



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 20 May 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

Gold For Green Day - Gold For Green Day was on Wednesday. It was terrific to see the whole school involved in gardening and environmental activities! There were also many opportunities for our older students to assist younger students showing responsibility and building relationships across year levels. Thank you Mrs Spiridis for your organisation of the event and helpers at home.

Working Bee - Thank you to the parents, staff and students who attended the working bee last Saturday. Jobs completed included tidying up our garden beds and seating areas, planting some plants and building a new garden path. The school certainly looked better at the end of the day. Thanks again!

Book Fair - A huge thank you to all our helpers who are assisting to again running a terrific event for our school community. The Book Fair is a great opportunity to purchase quality books for your child. It is open until 4pm this afternoon and 8.30 to 9.30 tomorrow morning only. Thank you parents for your fantastic support of this event.

Attitude to School Survey - From 24th May to 4th June students in Years 4 to 6 will participate in the Department of Education Attitude to School Survey. This survey has been completed in previous years by students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and asks a range of questions about how they feel about their teachers and school. This information is useful feedback as we work to improve our curriculum, student engagement and wellbeing. The survey is delivered on a secure online format with information aggregated and not identifiable.

Prep 2022 Enrolment - This week we have been having a number of tours for parents with Preps in 2022. They have been very impressed with the learning environment and the engagement of our students in the curriculum. **2022 Prep Enrolment Forms are due back Friday 28th May.** These should be accompanied with a birth certificate, Immunisation History Statement and proof of residential address. Enrolment information and forms are available from the Office.

Welcome - Welcome to Oliver H and his family to the Mount Martha Primary School community. Oliver started in Prep this week!

Pupil Free Day - A reminder that a Pupil Free Day for the Student Led Conferences will be held on **Tuesday 22nd June** for the Student Led Conferences. Please note that Out of School Hours Care is providing an option for a program on this day.

Kind regards

Martin Page

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.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events

MAY



Thursday 20th & Friday 21st

Book Fair in Staff Centre

Thursday 8.15am - 9.30am & 3 - 4pm

Friday 8.15am - 9.30am **Morning only**



Thursday 27th

District Cross Country for selected students

Penbank School Moorooduc

8yo & 9/10yo

Depart at 9am & return at 11.30am

11yo & 12/13yo

Depart at 10.30am & return at 1.45pm

Friday 28th

Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion Pearcedale

9.00am - 2.00pm

Monday 31st

Year 5 & 6 Body Education

Commences today

JUNE

Friday 4th

Girls AFL & Boys Netball for selected students

9.00am - 2.00pm

Emil Masden Reserve, Mt Eliza

Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th

Year 5 & 6 Body Education

Continues today - please refer class timetable

Wednesday 9th

Year 2 Balcombe Estuary Walk

9.15am - 2.00pm

Balcombe Estuary, Mount Martha

Thursday 10th

School Council Meeting

6.45pm in the Staff Centre



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.

EVENTS 2021	COST	CLOSING DATE
Junior Concert (Prep-Year 2)	NIL	23/5/2021
District Cross Country	\$9.00	24/5/2021
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$21.00	25/5/2021
Year 5 & 6 Body Education	\$11.00	26/5/2021
Girls AFL & Boys Netball	\$8.00	26/5/2021
Year 2 Balcombe Estuary Walk	NIL	2/6/2021

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 2 19th April to 25th June

Term 3 12th July to 17th September

Term 4 4th October to 17th December



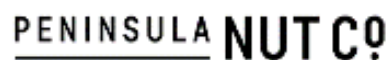
MILES
FROM



THANK YOU

To our generous community businesses for contributing to our Mother's Day Raffle by donating such wonderful prizes. We had a very successful Mother's Day Raffle & Stall, raising over \$3000 for the school! As always, the best part was seeing the kids enjoying both shopping at the stall and helping to sell raffle tickets.

Thanks everyone for your support!



SEC News

Save The Date. Hot Chocolate Day is Coming!

We'll be toasting the end of term and celebrating winter solstice (shortest day of the year) on **June 21st** with our annual Hot Chocolate Day! Yay!

This year, it's **BYO empty mug**. That means every student who pre purchases a hot chocolate needs to bring their own named mug. Pop a reminder in your diary. Compass orders opening soon.

Lots of volunteers needed. Please keep an eye out on compass to sign up. The students will be served canteen style outside the staff kitchen window. Drop in and join the fun if you are around.

WANTED:

If you have any of these items we sure would appreciate a loan. Contact Andrea on 0403 530 701 or Paige on 0487 160 072 with details.

- Large pump thermos (see image)
- Large regular thermos
- Large stainless steel pots (7L plus size)



Oh, one more thing, it's also wear your winter warmers day, so kids, dig out that scarf, find your favourite beanie or wooly jumper and let's celebrate winter.

Going to be delicious!

Working Bee – May 15 2021



After an 18 month hiatus due to COVID restrictions we held our first Working Bee for 2021 last Saturday. Eight of our teaching staff and 3 parents (plus their hard working children) turned up to help prepare areas of our school grounds for Gold for Green Day next Wednesday. It was a brisk morning but the weather held out and we were all soon warm enough as we commenced some manual labour!



The next stage of our garden along the far side of the oval was our main focus. We built a temporary fence around a section of the yard near the Year 5/6 playground equipment in readiness for planting on Gold for Green Day. The fence will protect the young plants from accidental damage over the next couple of years.

The group also prepared and fenced off a small plot of ground down on the Glenisla Drive fence line near the Lost Playground in readiness for a planting activity on Wednesday. We managed to do a bit of pruning and sweeping as well. We finished off with some light refreshments which were enjoyed by all after a couple of hours of toil in our school gardens.

A very big thank you to everybody (parents, teachers and children) from our school community who came along and helped out at our Working Bee. It really is good fun and a great chance to meet other parents and assist in maintaining our beautiful gardens.



Our next "Bee" will be in Term 3. Please consider coming along for a few hours and enjoy a morning making our grounds look great!

Facilities Committee

GOLD FOR GREEN DAY



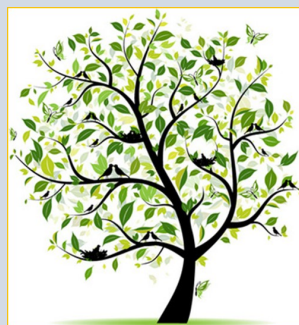
Year Six Environment Leaders

Such a successful day. There will be more to come in next week's newsletter. Thanks to the whole school community for supporting this day so positively. \$860 was raised to pay for the plants that the students planted out yesterday.

I have so much gratitude for my terrific Year Six Environment Leaders who, on the whole, showed every positive trait of leadership. They worked really hard all day and left with huge smiles on their face. Their passion for the environment is so inspiring!

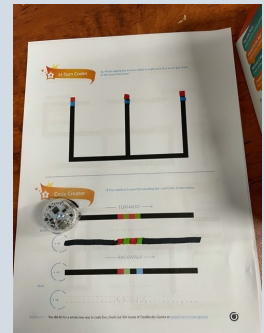
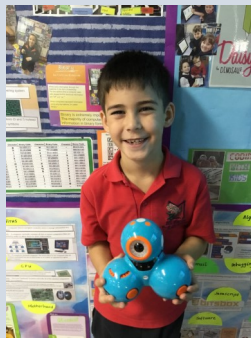
Jenny Spiridis

Year 5 Classroom Teacher

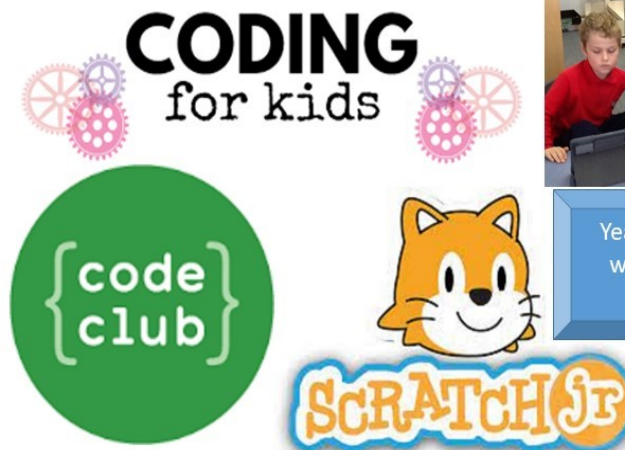


DIGITECH NEWS

The focus in Digitech for most Year levels this term is Coding. Coding is the method of giving a computer instructions to perform a specific task. You may also hear coding referred to as software programming or computer programming. These instructions are communicated using a language that computers can understand, visual blocks and JavaScript. Our school is very lucky to be so well resourced and the students get to experience a variety of hands on experiences. I spent my recent Professional Practice Day experimenting with some new iPads that the school has purchased and [Ozobots](#) that we bought with a recent Telstra funding grant. Ozobot is a little toy robot that blends the physical and digital worlds - and teaches kids programming. Ozobot can identify lines, colors, and codes on both digital surfaces, such as an iPad, and physical surfaces, such as paper. This adds to our collection of robotics, which includes [Dash](#) and [Bluebot](#) programmable robots. Below are some photos and links to examples of what the students are learning in Digitech.



Year 1 and 2 students are having fun at lunchtime Code Club with the Year 6 Digitech leaders learning to code projects using [Scratch Junior](#) on the iPads.



Year 1 and 2 Lunchtime Code Club with the Year 6 Student Digitech Leaders.



DIGITECH NEWS



Coding Awbie to get the strawberries using Osmo.



Programming the Bluebot to get to the lemon tree.

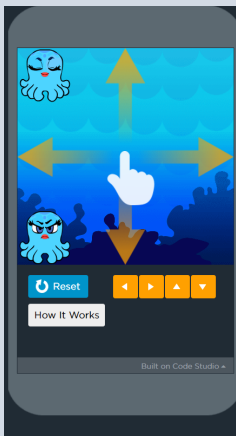


Using the [Kodable](#) website to solve maze challenges and then create your own maze to solve.

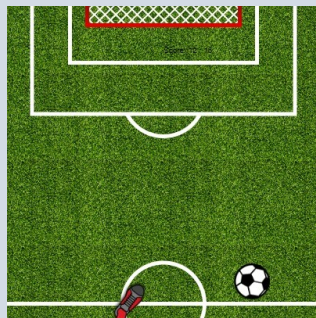


Sarah Forward + 39 = 4d

Year 2 Play Lab Coding Digitech Projects 2021



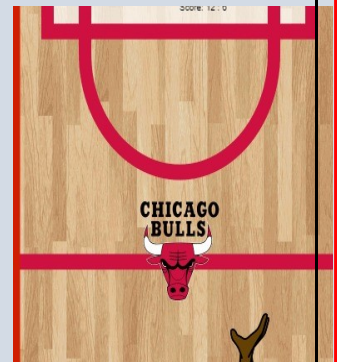
Bronte 3C



Cameron's [Soccer Game](#) 4C



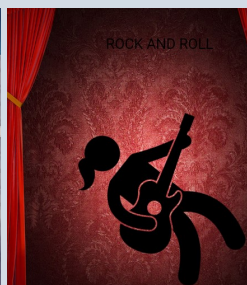
Beatrix's [Flappy Unicorn Game](#) 4D



Riley's [Basketball Game](#) 4A

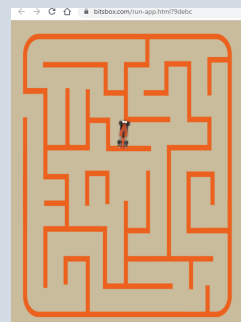


Joel's [Minecraft Coding](#) 5B



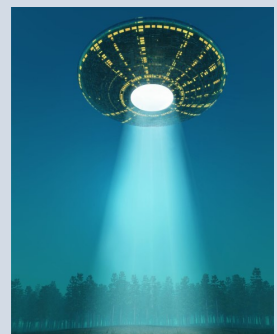
Zach's [Rock and Roll](#)

Javascript coding 6A



Flynn's [Car Maze](#)

Javascript Coding 6B



Camryn's [So Long Alien](#)

Javascript Coding 6D



Register for the free webinar, eSafety's guide to parental controls, for parents and carers from the eSafety Commissioner.

The webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice.

To register, visit: esafety.gov.au/parents

Dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Tuesday 8 June 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 16 June 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Sarah Forward

Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher



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Student Led Conferences - PUPIL FREE DAY



Tuesday 22nd June 2021

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR RENEW, REUSE AND RECYCLE DAY!



NB: You can collect your child/ren from the Library and attend the Student Led conference and then return your child/ren to us!

COST: \$50.00 PER CHILD(LESS CCS%)



CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS

HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH



BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 15th JUNE!!!!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Hey Mt Martha PS families, parents and students

We want to hear your voice to help us shape the future.

What do you want life to look like on the Mornington Peninsula in 2040?

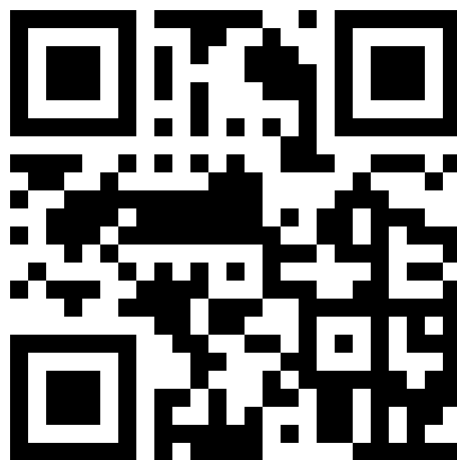
What do you love about living on the Mornington Peninsula?

What would you like to see change?

What opportunities would you like for your children growing up on the Peninsula?

Help shape the future ... we are listening.

Please head to mornpen.vic.gov.au/2040 or scan the QR code to complete the survey.



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