissiveness is the one that research clearly finds associated with educational underachievement. Children are born with no ability to put up with frustration and no self-discipline. It must be nurtured and encouraged. Patience and delaying gratification has yet to be learned. Kids need progressively greater amounts of frustration tolerance in order to achieve, and fortunately, for many kids, maturity helps. With increased cognitive capacities, many children begin to be able to tolerate not getting what they want and having to do what they don't want to do. However, on their own, some children are not able to acquire the self-discipline necessary to fulfil all of their parents' and teachers' expectations for work. When permissive parenting allows kids to free-range and do as they please, strategies and motivation to persevere with academic learning can be thin on the ground.

Firmness works

- Firmness in structure and follow-through is an important aspect of parenting
- Provide explanations or reasons for rules
- Ensure consistency with parenting when rules are broken
- Teach kids that sacrifices in the short term = pleasant results in the long term
- While kids are young we set the rules, as they get older we become more democratic
- Encourage age-appropriate independence, but oversee with discernment
- Communicate expectations
- Don't hold back on appropriate consequences when boundaries are intentionally crossed

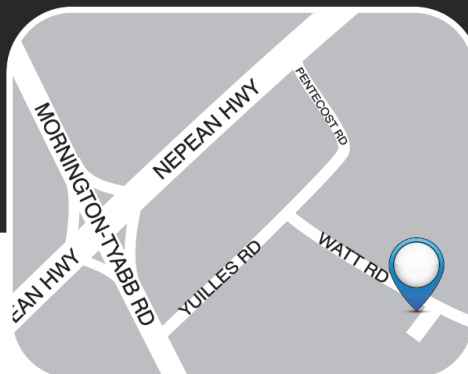
As parents, we know that navigating a life journey isn't easy. Without a compass for parenting, we only make it harder for our kids, but if we can navigate truth north, our kids will be on the right path from day one.



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Summer 2020-21 School Holiday Dates:

Week 1: Wednesday, Jan 6th – Friday, Jan 8th from 9am-2pm

Week 2: Monday, Jan 11th – Friday, Jan 15th from 9am-2pm

Week 3: Wednesday, Jan 20th and Thursday, Jan 21st from 9am-2pm



Cost: \$90.00 per day, or \$250 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Small groups of 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

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Moonlit Sanctuary KEEPER CLUB

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If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

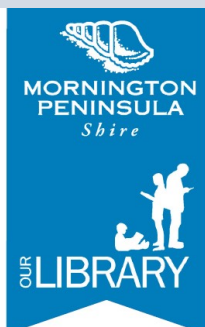
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DECEMBER ISSUE

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*Somerville library closed weekdays from 12pm-1pm

DECEMBER EVENTS

Online Event: Frosty McSparkle Snowman Fun
Wednesday, December 16, 4pm

Online Christmas LEGO Challenge
Running from December 1-24

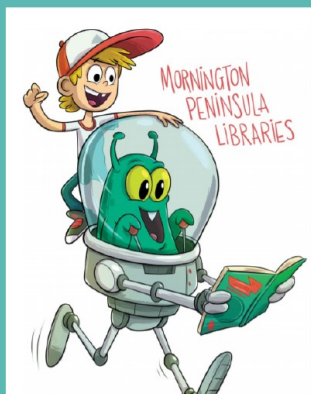
Virtual Santa
Wednesday, December 16
Thursday, December 17

For all event information please visit:

www.ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Whats-On/Events

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VIRTUAL SANTA

It's 2020 and Library Santa has made it online!



We're really excited to invite you to meet our Library Santa this Christmas. Santa will read a short story and talk about what is happening in the North Pole and what the elves have been up to. Book yourself in, then each person will be contacted and allocated a 10 minute slot for their child to talk to Santa via Zoom online. Free but bookings essential.

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