



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 17 September 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

End of Term

Term Three finishes tomorrow with a dismissal time of **2.30pm for students involved in the remote learning program onsite**. Please note the early pick up time.

Congratulations to all our students for their work in the remote learning program! Once again a huge thank you families and staff for all your assistance, involvement and support this term! The extended period of restrictions has certainly been a challenge for everyone as we have all had to respond to significant restrictions to many aspects of our life and school being only one of many!

A link was sent out to a virtual End of Term Assembly at 3pm today. Hope you can log in.

Please enjoy a very restful holiday!

Remote Learning/Return to School

Everyone has been watching the daily infection rates and most recently the 14 day average. With numbers declining we appear to be progressing to having some restrictions eased.

Following the advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, DET will continue to provide schools with health, administrative and program strategies for implementation. We will continue to keep families informed of any changes and strategies for when students return to school as soon as we are able.

Term 4 commences on **Monday 5th October**. This is still a period of remote learning for all students with teachers posting program information and video conferencing sessions as they have done in Term 3.

The current state government/DET criteria and restrictions for students attending onsite **still** apply until otherwise advised.

From **Monday 12th October** students in Prep, Year One and Year Two return to school. They will not be in remote learning. We will advise of protocols for their return during the first week of Term 4. Our protocols are based on recommendations from Victoria's Chief Medical Officer and DET with a view to limiting transference of COVID-19 will apply to all members of our school community.

Continued....

Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds

Principal's Report continued...

Students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will **continue** in the remote learning program from the start of **Term 4, Monday 5th October** with a further decision on the timing of their return based on public health advice. Once again we all hope this happens not too much longer after the Prep to Year 2 return!

Proposed Eco Park Re Development. The Mornington Peninsula Shire has plans for a redevelopment of the Eco Park opposite the school. School Council are keen to hear our communities' views. A link to a survey was posted yesterday. It is included again for convenience. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZCK3TD>

2021 Student Supply Orders & 2021 Year 6 Rugby Tops

Your child's 2021 Student Supply Order and the 2021 Year 6 Rugby Top Order were published on Compass on **Monday 7th September**. Please ensure you complete the process by **Friday 9th October**. Commitment to a **payment plan** or **pay in full** options are available at checkout.

COVID-19 Information. Some recommended sites for accurate sources of information for reference.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

<https://www.australia.gov.au/>

<https://www.health.gov.au> [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) and

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au>

Links to Restrictions and Roadmaps.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-roadmaps>

<https://www.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-09/Victoria-roadmap-for-reopening-how-we-live-Melbourne-Metro.pdf>

Thank you all again so much for all your support this term! Please enjoy a well deserved break!

Kind regards

Martin Page



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we transition back to onsite learning, supporting student mental health and wellbeing is our major priority for Term Four. We understand that all students will need time and assistance to readjust to being back at school, and we will monitor their progress closely to ensure they are feeling safe and supported.

Our Social and Emotional Learning program - **You Can Do It** – will continue to provide students with the opportunities to build their coping skills and resilience, as well as teaching mindfulness, gratitude, having a calm brain and a positive growth mindset.

The **Protective Behaviours Program** will support students in developing the awareness, knowledge and strategies to help keep themselves safe in a range of situations

The following link was forwarded from **Be You** to assist parents with supporting students in the transition back to school.

[Back to school anxiety during COVID](#)

The Beyond Blue Healthy Families website also provides a great range of resources for supporting children through challenging times such as these.

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/>

This National Geographic article contains some practical ideas for providing the right sensory input to help children stay focused, settle more easily into learning tasks and to avoid sensory overload.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/2020/09/tricks-to-calm-kid-fidgeters-wigglers-fingernail-biters-coronavirus/>

Please take the time to explore the information through these links, in preparation for our return to school.

We are all looking forward to being back in the classroom with our students and hope all goes to plan for our return. Thank you for your incredible support during the remote learning period, and whilst your children may not always appreciate your help, we certainly do!

Kind regards,

Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.



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 normally teaches the Primary Protective Behaviours Program across all year levels, to ensure that all students understand how to recognise and respond to unsafe situations. Due to Stage 4 lockdown and the return to remote learning during this term, the program will now be delivered in Term Four at school.

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.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

Coming Events



SEPTEMBER

Thursday 17th

Whole School 'Live Virtual' Assembly at 3pm.

2021 Prep Information Session 7.30pm-8.30pm (Video Conference)

Friday 18th

Last day Term 3 Early dismissal 2.30pm for students onsite.

OCTOBER

Monday 5th

Term 4 Commences

Prep to Year 2 students remote learning continues this week only.

Years 3 to 6 Students to continue with remote learning.

Friday 9th

2021 Student Supplies—last day for orders to be completed.

Monday 12th

Prep to Year 2 Students return to onsite learning.

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 2020	COST	CLOSING DATE
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TERM DATES: 2020

Term 3 20th July to 18th September

Term 4 5th October to 18th December

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1 28th January to 1st April

Term 2 19th April to 25th June



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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Spring School Holidays - Flash! Bang! Online Science
Wednesday 30 September, 10:30am

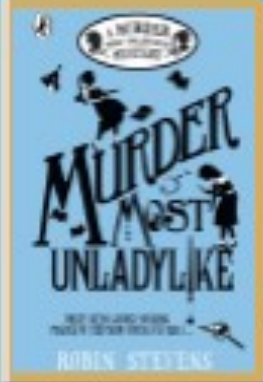
Spring School Holidays - Online Wildlife encounters with Dan
Thursday 1 October, 3pm

For all event information please visit:

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

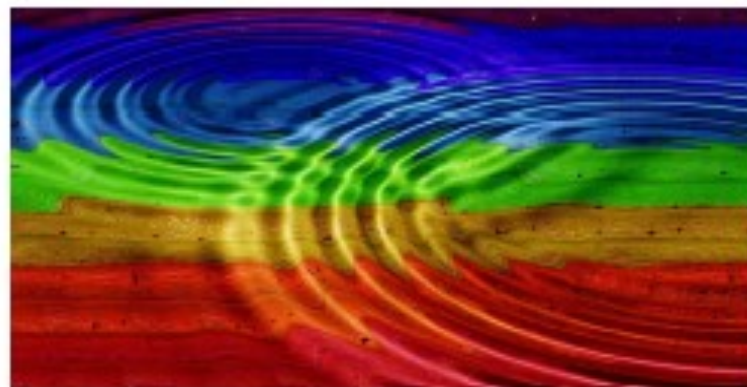
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