



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 20 August 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

#### Remote Learning

We have nearly finished our sixth week of remote learning and have four weeks to go before the end of this term. DET advice and requirements for schools are informed by COVID-19 numbers in the community. Numbers in Melbourne's second wave have stabilised and now appear to be trending downwards. We are all waiting to see what the numbers do in the next few weeks, what this means for our current levels of restriction, our work and also what this means for schools. In the meantime we continue with our current remote learning program and will be seeing what fun whole school events we can schedule before the end of term.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for your work in the remote learning program. We recognise the challenges remote learning can sometimes present. The class teachers are available to provide that extra support and clarification for you and your child. Give them a call, email or use some of the other class forums that are being established.

#### COVID-19 Information

A reminder to keep updated using trusted and accurate sources of information. Some recommended sites <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>

#### SEC Father's Day/ Special Person's Day Fundraiser

Reminder that orders are now open for our Dad's Day Donut Fundraiser. More information is included in the newsletter. With current restrictions in place SEC have thought creatively and put a different format in place. Always exciting for the students to give Dad or their Special Person a surprise gift! Thanks again SEC! Thank you also for your support.

#### Planning for 2021

Even though we are currently operating under a very different environment our planning for 2021 really starts to gain momentum in the next few weeks as we begin to look at our grade structures for next year. Please let the Office know if you are leaving Mount Martha Primary School next year so we can work with our best estimates of enrolment at each year level. Thank you.

#### Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

Year 6 parents will have received a letter indicating their Year 7 placement for next year. This is certainly an exciting time for them. Secondary colleges will be running transition activities to assist the movement from primary to secondary school. Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services Team are running a session which parents may find useful. Details are included in the newsletter.

Thank you all so much for all your support and assistance as we all work to keep our community safe.

Kind regards  
Martin Page

Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds on the capability of every student.

# **Virtual Book & Movie Character Dress-Up Day**

## **Friday 4th September**



Hello everyone, Its Elmer here! We are not going to let remote learning stop us having loads of fun for our Book Parade this year! Everyone will be dressing up as their favourite movie or book characters and your teachers will be organising some fun to have on the day. Parents will be asked to take a picture of their children and post it to a shared Padlet that will be added to the class blogs. You can see all of your friends, and even the teachers will be joining in the fun!

Watch out for a special presentation by our very own Book Week star  
Mr Sweatman!!!!



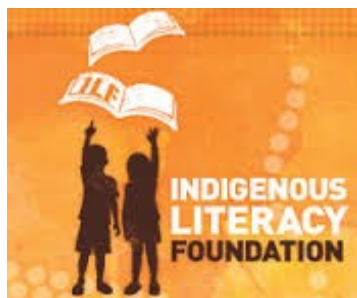
**Virtual**

**Book & Movie  
Character**

**Dress-Up Day**

**Friday 4th September**

**Dress up and join in  
the fun from home!!!**

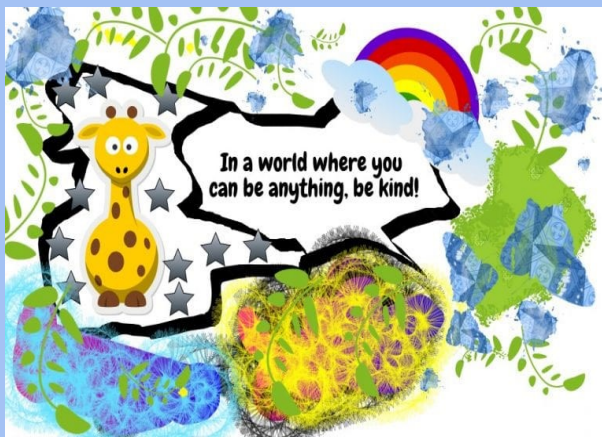




## It's Cool to Be Kind Digitech Competition

Would you like your picture to be made into a puzzle to go on the [Digitech blog](#) for others to play? If so, complete the '[It's Cool to be Kind Challenge!](#)' You just need to create a picture with either a quote about being kind or a picture of you doing something kind for someone else and upload it to the [Digitech Remote Learning Gallery](#) under the 'It's Cool to be Kind' heading. You could make your picture offline using paper and take a picture of it, or if you want to use technology, you might like to try some of the options below. It could also just be a picture that you make for someone else with things in it that you think will make them smile. See if you can send your picture via email to someone special in your life like a grandparent to brighten their day. **You need to get your entry in by the 27th August and six pictures will be selected to be turned into puzzles that are posted on the Digitech Blog, one of them could be yours!**

I made this one using [Sketch io](#). This is best suited to Years 4-6. [Click here](#) to watch a tutorial on how to use Sketch io.



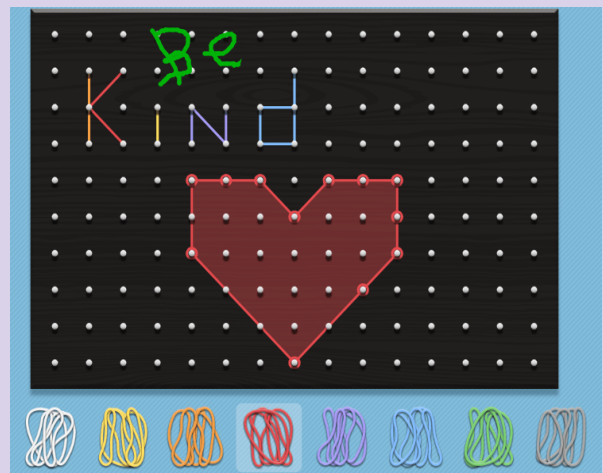
This one was created using [autodraw](#). [Click here](#) to see a tutorial on how to use autodraw. This program is best suited for Year 2-6.



[Playschool Artmaker](#) or if you have a tablet [Playschool Artmaker app](#). Suited to Prep and Year 1. [Click here](#) for a tutorial on how to use Playschool Artmaker.



[Geoboard web browser](#) or [Geoboard app](#). Students from Prep to Year 2 are familiar with this application and there are video tutorials on their Digitech Remote Lesson Slides.



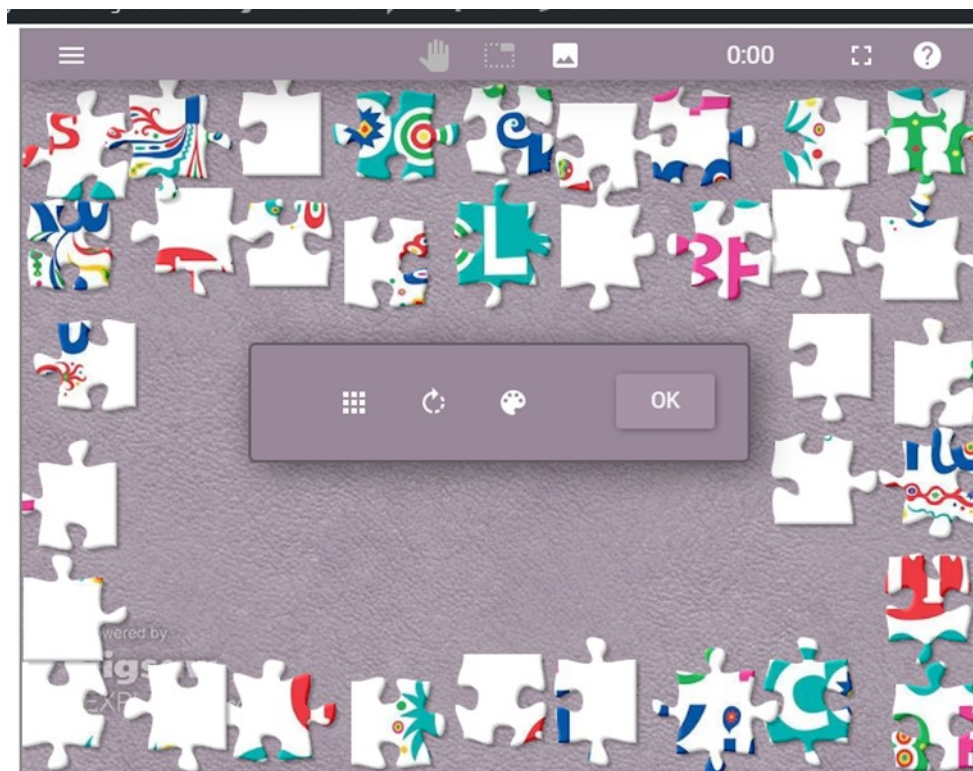
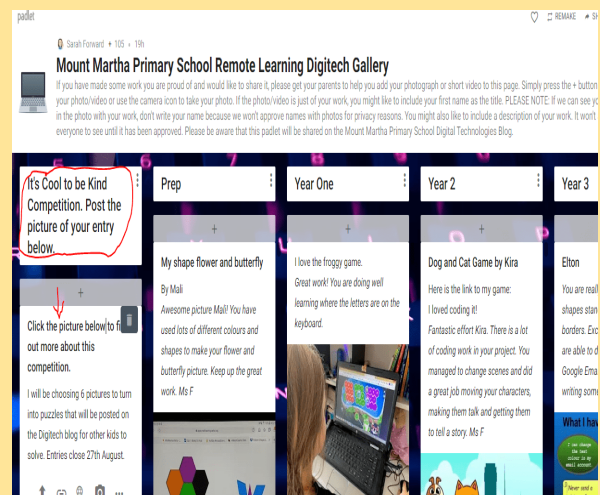
## It's Cool to Be Kind Digitech Competition continued

[Pattern Shapes creator](#). Prep and Year 1 students are familiar with this one and there are video tutorials on their Remote Learning Digitech Lesson Slides.



Or you might like to create something with the [pic collage edu app](#) if you have access to a tablet.

Post your entry on the [Digitech Remote Learning Gallery Padlet](#)



Sarah Forward  
**Digital Technologies Teacher**

## Orders are now open for our Dad's Day Donut Fundraiser.

This Father's / Special Person's Day we've partnered with Rebel Donuts to bring you a sweet fundraising treat. For every purchase of a donut 6 pack, Rebel Donuts will donate \$5 back to the school and \$2.50 for every decorating kit! Yum.!!

- ♦ **Delivery to home address will be on Father's Day.**
- ♦ **Orders being picked up will be available after 10am on Father's Day.**

Click the 'order now' button in the attached for details.

Thank you for your support

SEC Team



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**Dad's Day Donut Fundraiser**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our community is again being challenged by a stricter lockdown and extended remote learning period. It is a worrying time for everyone and highlights the importance of sustaining the strong relationships between parents, students and school staff. School communities provide a valuable support network for families, but during this crisis it has not been possible to have the usual face-to-face contact with each other to ensure that everyone feels connected. That's why it is so important at this time to maintain contact between families and staff via email, Compass, phone calls and Webex sessions. We are available through all of these lines of communication to talk about students' academic needs, but also to discuss strategies to help make learning at home easier on the family and share ways to help keep students engaged.

We all need to monitor our own and our children's mental health during this period. The Beyond Blue Healthy Families website provides information and support for families who have any concerns about emotional wellbeing and the impact of Coronavirus on their children.

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

Listed below are some helpful links about dealing with anxiety and helping children to understand what they may be seeing or hearing in the media:

**How to recognise anxiety in your child.**

<https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/i-am-supporting-others/children-and-young-people/how-to-recognise-anxiety-in-your-child.html>

**Strategies to support anxious children.**

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/age-6-12/mental-health-conditions-in-children/anxiety/strategies-to-support-anxious-children>

**Talking about scary stuff in the news.**

<https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/i-am-supporting-others/children-and-young-people/talking-about-scary-stuff-in-the-news.html>

Having something to look forward to each day is also important for everyone, so making a list of special things you can do after finishing work, such as going for a bike ride, playing a board game, baking together or cuddling up on the couch will provide something positive to focus on and some down-time each day.

**Stay safe, stay well and keep smiling!**

**Karen Hodgkins and the Be You team.**

# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH TRANSITION DURING COVID 19



The transition to high school can be a stressful and anxiety provoking time for both young people and their parents.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services team are hosting a **FREE** online series of events. Featuring leading experts and a panel of local educators, to support you as you guide your child from primary to high school.

Sep 1st, 8th & 15th 7pm - 8.30pm

To register go to:

<https://supportingyourchildthroughtransition.eventbrite.com.au>



Arne Rubinstein  
Founder & CEO Rites of Passage Institute



Panel of Local Educators  
for a Q&A session



Andrew Fuller  
Clinical Psychologist & Author



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember

#### Coming Events



2020 STUDENT  
EVENTS  
POSTPONED

### AUGUST

**Thursday 27th**

Entries close for

**It's Cool to Be Kind Digitech Competition**  
(see inside for details)

### SEPTEMBER

**Friday 4th**

Whole School Virtual Book & Movie  
Character Dress-Up day

Rebel Dad's Day Donut orders close  
Friday September 4

### 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
2020 EVENTS POSTPONED		

### TERM DATES: 2020

**Term 3** 20th July to 18th September

**Term 4** 5th October to 18th December

### TERM DATES: 2021

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**Term 2** 19th April to 25th June

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ENROLMENTS**

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