



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 19 November 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

Snakes - With the recent warmer weather snakes are becoming more active. We have received a report of a snake being seen in the lower car park in the Eco Park. Please be observant and if you see a snake the advice is to stay still, don't panic and then try to move quietly away. Think carefully before taking any shortcuts through long grass! Please discuss this with your children at home. Thanks.

Book Pick Up Day - A reminder that Book Pick Up Day is **Tuesday 1st December** from **8am to 6pm** in the Staff Centre. Hygiene and social distancing practices will be in place.

Prep 2021 Transition - Transition visits for our 2021 Preps commence on **Monday 30th November**. Restrictions this year limit us to having half a class attend for transition session at a time. Transition visits are scheduled between 9.30am and 10.30am and then the next session for the other half of the class between 11.45 am and 12.45pm. Parents will have received information as to when their child's session will be.

End of 2020 School Year - The year is drawing rapidly to a close with the last day of this year not too far away. School finishes for 2020 on **Friday 18th December** with a **1.30pm dismissal time**.

Start of School 2021 - A note for your calendar that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2021 on **Friday 29th January**. 2021 Prep students will have interviews scheduled for Friday 29th January and the next Monday and Tuesday. 2021 Preps start in classes on Wednesday 3rd February from 9am to 2.15pm. Teachers will be at school on the 27th and 28th January undertaking important professional development and planning to ensure a successful start to the year.

Japanese Day - Yesterday was Japanese Day. This year was a little different from previous years but the students still enjoyed participating in the Japanese themed art/craft and sport activities for the day. Thank you Mr Nickeas for organising the day.

Year 6 Market - Year 6 Market is on **Friday 27th November**. Please refer to the important information in this newsletter. Parents would have received a Compass notification regarding the purchase of "Market Packs" as this year the Year 6 Market is a "cashless" event. No cash will be handled on the day for purchases.

COVID Information - We are starting to string together quite a few "double donut days" which will hopefully lead to more easing of restrictions. Thank you parents for playing your part in limiting the transference of COVID-19 in the community and at school. More information about coronavirus (COVID-19) as it pertains to schools can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Kind regards

Martin Page

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

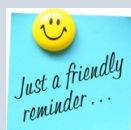
Coming Events



NOVEMBER

Friday 20th

2021 Student Supplies & Rugby Top Order Third and final Payment Plan debit of 25% today



Friday 27th

Year 6 Market

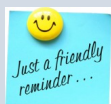


Monday 23 - Friday 27 Planning Week

Monday	Years 3 & 4
Tuesday	Prep & Year 1
Wednesday	Year 5 & 6
Thursday	Year 2
Friday	Specialists (Market Day)

Monday 30 November - Friday 4th December

2021 Prep Transition Session 1 or 2. Parents please refer to your email for your child's one hour transition session date and time. Please meet in the office foyer.



2021 Prep parents can collect their child's student supplies on the day of the transition session.

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st

2021 BOOK COLLECTION DAY 8.00am - 6.00pm
Staff Centre



Tuesday 15th

Year 6 Graduation Evening

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
Year 6 Market	\$10	20/11/2020

TERM DATES: 2020

Term 4 5th October to 18th December
Students dismissed at 1.30pm

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**

Term 2 19th April to 25th June

Term 3 12th July to 17th September

Term 4 4th October to 17th December



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

PLANNING WEEK - TERM 4 2020

During the week November 23 - 27 our staff will participate in Planning meetings in preparation for Term 1 2021. During Planning Week our usual timetable for Specialists Programs is suspended. Students still enjoy a Specialist program that week but these sessions all occur on one day of the week (see below) rather than being timetabled throughout the week.

Please take note of which day your child/ren have their Planning Day as this may require you to consider the proper footwear for Physical Education. Not all classes do every Specialist class as a number of Casual Relief (CRT) are used to support Planning days as well.

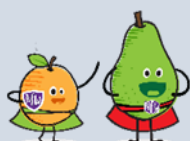
Mon 23 November - Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 24 November - Prep & Year 1
Wed 25 November - Year 5 & 6
Thursday 26 November - Year 2
Friday 27 November - Specialists

Hoping this information proves to be useful in selecting footwear on these particular days.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Kids Matter Team

NUDE FOOD DAY 2020



Last week classes were asked to keep count of how many items in their lunchbox were wrapped. They recorded the amount each day up to Nude Food Day, which was on Thursday.

When we looked at the data we had collected we found out that of the 1,607 lunchboxes in the survey 57% were completely wrapper free. Unfortunately we also calculated that 1,569 wrappers had been brought into school over the four days. That's a lot of waste heading straight for the bin!

4C were the class who had the most Nude Food lunchboxes – 76% of their lunches were wrapper free. They won themselves a Nude Food platter to share (which was prepared and shared under COVID19 guidelines). Well done 4C

Let's all try to reduce the amount of wrappers we bring into school and try to make EVERY day a NUDE FOOD DAY!



From the Year 6 Nude Food Leaders – Charlotte, Lola, Zara and Marcie.

SPORT NEWS

It has been so good to see our prep students start PMP after such a long time away from school. This program uses a range of basic fundamental skills to improve their throwing and catching, teambuilding and balance and endurance skills. The Year 6 Sports Leaders run a PMP station each, challenging each group to do the best they can.

With the music playing and the activities running it is such an amazing atmosphere for our Prep students.

Due to the current restrictions still in place with Covid19 we **can't** have parents assist which is a huge shame as parent helpers are always a nice extra to this PMP program and for you to see your child have a fun morning.



JOGGING CLUB NEWS

Unfortunately we **will not** be starting Jogging Club back up in 2020. With our current restrictions it just isn't safe to use the assigned track. This is such a shame for those who are regulars at jogging club but we will hopefully be back in 2021 and we can make up for lost time!

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher



BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER (BARR) - TREE REMOVAL

In response to the devastating bushfires last Summer, DET have identified schools that are at risk of bushfire (Bushfire at Risk Register) and initiated works to mitigate risk and establish safe places for use in the event of a fire. Mt Martha Primary school is currently on the Bushfire at Risk Register. You may have noticed some works taking place around the Admin/gymnasium building over the last few months. These works have been undertaken by the DET to create a Shelter in Place (SIP) at our school in the event of a bushfire in the local area. Windows have had heavy duty screens attached, all gaps have been filled with caulk, some external doors have been fitted with solid panel doors and gutters have all been enclosed in mesh. The building is not fully compliant yet as we are waiting on tradespeople to complete some final tasks.

The final step required to make the Admin/gym building into a SIP is to commence clearing trees that are very close to that building. We have had Bushfire Attack Expert prepare a report, after visiting our site, that lists which trees need to be removed to ensure the integrity of the building during a bushfire. As a general rule of thumb any large tree within 10 metres of the building is considered high risk. In total 14 trees were identified for removal.

We will commence with these works in the next few weeks. The removal of the trees will be staged but all the works will be completed by early next year. By that time the tradespeople employed by the DET will also have completed any outstanding modifications to ensure that the Shelter in Place is compliant with Bushfire regulations.

Facilities Committee



ParentBrief



How do I talk to my children? Put on your listening ears

Our kids often hear the phrase 'put on your listening ears'. It's a reminder to stop talking, pay attention, and (hopefully) absorb what's being said. But as parents, how often is this said to us? When was the last time you heard 'mum....dad...put on your listening ears'. How often would our kids like to say to us 'stop talking, pay attention, and (hopefully) absorb what I'm saying'. By nature of their age and size, kids are used to being spoken at and told what to do. But maybe it's time we took a leaf out of their book and really listened to what they have to say...

The two-way deal

Communication begins at birth. Crying is an important part of a baby's language and the most effective way in which a baby can communicate. As parents, we have to listen for the cries and be intuitive to our baby's needs.

As kids grow and develop language, they also learn about boundaries, consequences and ways to explore their world, but until they can communicate effectively with words, parents don't need to listen as much as monitor body language and behaviour. Kids of all ages do require guidance, and boundaries need to be set and reinforced often, so the need to talk to our child sometimes has to take precedence over talking with them. But from babyhood through to young adults, nothing is more special than a one-on-one chat with a parent...especially when mum or dad has their listening ears on.

Talking with, not to

Taking the time to listen, rather than constantly giving advice, is a sure fire way of developing a positive relationship with our child. When we sit with our kids, face to face (not answering emails, checking texts or updating our social media account), and we really listen to what they have to say, three very special things happen. First, we get to know our kids; how they think and what they think. Second, we help to build a child's self-esteem and support their speech and language development. Third, we reinforce for our kids that they are valued, acknowledged and cared for. They feel secure, wanted, appreciated and that their voice and opinions matter.

Listening up vs. providing solutions

One of our prime jobs as parents is to help our kids navigate a path through their world. But as our kids develop and mature, 'guiding' through listening and giving helpful advice is better value than 'telling' and providing solutions.

- Listening gives you a window into how much your child understands and what they believe and think about their world.
- Give your child your full attention. Make eye contact.
- Help kids to brainstorm and problem solve, rather than providing a solution.
- Have patience with the kids who need to ask the same question over and over. Many kids will revisit a topic to find out more.
- Accept your child's opinion or their take on something. This then gives you the chance to assist them to develop clear and logical thinking processes while at the same time helping them to process their thoughts.
- Always respect a child's feelings. Try to avoid words such as 'that's silly' or 'you are old enough to know better than that'.
- Listen to a child's interpretation of things, then help them put a positive spin on something or realise that perhaps what they had assumed is not in fact the reality.

As parents, we can learn heaps from our kids. But if all we do is offer our advice, our opinion, our prejudices or our take on the world, we're denying them opportunities to feel important, secure, self-confident and positive about the things they have to say.

The Year 6 Market - 2020

The Year 6 Students are currently undertaking an exciting Cross Curriculum based Project, 'The Year 6 Market 2020'.

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 unlike any other! It will be held on Friday 27th November during school hours and will predominately be an activity based market. The Year 6 students are very much looking forward to showcasing some new games and activities that will allow all students to have an awesome time, and win some fun prizes!! In addition to the activity stalls there will be a sausage sizzle; two food stalls offering fruit, icy poles and sweet treats; and 3 stalls offering a selection of craft.



Students from Axolotl in a Bucket completing their 'Print Advertisement'.

What's Axolotl in a Bucket?

Come and find out at the Year 6 Market!

CASH FREE

Due to the COVID restrictions placed on the school around cash handling we are moving to a token system. This not only allows for safe payment, it also provides the school community many rich learning tasks around money, budgeting and equity.

Here is how it works:

Students will be able to purchase a "\$10 Market Pack" via Compass. The Pack will be for a Sausage in Bread (or equivalent if diet doesn't permit), a juice and 14 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 and additional snacks (Fruit, Icy Poles and sweet treats) and most craft will be either one or two tokens.

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

YEAR 6 MARKET NEWS



The students from 'Smack It' building their Strength Tester.
It towers in excess of 3 meters high!

I have been training for this in lockdown!

I could be the strongest in the school



MARKET PROFIT

All profits from the market are split between 'The Jane McGrath Foundation', leaving a legacy item (such as a piece of art) for the school that will allow the 2020 Students to be remembered, and helping the Year 6 students fund their 2020 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.

YEAR 6 MARKET NEWS

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 \$10 to buy their Market Pack on Compass.*

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Have all Covid safety measures been addressed?

A: In this ever changing environment, if anything falls outside the scope of a permitted activity, that activity will be cancelled. Each activity will have a Covid Safety Plan (where appropriate this will include masks, gloves, sanitiser etc.), Classes will be remaining in their Year Level Bubble. The cooking of food will be supervised and served from the canteen window.

Q: What sort of prizes can be won?

A: Occasionally the prize is simply participating! For example one stall allows you to race a friend through an obstacle course allowing the winner to reach a water pistol first, and you guessed it!! They get to squirt their friend!! Many other stalls have prizes ranging from things such as tattoos, basketballs and some great surprises!

Q: I heard there will be a stall offering Pet Rocks. Will they sell food to feed their Pet Rocks?

A: Pet Rocks live on a diet of soil and SodaStream Soda. Providing your soil at home isn't too saline you will be able to simply feed it from your garden bed. We do not sell SodaStreams.

Q: Can I purchase additional tokens.

A: No. Each year level will have the opportunity to visit the market for about 50minutes. The allocated amount of tokens per Market Pack should be enough for them to enjoy throughout this time. Talk to your child about using 1 or 2 tokens to purchase a treat, 1 or 2 for a small item of craft and then to use the remaining 10 on their favourite 5 activities! LOOK OUT THOUGH!! SOME TEACHERS AND YEAR 6 STUDENTS MAY BE HANDING OUT SOOME ADDITIONAL TOKENS TO THOSE SHOWCASING THE SCHOOL VALUES ☺

Q: Please can I purchase additional tokens?

A: No. See previous answer☹

Q: My friend told me I may have the opportunity to "Dunk a Teacher or Staff Member this true?? Who can we dunk?

A: Yes! One of the activities may result in a bucket of water being tipped over somebody. These people are Year 6/5/4/3/2/1/0

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WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM 2020



The Mornington Peninsula Shire and Peninsula Health are excited to update you on this year's VicHealth Walk to School Program to run from **November 2 - 27!**

See the flyer below for details of the competition being run by the shire to share our stories!

See you on the journey to and from school.

Mrs O'Connor

Year 2 Teacher & Travel Smart Coordinator

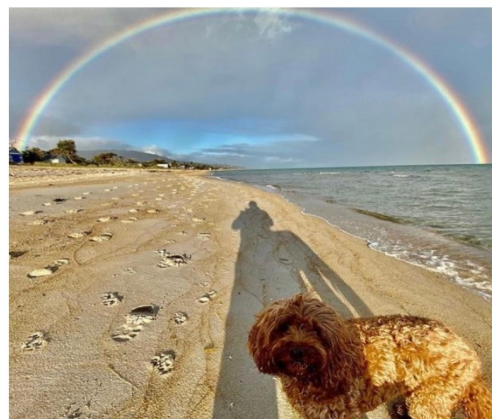
Explore your Mornington Peninsula this Walk to School Month!

Join the fun!

Mornington Peninsula Shire is partnering with Peninsula Health and Belgravia Leisure to launch a local photo competition and treasure hunt as part of VicHealth's 'Walk to School' program.

Check out

mornpen.vic.gov/walktoschool



Find Out More

Check out the Shire website and follow us on social media for more information about the weekly treasure hunt themes and a list of fabulous local prizes to be won.



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Upload to win

Share photos of the treasures you find when walking in your local area to go into the running to win amazing prizes!

Upload your photo to Instagram with the hashtags

#walkmornpen

#walktoschool

Remember to set your account to public so that we can see it.

Weekly Treasure Hunt Themes:

Week 1: Something Living

Week 2: Look Up

Week 3: Shapes in Nature

Week 4: Tessellations



COMMUNITY NEWS

2020 Christmas Hope Appeal

Hi guys, it's that time of year ... when we at New Peninsula Community Caring Inc. rally to support families on the Mornington Peninsula who are struggling financially and emotionally to cope.

Last year we donated more than 400 x Christmas grocery hampers to support families across the peninsula through difficult times.



This year (due to Covid-19 restrictions) we can't collect or distribute food, so we're planning to give local families who are doing it tough, a \$50 grocery voucher to purchase a Christmas Lunch (or any other food they need) from Coles or Woolworths.

This year has been particularly hard for SO many due to job losses and other impacts of Covid-19. Therefore, we encourage you to support your local community by donating \$50 (or any amount you can) towards a grocery voucher to bring HOPE to a local family this Christmas.

Recipients are selected by Schools and 100% of donations go directly to Grocery (only) vouchers. A BIG THANK YOU! for helping us to help our local community through Christmas Hope.

Please donate via Bank transfer to the CCI Bank Account and use 'HOPE' as the description;
New Peninsula Community Caring Inc.
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