



# Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 18th May 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

**Assembly** - Our whole school assembly in the school gym is **today** at 2.15pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**Cheese Toastie Day** - Our fabulous SEC team are planning a Cheese Toastie Day and PJ Day for the first day of winter. Orders close on 25<sup>th</sup> May. We are unable to take any orders after this date as the company that runs this event requires order numbers. More information in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin.

**Working Bee** - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 9am to 12pm is our Term 2 Working Bee at the school. Jobs are gardening and tidying, and our school always looks so much better on the Monday after a Working Bee. There are a few jobs to do to prepare for Gold for Green day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Please make sure that you sign in. We would like to acknowledge the families that assisted and present students who come to assist with certificates of appreciation.

**Modes of Communication** - Our school is interested in finding out more about how our parent community engages with our different modes of communication. Please take the time to complete a very short survey with only five questions to give us some feedback. [Click here](#) to complete the survey. We will also be conducting surveys with our staff and students.

You may also see some of our Year Six students in the yard before school with iPads offering people the opportunity to complete the survey. We will use this information to improve what we are currently doing and to work towards meeting the needs of a diverse range of opinions of those in our school community. I will provide feedback to parents on the results and our planned improvement cycle.

**Gold for Green Day** - Next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May our whole school will participate in this special day. The whole school's focus in inquiry, is sustainability. A reminder to wear green and bring a gold coin donation. More information in this edition of the Banksia Bulletin.

**District Cross Country** - On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May our school team (8yr old - 12/13yr old's) competed in the Mornington District XC cross country at Woodleigh School Senior Campus, Langwarrin South. Congratulations to all our students who competed and thank you to the families that came along to support them.

**SEC Meeting** - The next meeting of our SEC is next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 7pm in the Staff Centre. The SEC would be delighted to welcome new members to the Social Events Committee. The group have a FACEBOOK page called Mt Martha P.S Social Noticeboard for those who would like to connect with the group.

*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

**Fence Repairs** - Thank you to those families that raised concerns about the holes in the fence near the "lost playground." We had received quotes for the repairs in Term One and were waiting for the availability of tradespeople to complete this. We are delighted that the fence was repaired yesterday.

**Thank you Activity Room** - We very much appreciate the generous donations of toys, puzzles, constructions kits, puzzles, art materials and books for the Activity Room. It is a much more engaging space for students with these donations. If you are doing a clean out, donations are always welcome. We were able to add some of the fantastic books that were donated into our library collection. Thanks again!

**Student Free Days** - At School Council last week they approved the remaining Student Free Days for 2023. They will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Due to changes in the Victorian Curriculum, the first day of Term Three will focus on Mathematics, with a focus on problem solving. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November is teachers Professional Practise Day that will focus on assessment. This term we have Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June as Student Led Conference Day which is Student Free.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### MAY

Friday 19th

**Walk to School Day**



Saturday 20th

**Semester One Working Bee**

9.00am - 12noon

All welcome



Thursday 25th

**Gold for Green Day**

9.00am - 3.30pm

**Gold Coin Donation and Wear Green**



Monday 29th

**I Sea I Care**

9.30am - 2.00pm

Mt Eliza Primary School

#### Scholastic Book Club Sales



**8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm**

Staff Centre

Tuesday 30th

**Scholastic Book Club Sales**



**8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm**

Staff Centre

**Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion**

9.15am - 2.30pm

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd

Pearcedale

**SEC Meeting**

7.00pm Staff Centre

All welcome



### 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
Cheese Toastie	\$3	25/5/2023
I Sea I Care	NA	24/5/2023
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$26	25/5/2023
Year 5 Billy Tea Bush Band	\$11	06/06/2023

#### 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

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY - FRIDAY 19 MAY

# ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



## FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

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# THIS YEAR'S WINTER WARMER IS A CHEESE TOASTIE DAY!

Thursday, 1 June 2023



Toasties are \$3.00 each and can be ordered on  
Compass now, **CLOSING ON THURSDAY MAY 25.**  
(Gluten-free and dairy-free options are available).  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE  
AVAILABLE FOR THIS ACTIVITY.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will need some help on the day.  
If you're free, please click on the link below to select a time that suits.  
<https://signup.zone/yrY6wLLnCY52t3uji>.

DRESS CODE: PYJAMAS OR  
WINTER WOOLIES!





## WORKING BEE NEWS



Thanks to everyone who has assisted with the organisation of this year's Gold for Green Day. This includes many families, Tru Blue Nursery, Selekt Constructions, along with Bunnings Mornington and the Shire Nursery at the Briars.

The scarecrows are popping up all over the school. We can't wait to Welcome Winter.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Working Bee on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 9am to 12noon.

Kind regards

Jenny Spiridis

# Working Bee. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Purpose: Getting grounds ready for  
Gold For Green Day.

Some jobs required for the day:

- ◊ Building temporary fencing.
- ◊ Re-establishing gardens in Sensory Garden
- ◊ Preparing garden beds for Prep planting.
- ◊ Pruning and mulching
- ◊ If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Morning tea is provided.



## GOLD FOR GREEN DAY NEWS



We will be  
planting,  
recycling and  
reusing  
materials as  
part of our  
school's  
sustainability  
program.



Gold for  
Green Day.  
Thursday  
May 25th  
2023

Wear green and bring a gold coin donation.

(Money goes towards activities)

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2023



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - May, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time during school hours.

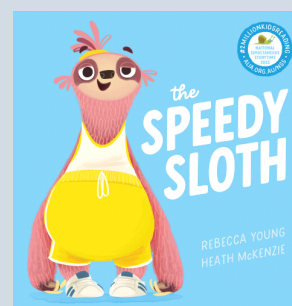
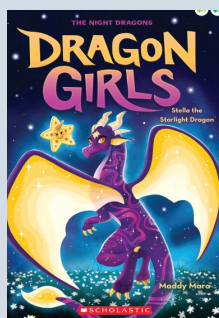
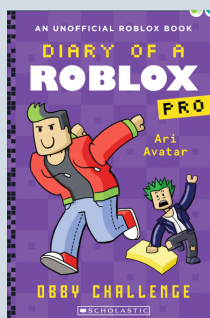
From Monday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what's on offer during the following times:

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm

A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children's literacy pleasure. This is great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

Karen Walker

Principal





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New parent and carer webinars for Term 2

WATCH UP →

### eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

It will cover:

- who we are
- what you can report to eSafety
- helpful advice and resources for parents and carers.

Term 2 dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)  
24 May 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)

### Setting your child up for success online

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

It will cover:

- age-appropriate expectations and boundaries
- online risks and strategies to keep your children safe
- where to find support for you and your child when things go wrong.

Term 2 dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)  
31 May 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Sarah Forward

Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher



## RECYCLING NEWS



Mount Martha Primary School is once again collecting all brands of bread bags (including wraps) and tags for "Wonder Recycling Rewards".

Wonder Recycling Rewards is a fun and easy program created for Aussie schools to collect bread bags and tags. Once collected, Wonder are going to turn the plastic into wonderful things like school play equipment! We will be able to redeem our plastic for sports equipment for the school.

We will have our collection point at the Front Office – look out for the big pink box outside the First Aid Room.

It doesn't matter what brand the bread or wraps are, we accept them all, including bread tags which you can put in the small box found at the same location.

Many thanks for your support  
Mrs. Giles and the Year 6 Nude Food Leaders.

# **MOUNT MARTHA SOCCER CLUB**

## **ARE LOOKING FOR U7 BOYS TO JOIN OUR TEAM**

**Training:  
4:30pm Wednesdays  
Civic Reserve, Mornington**

**Games:  
10am Saturdays**

**More info call  
Meg 0411 733 313**







**MORNINGTON PENINSULA HOCKEY CLUB**  
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# HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

## 8 week hockey program

**Starts Wednesday 10th May 2023**

Wed 10/5 | Wed 17/5 | Wed 24/5 | Wed 31/5 | Wed 7/6 | Wed 14/6 | Wed 21/6 | Wed 28/6

**5:15PM - 6:15PM**

**Peninsula Hockey Centre**

Monash University Frankston (parking end of Bloom Street)

**How to participate in this program:**

1. Children must be registered with Hockey Victoria
2. Visit <http://www.hookin2hockey.com.au> and select 'Find A Program'
3. Enter postcode 3199 and select 'Mornington Peninsula Hockey Club'
4. Register for the Term 2 clinic and pay \$65

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## FAMILY FUN – Winter 2023

Cold Winter days and sparkling clean air provide us with the opportunity to focus with intention. Gain perspective and ground yourself in nature by taking a breath with *Breathe in the Briars* – a mindfulness guide. Join local artist Caroline Graley in our Chechingurk Birdhide for an adult painting class, focus on the fauna in the Wildlife Sanctuary by joining a ranger-led night walk or celebrate our all-important native garden beasts by creating your very own insect village!

### Mini Ecologist!

Our wildlife need our help to ensure their habitats are safe and have all the resources they need. We're calling all mini ecologists to join our Rangers in learning about the ecosystems our wildlife call home. Encounter some native animals face to face and help us keep habitats safe for all our wildlife.

26 and 27 June  
10am – 12noon  
\$29.90 per child.  
Suitable for kids 6 to 10 years old.

### Night walk: Spotlight on conservation\*

A new world emerges in the Wildlife Sanctuary after dark. Join our Rangers on a night walk as they tell the story of how The Briars is managed to contribute to the growing need to protect our biodiversity. Learn how to spotlight like a wildlife researcher and meet some native animals up close while hearing about their stories of survival and the important roles they play in their habitats.

Suitable for all ages. If you have accessibility questions, please give us a call on 5974 3686

26 and 27 June  
6 - 8pm  
\$32 adult, \$25.90 concession/child

### Native Insect Village\*

Encourage beneficial beasts to call your garden home by making an insect village. As the cold days continue from winter into early spring, our garden insects, arachnids and other small friends need a safe place to call home. Enjoy learning about the important role beetles, millipedes, spiders, centipedes and many more play in keeping your garden thriving.

July 1 and July 15, 2-4pm  
\$25.00 adult,  
\$21.00 concession/child.  
Suitable for 8 years and older.

### Walk on Country and Yidaki led meditation\*

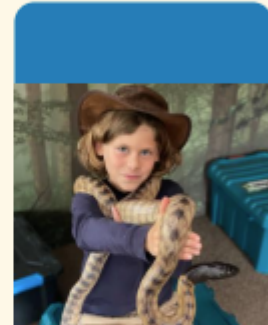
Be guided through the Wildlife Sanctuary by Lionel Lauch and Hudson Fraser from Living Culture. Experience an in-depth connection with country by learning about the land and indigenous culture and traditions. Then join Lionel in the Chechingurk Birdhide for a special Yidaki led meditation. Numbers are strictly limited.

July 9 and August 27  
11am to 1pm  
Cost: \$46.50 adult, \$36.50  
concession/child

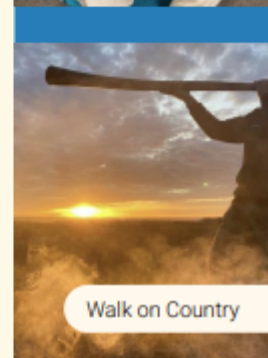
### Painting Nature for Beginners\*

Begin your creative process by gathering inspiration on an hour-long Ranger led stroll. Let our Rangers guide you to the hidden gems of beauty throughout the Wildlife Sanctuary as you prepare yourself to create. Then join local artist, Caroline Graley in the Chechingurk Bird Hide for a 2-hour painting workshop. Be surrounded by the wetlands as you learn and practice various painting techniques.

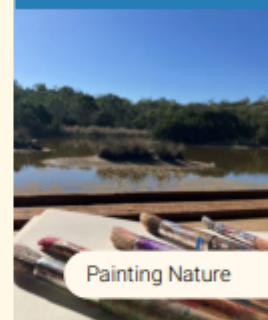
August 5 and 12  
1 to 4pm  
Cost: \$31.90



Mini Ecologist



Walk on Country



Painting Nature

Registrations and Bookings are essential for programs/walks and can be made by visiting: [the\\_briars.eventbrite.com.au](https://the_briars.eventbrite.com.au)  
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## MORNINGTON PENINSULA LIBRARIES

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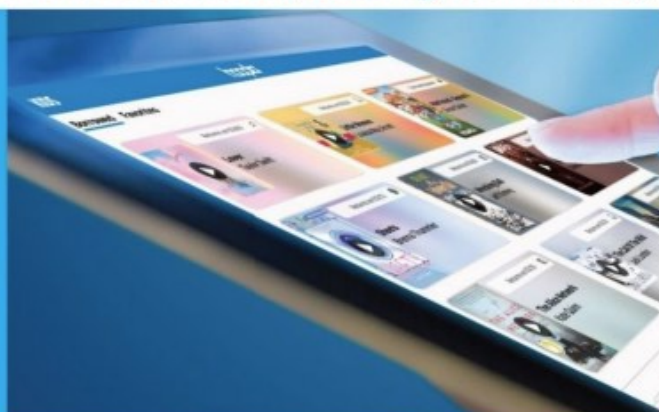
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