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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 20th October 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

New ground markings - This week we were excited to have our new ground markings installed around the school. Our SEC always do a fantastic job organising and running events for our students and community to enjoy as well as raise funds for school projects. The SEC is raising funds for the new ground markings around the school. These include: a fitness track, car mats, and a variety of games. Made from long lasting thermoplastic, non-slip material they will brighten the yard and provide lots of engaging activities for students and our school community for many years. We are hoping to add to these in 2023.



Continue over

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

Year Three Camp Welcome Back - Our Year Three students, staff and parent volunteers had a wonderful three days at the Briars Camp with glorious sunshine as well as fabulous and exciting activities. Thank you to all who assisted in the organisation and running of the camp to ensure our students had this opportunity.

Prep 2023 Information Night - Thank you to the fabulous Prep Teaching Team and Administration Staff for the organisation and running of the evening. We have a series of activities for Parents of our 2023 prep students. The session provided parents/carers with an insight into how they can support their child's transition into school. A highlight of the evening was certainly the fashion parade of our school uniform by some of this year's Prep students: Macy, Penelope, Lily, Oisin, Ben and Oscar. Thank you to their parents for bringing them to the evening. We were very proud of them having the confidence to show the 2023 parents the range of options of our uniform. Thank you also to Andrea Greaves and Rebecca Tyler from the SEC for coming along to speak about the important role they play in our school community.

Assembly Wednesday 2nd November - is our first whole school assembly for Term 4. It starts at 9.10am. Our assemblies are always a great way to share the talents of our students and hear about some of the school activities.

Japanese Day - Is on **Wednesday 16th November**. Our whole school will be participating in Japanese themed activities, and it is always a lot of fun. Students will be allocated to a red or white team which will be used for some of the events on the day. Students can dress in the colours of their team on the day. Students will make Japanese art and crafts in their classrooms and get outside for sports activities to help 'aka' (red) and 'shiro' (white) take home the Japanese Day Cup. Last year, Shiro were the champions! This year, parents can order some sushi for their children via Compass. Sushi orders will open on Compass at 9am on Wednesday 12th October and close at 4pm on Wednesday 26th October.

Working Bee - Our Term Four working bee is planned for Saturday 5th November. Further details are in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin. It is a great opportunity to get some jobs done around the school and meet other members of our school community.

Nude Food Day - It is on next Thursday 27th October. Our Year Six Nude Food Student Leaders will focus on fresh healthy food, rubbish free lunches to improve student health and the health of the planet. More details in the Banksia Bulletin and a tip page for parents and carers.

[Recap of Previous Newsletter Articles](#)

Student Free Day - We have scheduled our Professional Practice Day for Term Four on **Friday November 18th** for all staff. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day. Our OSHCP will be available on this day. More information is available in the Banksia Bulletin. Bookings close on **Friday 11th November at 6pm**.

Changes in School Crossing Times - The Mornington Shire Council Community Safety Officers has advised that there is still a lot of traffic leaving and students arriving just past 9am on the school crossing outside the school. The Council Safety Officers regularly visit school crossings and our school crossing supervisor Robyn. In the interests of the safety of our school community The Council is changing the operational hours of the crossing in the mornings from **8am - 9am to 8.10am - 9.10am**. There are no changes to the afternoon and the crossing is supervised from **3pm - 4pm**. Classroom teachers will discuss these changes with their students. Please discuss with your children that Robyn will not be on the crossing until 8.10am if they are crossing before this time. The changes came into effect from **Monday 17th October**.

Student Groupings - Planning for 2023 - It is approaching the time of the year when the teachers begin to consider class groupings for the next year. Certain information is helpful in this process. Parents, who believe that exceptional educational circumstances exist for their child/ren that should be considered in placement for next year, need to forward the information in writing to the Principal by **Friday 28th October**. Whilst parents are assured that this information will be considered, no guarantee for individuals is possible as the decisions made are the best for all students collectively.

To assist with class groupings, staffing and furniture needs please contact the office if your child is not returning to Mount Martha Primary School in 2023. Thank you for assisting our planning in this way.

Warm Regards
Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



OCTOBER

Friday 21st

Division Boys Softball

9.00am - 1pm

Wilson Rd Reserve, Mornington

State Table Tennis

9.00am - 3.30pm

Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre

Monday 24th

Boys Division Kanga 8's

Wilson Rd Reserve Mornington

9.00am - 12.00 noon

Friday 28th

Year 6 Bike Education

9.00am - 1.00pm at MMPS

Thursday 27th

Nude Food Day

Please bring fresh, healthy, rubbish free lunches

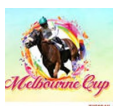


NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Student do not attend school today



Wednesday 2nd

Whole School Assembly

9.15am - 10.15am



Saturday 5th

Working Bee

9.00am - 12noon



Monday 7th

Year 6 PARC Swim Program

9.40am - 12.45pm

PARC Frankston



ADVANCE NOTICE

Friday 18th

Teachers Professional Practise Day

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY

OSHCP available - bookings are essential

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.

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Yr 6 PARC Swim Program	NA	2/11/2022
Yr2 Minibeasts	\$10	6/11/2022
Yr 5 Science Discovery Dome	\$9	6/11/2022
Yr 6 Gumbuya World	\$40	30/11/2022
Yr 5 End of Year Celebration	\$3	30/11/2022
Yr 2 Enchanted Maze	\$26	30/11/2022
Prep Enchanted Maze	\$29	30/11/2022

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

NUDE FOOD NEWS - BACK FOR 2022

Nude Food Day, supported by *Nude Food Movers* and in partnership with *Nutrition Australia*, creates a globally recognised day in which we can all come together and show our support towards healthy eating and waste reduction.

Next week we are encouraging all students to bring fresh, healthy, rubbish free lunches to our school in support of Nude Food Day which, this year, is on **27th October**.

Nude Food Day is a chance for our students to realise what they can do for their health and the health of the planet and the students will be engaging in activities to support this message.

An event like this can give all of us at Mount Martha Primary School a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in packing a healthy, wrapper free lunch!

Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Nude Food Leaders





WHAT IS NUDE FOOD?

NUDE FOOD is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...



TO PACK A NUDE FOOD LUNCH OR SNACK, YOU WILL NEED:

- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers



TRY TO AVOID:

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips



TIPS FOR PACKING NUDE FOOD LUNCHES:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own veggie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.
- Go to www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources for Nude Food recipe ideas.

Celebrate Summer with Choc Top Day!

*Thursday
1st December*



\$3.50 EACH

**ORDERS ON COMPASS
FROM 10 NOVEMBER
(ORDERS CLOSE 24 NOVEMBER)**

**DAIRY/GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS
AVAILABLE**



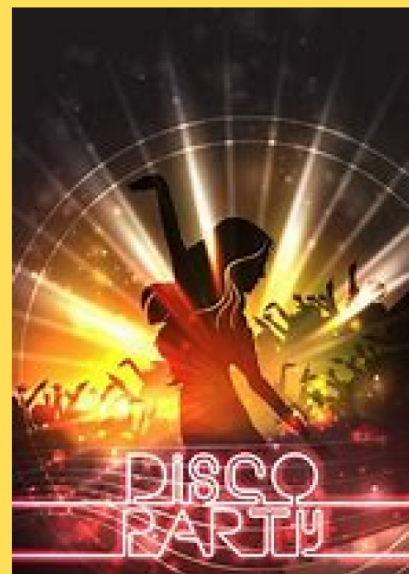
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FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

Prep - 3's: 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm
4 - 6's: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

\$5:00 entry
Small gift on arrival



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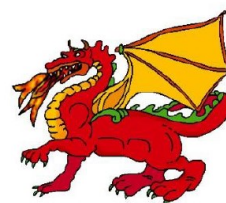
Ticket sales open on Compass
Thursday 10 November
(Close Thursday 24 November)



MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM



PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

COME IN AND JOIN US FOR OUR - EVERYTHING THAT FLIES DAY!



HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM COST: \$50.00 PER CHILD(LESS CCS%)

CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED



FREE DRESS ☺

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER @ 6PM!!!!

TERM 4 WORKING BEE

at MMPS!



- we are asking for your help at our
Term 4 Working Bee!

Date: Saturday 5th November

Time: 9am - 12pm.

If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, secateurs, shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful.

Purpose: Getting grounds ready for the upcoming summer season.

Some jobs required for the day:

- Building temporary fencing.
- Re-establishing garden edging in Sensory Garden
- Preparing garden beds for Prep planting.
- Moving heavy garden furniture(round garden pots)
- Pruning and mulching

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea is provided.

Please complete this attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day.

Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday November at the school Working Bee.

My name is _____ and my child/ren's names are _____

Please return to the office as soon as possible.

2023 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 1 - 6:	Commence 9.00am Tuesday 31st January 2023
PREP INTERVIEWS:	Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February Parents please attend with your child
PREPS START SCHOOL:	Friday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm
PREPS START FULL DAYS:	Monday 27th February 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 1800 337 396 Trading Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm & Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm Online orders: www.psw.com.au
BANKSIA BULLETIN:	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 2nd February 2023

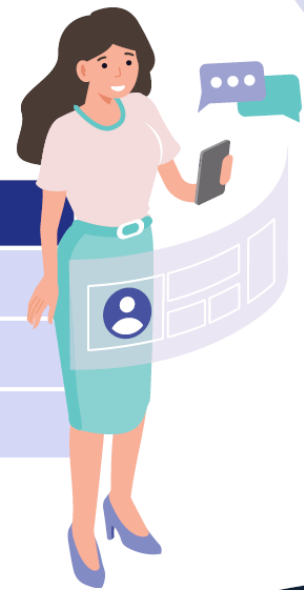
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Mon 17	12:30 to 1:30pm
Thurs 27	12:30 to 1:30pm

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SAVER PLUS INFORMATION SESSION FOR: PARENTS WITH PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (4YO KINDER TO YEAR 12 & HOMESCHOOLED)

A drop in session for parents with school aged children (4yo kinder - Yr 12 & homeschooled). Find out how you can build your financial resilience and get up to \$500 for education costs for your education or your child's with this free program. We will discuss how Saver Plus works, the eligibility criteria and how to sign up.



Meeting Details:

Date: Tuesday October 25th , 2022

Time: 11am - 12pm AEST (Drop in)

Zoom Meeting:

[https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?](https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWl4WjRMbGRlRng0NGhoVVVZz09)

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Passcode: 027166

RSVP:

Click on the link below or scan the QR code to register for the session:

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SAVER PLUS INFORMATION SESSION FOR: CURRENT & FUTURE 4YO KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

A drop in session for current 4 year old kindergarten parents and parents with children starting 4 year old kinder next year (2023).

Children starting primary school is an expensive time for parents. Find out how you can plan ahead for school costs and get up to \$500 for education expenses with Saver Plus. We will discuss how Saver Plus works, the eligibility criteria and how to sign up.



Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday October 26th, 2022

Time: 11-12pm AEST (Drop in)

Zoom Meeting:

[https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?](https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWl4WjRMbGRlRng0NGhoVWVlZz09)

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For parents, step-parents, grandparents, families and carers of children aged 3 - 18 years. Come along for one, two or three sessions. You can just come along on the day and register once you are there. Free for all.

Dealing With Feelings

Wednesday 12th October 1pm - 2.30pm

Dealing With Conflict

Wednesday 19th October 1pm - 2.30pm

Building Resilience and Self Esteem

Wednesday 26 October 1pm - 2.30pm

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 1pm - 2.30pm

WHEN: October 12, 19, 26 2022

WHERE: Somerville Recreational Centre
14 Edward Street
Somerville

COST: FREE

INQUIRIES:
Michelle Brown 0429174150
Michelle.Brown@anglicarevic.org.au



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Sibling Rivalry

Thursday 6th October 9.30 - 11.30am

Peaceful Parenting

Thursday 13th October 9.30 - 11.30am

Building Resilience and Self Esteem

Thursday 20th October 9.30 - 11.30am

DAY: Thursday

TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am

WHEN: October 6, 13, 20

WHERE: The Corner Youth Centre
Wilsons Road
Mornington

COST: FREE

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