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BANKSIA BULLETIN - 18 February 2021

Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers

The Victorian Government announced an end to the circuit breaker actions that came into effect last week. This meant that we were delighted to be able to welcome our students back to on-site learning at school today. We still have some restrictions in place but have reverted to the advice that was in place prior to the lockdown. As well as onsite learning, our program of excursions, camps and extra curricula activities can now resume.

It is important that we all follow the advice listed in the "Update COVID information" section of this newsletter to limit infection possibilities keeping the community safe and reducing the chances of further lockdowns.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or contact the school if you have any concerns. Thank you for supporting your children and our school staff this week.

Meet The Teacher - Bookings have opened on Compass for the two "Meet The Teacher" sessions. The first is on Tuesday 23rd February for Years Four, Five and Six and Wednesday 24th February for Years Prep, One, Two and Three. More information about the booking process is included in the newsletter. COVID-19 restrictions will be implemented at "Meet The Teacher" including social distancing and mask wearing. To assist in social distancing requirements booking times and meeting duration will need to be followed closely. Thanks for your cooperation.

First Assembly - Our first whole school assembly is scheduled for **Thursday 25th February** starting at 9.10am. Under COVID-19 restrictions, the assembly is classified by DET as an event where if any visitors eg parents, grandparents, community members attend then the COVID restriction 1 person: 2 square metres density limits apply and we would then exceed our meeting venue capacity. Unfortunately therefore this assembly will be onsite for students and staff only. We have organised for this event to be livestreamed to parents. More information will be coming on how to access the livestream via a Compass Newsfeed.

School Council Election 2021 - As mentioned earlier this week nominations for 1 parent member vacancy for School Council close at 4pm today. Nomination forms are available from the Office. An election will be conducted should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies. Please contact me at the school if you are interested or have any questions.

Whole of School Photos - Some advance notice that school photos will be taken on **Thursday 4**th **March**. Important ordering information is included in this newsletter.

PRINCIPAL REPORT continued ...

Student Enrolment Information Form - Parents/Guardians will receive an envelope containing enrolment information at their Meet The Teacher interview. We ask parents to review this information early in the year to ensure we have up to date information. This may then be updated as necessary as the year progresses. Please check the document, make any necessary changes, sign it and then return it the box provided at the classroom on the day of your Meet The Teacher interview. It is important that we keep our information up to date. Thank you.

Parking - In the interests of traffic flow and, most importantly, the safety of members of our school community, parents are reminded to follow the parking restrictions and signs eg "No Right Turn" into the Eco Park, applying to streets near the school. Parking Officers regularly patrol schools at the start of the school day, at pick up or when events are held. Please note also that the staff car parks in Melrose Drive and Glenisla Drive are not drop off and pick up points for children. This is a potentially dangerous practise as staff members are trying to enter the car park between 8am and 8.45am. Altering a drop off or pick up time by a few minutes to a slightly less busy time or parking further away and sharing some "park and stride" time with your child may be options to explore. Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards

Martin Page

UPDATED COVID INFORMATION

A reminder to all parents of updated COVID-19 measures:

Updated COVID Information -

A reminder to all parents of updated COVID-19 measures:

- Face masks **must** be carried and worn by individuals 12 years old or older (except our students on site) when indoors and also outdoors where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Parents are now allowed back on site however social distancing (1.5 metre distance) between adults remains a key
 control measure and <u>must</u> continue to be practiced including when dropping off or picking up students.
- Unwell students should <u>not</u> be sent to school or remain at school if symptoms (even mild symptoms) appear during the
 day or they become unwell. Parents will be contacted to collect unwell students who will be supervised while isolated
 from other students. Parents should follow the latest DHHS and medical practitioner advice as to testing and
 quarantining.
- The school will continue to practise strict hygiene protocols and enhanced school cleaning procedures are also in place.
- Drinking fountains are available but students may choose to bring their own named water bottle.
- If visitors/parents/carers intend to spend longer than 15 minutes on site then they are required to sign in at the Office.
- Density limits do not apply in classrooms and other spaces students use. A density limit of 1 person to 2 square metres
 does apply to any spaces and activities being attended by staff, parents/carers and other visitors and then applies to all
 persons in the space including students, staff and visitors.
- Each family should regularly check the list of public exposure sites in Victoria (where a person with COVID-19 has attended), and if anyone in the family has attended a site at the times listed, follow the instructions given.

For more information about schools and coronavirus (COVID-19) please access the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events

FEBRUARY

Don't FORGET!

Friday 19th

Year 1 South Beach Walk 9.15am - 12.45pm Mt Martha South Beach

Year 4 Hip Hop 9.30am - 1.00pm Mt Martha Primary

Tuesday 23rd

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Years 4 - 6 3.50pm - 8.20pm *Bookings essential on Compass*

Wednesday 24th

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Preps 2.50pm - 6.40pm Years 1 - 3 3.50pm - 8.20pm Bookings essential on Compass Year 2 Ciao Italy incursion 9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 25th

Whole School Assembly Students only!

9.15am in the Gym

Friday 26th

Year 4 Hip Hop 9.30am - 1.00pm Mt Martha Primary

MARCH

Tuesday March 2nd

School District Swimming Team

Selected students only

9.00am - 1.30pm

Crib Point Swimming Pool

Years 1 & 2 Kingswim Program

11.30am: 1B & 1D 12.00pm: 1A & 1C

Thursday 4th

Whole School Photos

NO CASH PAYMENTS all orders online

COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR On Poor to proper to the consent of the

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.

EVENTS 2021	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 1 & 2 Kingswim	\$60	24/2/2021
District Swim Trials	\$17	25/2/2021
Year 6 CYC City Camp	\$335	15/3/2021

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1 29th January to 1st April

Students in Years 1 - 6 Start

29th January 2021

(2021 Prep Interviews 29th

January, Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd

February)

Preps starts Wednesday 3rd February

9.00am - 2.15pm

Preps start full days Monday 1st March

Term 2 19th April to 25th June

Term 3 12th July to 17th September

Term 4 4th October to 17th December

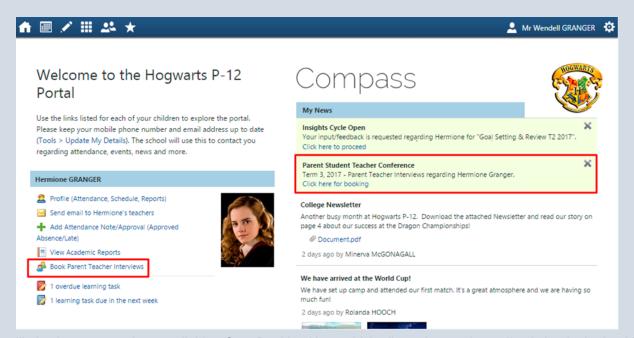
MEET THE TEACHER - USING COMPASS TO MAKE BOOKINGS/S

This year our Meet the Teacher sessions will be held in Week 4 of the school year on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 February. Prep to Year 3 sessions will be on the Wednesday and the Year 4 to Year 6 sessions on the Tuesday. "Meet the Teacher" is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and to provide information that will assist the teacher to meet the social, emotional and learning needs of your child.

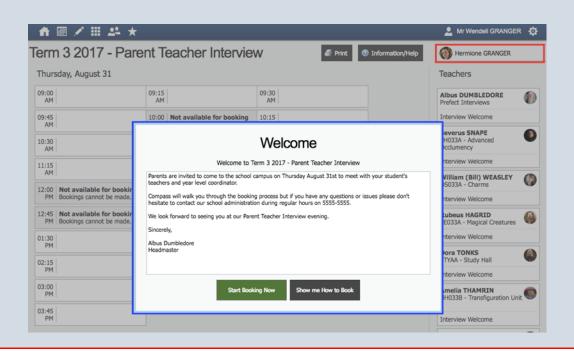
Bookings opened on Monday 15 February at 8am and will close on Monday 22 February at 2pm.

How to make a booking.

Parents can make bookings by clicking the 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews' button available next to their student's photo on their Compass homepage, or by clicking the Dashboard Alert at the top of their Newsfeed.



They will also have two options available - Start Booking Now, which allows them to immediately begin the booking process, or Show Me How To Book, which includes a walkthrough explaining how to book using Compass. This section is highlighted in blue in the image below. If parents have multiple students at the school they can toggle between the staff members their students are associated with using the dropdown menu available at the top right of the screen, which is highlighted in red in the image below.





WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 4TH MARCH 2021

ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year. We are now also offering green screen online.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- · No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- · Easy order tracking and record keeping
- . 15 different backgrounds to choose from.







Mt. Martha Primary School - 2021

Contact: info@leadingimage.com.au or call 1800 750 586

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



To order your school photos you need to log onto https://www.leadingimage.com.au
Click on Order your school photos.
and enter the access key below.

Preferred Browser is Google Chrome

Access Key: U9HSJA85

Packages are available to order with this access key.

Family photographs must be ordered by 4:30pm the night before photo day.

IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BEFORE THIS TIME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN.



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 4TH MARCH 2021

SPORT NEWS

REBEL COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

Our school has been selected to participate in the Rebel Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sports Mornington as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join <u>Team Rebel</u>, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sport Mornington. You'll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend. Thanks for your support.

BEACH PROGRAM

What an amazing start to the year for all the Year 3 - 6 students who participated in the Water Safety program at Mt Martha Beach. Students had a positive attitude during the Beach Program and of course the weather was absolutely magnificent too! (Majority of the time)

The Beach Program cannot be conducted successfully without the support of **parents** who assisted with the walk down from school, running beach activities, taking small groups for a beach walk and of course supervising the walk back to school.

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA TEAM ONLINE REGISTERATION PROCESS

12 Years and Under

Registration to trial for AFL, Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Cricket, Rugby and Basketball for Victorian State Team Trials are now open. The SSV website www.ssv.vic.edu.au provides important information and a video on the process as well as application forms and must be visited.

Key points include:

- Parents must consult with their Sport Teacher/Coordinator at the school to ensure their child has a high skill level to attend a trial.
- These trials are to make a VICTORIAN STATE TEAM, it is not a 'come and try day'
- It is imperative that your child's teachers will decide on your child's capability of representing their school at a state level **before** registering online.
- This discussion with the school Sport Teacher is necessary as all students **MUST** get the Sport Teacher/Coordinator and the Principal signature on their registration form prior to attending a trial.
- The Eventbrite ticket, application form signed by the Principal and Sport Teacher/Coordinator and proof of payment must be handed to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day of the trial.

Applicants will be notified of arrangements for the Peninsula Division trial once registrations have closed.

https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher

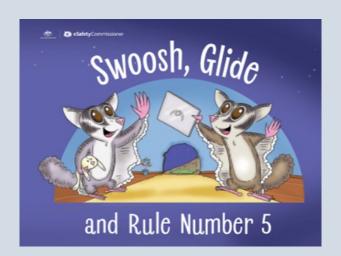
SAFER INTERNET DAY 2021





Tuesday 9th 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 along with some videos to promote class and family discussion for International Safer Internet day. 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.

A song and storybook read by Jimmy Giggle was released by the Office of eSafety Commissioner on Safer Internet Day for younger students. Click here view the resources.





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.

Here are some samples of Internet Safety work completed by students at our school. Click to view more of the <u>Year 5 Internet Safety pledges</u> and <u>Year 6 Internet Safety Pledges</u>.

Sarah Forward

Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher

DIGITECH NEWS

Campbell

I promise never to share my password with friends. I will tell my parents and teacher if it is for school.



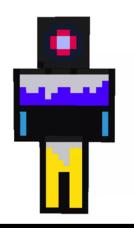
Jess

I pledge to never sign into stuff that I'm not supposed to and I will never give away any personal information online.



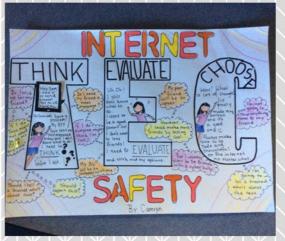
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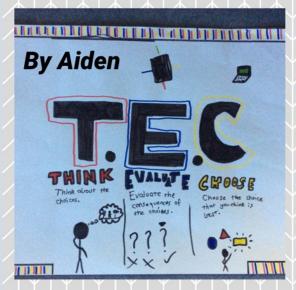
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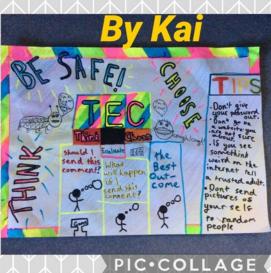


Year 6 Safer Internet Day Posters











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

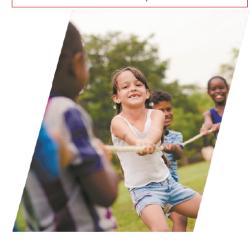
New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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.





COMMUNITY NOTICES

mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Registrations with Mount Martha Soccer Club are now open.

To register, go onto the Football Victoria webpage and follow their instructions. $\underline{\text{https://www.footballvictoria.com.au/reso.../players/register}}$

You can find the club from the list by entering "Mount Martha" or the postcode - "3934".

Make sure you select Mount Martha Soccer Club (as opposed to Mornington SC), both options will pop up as our home pitch, Civic Oval, is in Mornington.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MOUNT MARTHA

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Mt Martha Netball Club invites new and returning players to register for the upcoming season

Registration is open for Years / Grade 2 and up



PLACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR MOST YEAR LEVELS LIMITED PLACES - SO GET IN FAST

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