



# Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School

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**Mt Martha Primary**

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 1st December 2022

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**SEC Choc Top Day** - Today we welcomed the first day of summer with a delicious Choc Top Day organised by our fabulous SEC. We hope that students enjoyed their Choc Tops. Profits from this event will be added to the funds raised by the SEC to enhance school facilities for our school community. Thank you to all those who assisted with this event.

**SEC Disco** - Next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December we are having our End of Year School Disco. The Junior Disco (for students in Prep - Year Three) is from 5.00 - 6.15pm and the Senior Disco (Year Four - Year Six) runs from 6.30 - 8.00pm. Please note that students must be collected at the end of both discos from **inside** the Gym by a parent/carer.

**Student Representative Council (SRC) After-school Sausage Sizzle** - Thank you to everyone for supporting the Sausage Sizzle and Free Dress Day last Friday, especially after such short notice! We raised \$1820 for the Salvation Army Christmas Wishing Tree. You may have seen the board at the front of the school from Bonaccorde asking the community to support this. The students in each class are now choosing gifts that I will purchase for our school community to donate. For the students who have brought down their classes lists it is heart-warming to hear the thought they have put into what they have selected for other children.

**Reminder Tomorrow Parents and Community Volunteers Morning Tea** - The support we have received during 2022 from parent and community volunteers in our school programs has been fantastic! Our programs simply would not be the same without the generous support we receive from our wonderful volunteers. They plan, organise, and help at School Council and SEC events, assist in classrooms, help with special events such as camps, excursions, and incursions, Working Bees and on sporting and theme days etc.

As a small gesture of our appreciation, we are holding a Special Helpers Morning Tea **tomorrow (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December) from 10.30 am in the Staff Centre**. All volunteers are welcome.

**Prep Transition** - Yesterday we had the last of our formal Prep Transition Sessions. Over three sessions (while our new 2023 students spent time in Prep classrooms), we ran a series of Information's Sessions for parents/carers on our Literacy, Numeracy and Social and Emotional Learning Programs. We looked forward to welcoming our new students and families to our school community on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Student Reports** - Semester 2 reports for students will be available via Compass on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The reports provide both students and parents with information on their achievements, areas for improvement and how parents can assist with their learning at home. Congratulations students for your achievements this year!

*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

**Step Up Day** - On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11.45-12.45 students will have a transition session with their 2023 class. It is an opportunity for students to meet their teacher/teachers and to spend time in their new room and with a new mix of students.

**Lunch Orders** - Bakery Made, (the company that supply lunch orders for our students) will provide their last lunch orders on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Lost Property** - A reminder to please check our Lost Property section near the Art Room before the end of the year. Thank you.

**End of Year Events** - Lots of events are planned over the next two weeks. They are listed in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin to assist us all at this busy time of year, along with a list of anticipated activities in Term One 2023.

**COVID Settings in School** - There has been an increase in COVID cases reported within the community. Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff, students, parents/carers and the broader community.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health.

We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases. Free Rapid Antigen Tests are available at the school for those who need them. Parents and carers will be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school. Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so. To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures. Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well.

### Recap of Previous Newsletter Articles

**Library Books and Take Home Readers** - The school has excellent literacy resources for our students including Library Books and Take-Home Readers. Keeping our collection of resources for students to use year to year is important. Can parents have a look at home for any school books and return them to the classroom or Library as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

**Final Assembly for 2022** - Our Final Assembly will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10 am in the Gymnasium. We hope to see our school community attend the Farewell Assembly for the 2022 school year. School finishes for 2022 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December with a 1.30pm dismissal time.

**Start of School 2023** - Students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2023 on Tuesday 31st January. The 2023 Prep students will have interviews scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week and begin school on Friday 3rd February. Teachers return to school on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January undertaking important Professional Development and Planning to ensure a successful start to the year.

**Leaving Mount Martha Primary School in 2022** - A reminder to please let Gina at the Office know if you are leaving Mount Martha Primary School at the end of this year. This assists with our planning for 2023. Thank you.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### DECEMBER

**Friday 2nd**

**Parent Volunteer Morning Tea**

10.30am - 11.30am

Staff Centre



**Tuesday 6th**

**School Council Meeting 6.45pm in**

Staff Centre *following by School Council*

& SEC Supper 7.30-8.30pm



**Wednesday 7th**

**Christmas Choir Concert in the Amphitheatre**

Junior and Senior Choirs

8.30am - 8.55am

All welcome



**Friday 9th**

**Junior Disco**

5.00 - 6.15pm in Gym

**Senior Disco**

6.30 - 8.00pm in Gym



**Monday 12th**

**Step Up Session & New Student Orientation**

11.45am - 12.45pm

Students move to their 2023 classes

**Tuesday 13th**

**Year 6 Orientation Day**

Secondary Schools host an Orientation Day for all Year 6 students

**Year 6 Graduation Evening**

6.00 - 9.00pm in Gym

**Year 1 End of Year Celebration**

9.15 - 3.30pm

**Wednesday 14th**

**Year 6 Gumbuya World Excursion**

8.30am - 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.**

**Thank you.**

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 3 Mornington History Tour	(TBC) to be confirmed	8/2/2023
Year 3 & 4 Swimming Sports	TBC	13/2/2023
Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports	TBC	14/2/2023
Year 4 Hip Hop	TBC	14/2/2023
Year 1 South Beach Walk	TBC	21/2/2023
Year 2 YAWA Swimming Program	TBC	23/2/2023
Year 1 YAWA Swimming Program	TBC	28/2/2023
Yr 2 VR Aboriginal Australia	TBC	12/3/2023
Year 6 CYC City Camp	TBC	13/3/2023

#### TERM DATES: 2022

**Term 4** 3rd October to 20th December  
(1.30pm dismissal)



#### TERM DATES: 2023

**Term 1** 27th January to 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

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA



*Mount Martha Primary School Staff  
invites  
all Parent volunteers who have assisted with  
school programs and events during 2022  
to a special celebration morning tea.*

*Please come along and join the fun and festivity in appreciation for your  
invaluable assistance and support throughout the year.*

*When      Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022*

*Time      10.30am - 11.30am*

*Where     MMPS Staff Centre*

## LUNCH ORDER REMINDER



**Please note:** The last day to place a LUNCH ORDER will be Friday 16th December.



## FIRST AID NEWS

As we approach the end of the school year, just a couple of reminders from the First Aid Room.

If your child is leaving Mt Martha Primary School, on their last day, please collect any medication that is stored at school.

To ensure that we can provide accurate medical care for your child/ren as we head into 2023, could you please take some time over the holidays to obtain an updated Medical Action Plan (ie Asthma / Anaphylaxis / Allergy etc). It is a requirement that Medical Action Plans are updated annually and must be signed by a Doctor. Please return these at the beginning of the school year together with any required medication.

Prior to returning to school please also check your children's hair for head lice and/or eggs. Should you find any there are two choices of treatment:

Chemical: Treat and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in seven days.

Non-chemical: Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every two days until no live lice have been found for ten days. The conditioner and comb method has been found to be very effective when the above procedure is followed.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the First Aid room from 10.45am to 2.15pm on 5974 2800. Thanks for your co-operation.

Wishing you a happy and safe festive season.

First Aid

## LIBRARY NEWS



To assist with our end of year Library Stocktake we are asking parents to check at home for any Mt Martha Primary School Library books. Our records show many, many books have yet to be returned.

We thank you for your assistance.

Maria Harvey  
Library





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## SPORT NEWS

### SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA – AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



Harry P competed in the School Sport Australia 10-12 Years Track and Field Championships in Brisbane in last week. He enjoyed the sunshine as he represented Victoria against all other states in an intense few days at the Athletics track. This was a huge event and commitment for Harry and his family but something that he will look back on in years to come.

In the combined event Harry placed 7<sup>th</sup> in Australia for under 9/10. During this combined event he competed in several track and field events where he also managed to set two Personal Best results in 100m & Shot Put.

Well done Hazza!

### SPORTS UNIFORMS

Can everyone who has represented our school in cross country or our senior summer/winter sports, - **please check if you have any singlets, shirts, jumpers and return them to school so we can have them ready for our teams in 2023.**

*Year 6 students – can you please have a double check as this is your final year at Mt Martha Primary School and would hate to have a top missing next year.*

### REBEL COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

With Christmas only a few weeks away – a simple reminder that Mt Martha Primary School has a 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 Team Rebel, 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 ongoing support.

## SPORT NEWS

### JOGGING CLUB

Jogging club has finished up for 2022. We will now start to collate all the cards to see how everyone has gone across the whole school. Your cards that you have had this year will automatically be moved to your new class for you. You don't start with a new card unless you need one or you are one of our 2023 Preps. Year 6 students will take their cards home as a memory.

Well done to everyone who has done laps of our jogging club track. It is a great way to start the day and get the brain awake and ready for learning. Thank you to the sports leaders who assist every morning. An amazing job which the students and I thank you for.

### 2022 SWEAT & SHARE FUN RUN

One of Mt Martha Primary School past students Nathan, is the co-founder of a group called **Speak and Share**. Speak & Share is a Mental Health organisation that encourages the tough conversations and challenges mental health stigma. Through their preventative approach, they connect with the community by facilitating school and sporting club programs, as well as local events.

This Sunday December 4th, they are taking a step forward together towards changing the culture of mental health by holding a Sweat and Share Fun Run in Safety Beach. Anyone that registers can run, jog, or walk and raise funds to improve mental health within our community. Every dollar raised will help Speak & Share to achieve their mission; improve mental health by creating a positive community culture, achieved through school, sporting, business, and community events and programs. \* You might even see the likes of *Gary Ablett Jnr* joining the fun run.

In Australia, it's estimated that **45% of people will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime**. For too long now, mental health has been the elephant in the room.



Cameron Sweatman

**PE Teacher**

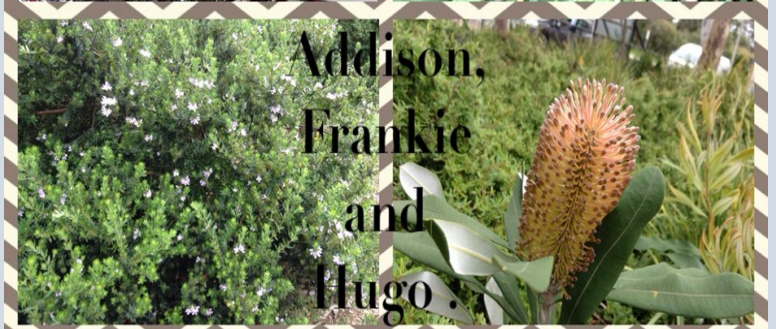


## YEAR 2C NEWS

Year 2 have been studying minibeasts this term. 2C had some fun learning about bees. They learned the Waggle Dance, searched for flowers, found bees and had fun learning.

Jenny Spiridis

Year 2C Classroom Teacher



## 2023 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>YEAR 1 - 6:</b>	<b>Commence 9.00am Tuesday 31st January 2023</b>
<b>PREP INTERVIEWS:</b>	<b>Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February</b> Parents please attend with your child
<b>PREPS START SCHOOL:</b>	<b>Friday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm</b>
<b>PREPS START FULL DAYS:</b>	<b>Monday 27th February 9.00am - 3.30pm</b>
<b>FEBRUARY OSHCP:</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>SUNSMART POLICY:</b>	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.
<b>UNIFORM SHOP:</b>	<b>PSW School Uniform Shop</b> Located at 1/22 Watt Rd, Mornington Vic 3931 1800 337 396 Trading Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm & Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm Online orders: <a href="http://www.psw.com.au">www.psw.com.au</a>
<b>BANKSIA BULLETIN:</b>	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 2nd February 2023





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### Summer 2023 School Holiday Program Dates:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 children | 9:00am start - 2:00pm finish

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## FAMILY FUN – Summer 2022/23

Sun filled days and the warm nights of summer at the Briars encourage us to slow down to a quieter, more relaxed pace. Make the most of summer celebrations and extend that summer holiday feeling by exploring the Briars and taking part in the activities on offer.

### **Snakes – face your fear, embrace your fascination!\***

Snakes are sensitive creatures, very often misunderstood and therefore feared. They play a very important part in maintaining the health of our environment. Join us for a close-up encounter with these gentle creatures to help you better manage your fear or fascination! Empower yourself, learn how to identify Australian snakes, what snakes you might see at the Briars and what snakes live in your neighbourhood.

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
2pm – 2.45pm and 3.15 – 4.00pm | \$15 adult/child/concession

### **Briars Junior Ranger – Who lives in my area?\***

Have you ever explored your backyard or local park to find out who lives there? A live animal encounter will introduce you to different native animals and will enable you to identify and differentiate between them. You will then be able to identify and classify what you find in your own backyard. Using your new Junior Ranger skills, we then play “Who Belongs Where?”, a custom-designed game for classifying reptiles, birds, mammals, amphibians, and invertebrates.

Suitable for kids 6 to 10 years old. Parents can take some time to relax as this program is for kids only.

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
10.30 – 12.00noon | \$29.90 per child

### **We prefer the night!\***

#### **Twilight trek and animal encounter**

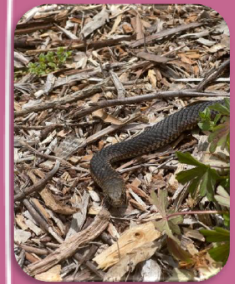
Join our Rangers as they take you off track on this hour-long exploration of the sanctuary at twilight. Hear the Kookaburras call goodnight and witness nocturnal animals coming out to forage and hunt for food. Bring a torch and help spot kangaroos, micro bats, koalas, emus, sugar gliders and more!

Ever wonder what’s happening on your roof and in your backyard at night? Our animal encounter program will personally introduce you to some of your nocturnal visitors. Get to know them better and understand why your roof and backyard is their home too.

Suitable for all ages. Children must bring an adult. If you require assistance or have accessibility questions, please give us a call on 5974 3686

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
8.00 – 9.30pm  
\$32 adult, \$25.90 concession/child

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