



Mt. Martha Primary School

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Mrs Karen Walker

Assistant Principal

Mr Nick Orchard

**Mt Martha Primary
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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 21st July 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 Turf - Over the school holidays new turf was laid near the Prep playground. This area has the buddy bench that the Men's Shed built and presented to the school in first term. The plan for this space is for it to become a passive play space for students to play with toys and games. The funds to create this space were provided by the generous donations from members of the school community sponsoring students during the 2022 Colour Run. Thank you.



COVID Update - Schools have received the following information from the Department of Education. Schools have been requested to communicate this expectation to the whole school community and seek their support for this collective effort. It is strongly recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because the wearing of masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. It is the Department's expectation that, through to the end of winter, students aged 8 and over and staff will wear masks when in class, except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication or when a particular activity requires the removal of a mask. Masks are not required to be worn outdoors but can be worn when physical distancing is not possible. This expectation should not constrain student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport, and performances. We understand that parents and carers will play an important role in supporting this expectation. A short letter is included in this newsletter which explains this will be a consistent expectation across all schools in Victoria this winter.

Exemptions for testing and isolation

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous 12 weeks to 4 weeks. This means that staff and children who are household contacts of people with COVID-19 are now required to undertake the testing and isolation requirements from 4 weeks after completing isolation with COVID-19.

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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

After the four-week exemption period, students and staff members who are a household contact of a new COVID-19 case, must follow [the rules for household contacts](#), including reporting this to the school. As part of this they must take five rapid antigen tests (RATs) over seven days and receive negative test results and wear a face mask (if over eight years old) in indoor spaces. Families and staff will also have to report being a household contact to the school after this four-week period.

Travelling Safety to and from School - Early into a new term it is timely to remind children walking or riding of safe strategies for travel to and from school. For example, some of our streets are quite narrow and so strategies to use if a car is coming toward you, safe places to cross on your child's journey and a refresher on road rules including "Stop" and "Give Way" signs and roundabouts may be useful.

Lost Property - Our collection of Lost Property has increased since we returned to school. With the cooler months now with us, students will be requiring their jumpers more frequently and our collection of lost jumpers has increased. Mr Orchard and some fabulous Year Six Leaders returned all named items last Friday. There are still some unnamed items we would love to return. If your child has misplaced a jumper or another item, there is a good chance it will be in lost property located near the Art room. Please remember to check the name on your child's items to see it is still legible as named items can quickly find their way back to their owners. Thank you.

Excursions/Incursions - Next week there are lots of exciting extra curricula activities taking place that enhance our learning programs and engage students in learning. We have our Year Five students heading to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, Year Six to the Queen Victoria Market, Preps heading on their community walk and Year Two have an incursion with Richard Galbraith author and cartoonist. Thank you to all our parent helpers who come along and assist. Without this valuable help we would be unable to run these activities.

Warm Regards, Karen Walker.



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Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

Dr David Howes
Deputy Secretary

Victorian Department of
Education and Training

Michelle Green
Chief Executive

Independent Schools
Victoria

Jim Miles
Executive Director

Catholic Education
Commission of Victoria

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



JULY

Tuesday 26th

Year 5 Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

9.15am - 3.00pm

Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

Wednesday 27th

Year 2 Richard Galbraith Cartooning Incursion

9.45am to 12.45pm

Mt Martha Primary

Thursday 28th

Year 6 Queen Vic Market

9.00am to 2.30pm

Melbourne

Prep Community Walk

9.00am to 1pm

Mt Martha Village

AUGUST

Tuesday 2nd

**SEC Meeting 7pm
in Staff Centre**



Wednesday 3rd

2023 Prep Storytime Bookings open 8.30am
Compass Conferences please book one session only. Bookings close Wednesday 10th August.

Year 6 Transition Program

Dromana College

8.45am - 12.00pm

Year 3 Richard Galbraith Cartooning Incursion

9.45am - 12.45pm

Thursday 11th

**School Council Meeting
6.45pm in
Staff Centre**



Friday 12th

**2023 Prep Story Time Session 1
9.30am - 10.30am
in Staff Centre
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
Prep Community Walk	NA	25/7/2022
Year 6 Queen Vic Market	NA	25/7/2022
Year 5 & 6 Body Education Program	\$14	10/8/2022
Year 1 Where We Live	\$8	10/8/2022
Prep Kingswim	\$78	15/8/2022
Year 3 Dandenong Market	\$14	16/8/2022
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$20	29/8/2022
Year 3 Briars Camp	\$240	3/10/2022

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 3 11th July to 16th September
(Monday 11th July Student Free Day)
Students return Tuesday 12th July

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to 6th April

Term 2 24th April to 23rd June

Term 3 10th July to 15th September

Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

SPORTS NEWS

SSV STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Last week School Sport Victoria (SSV) held the State Cross Country at the Yarra Valley Racing Club in Yarra Glen where we had Sienna compete in the 9/10 year old girls 2km race. With the track a little muddy under foot, she took to the course with a field of 102 runners and showed great passion and determination to do our school proud and herself.

She was nervous being in such a big field of runners and being one of the youngest competitors but she found her groove and rhythm and completing the course finishing 18th overall.



This is an awesome effort Sienna and the Mt Martha Primary School community are so proud of you're achievements.

JOGGING CLUB

Jogging Club is running smoothly. The sports leaders will be down on the basketball courts on Tues/Wed/Thur to run Jogging Club starting at 8:40. It is so good to see so many students and younger siblings joining in this early morning exercise. Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies.

*****If the weather is drizzling/raining then it won't go ahead. The cards will get wet and we don't want you to start the day with wet socks and catching a cold*****

SSV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ziva has been fortunate to be selected in the 12 & Under SSV State Basketball squad. She is one of the youngest in the squad has been named emergency and will attend the National Tournament in Bendigo in August.

It is a great achievement as Ziva was selected through multiple selection days, with the final being a two day State Select Camp in Werribee over the school holidays. Ziva will now complete a six week intensive training program with SSV in the lead up to the National Tournament.

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.





Annual Story Writing Competition “Dreaming with eyes open...”

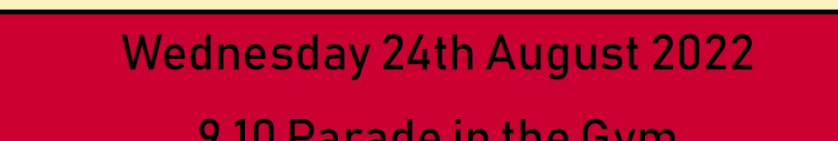
Farrell’s Book Store is once again running their story writing competition in the lead up to CBCA Children’s Book Week in August. The aim of the competition is to provide an opportunity for kids to extend their love of reading and books by exploring and enjoying the process of creating their own piece of writing. They run the competition across five age groups from Prep to Year 12, with Farrells book vouchers as prizes and the finished pieces published on their website. Each year Farrells invites shortlisted entrants to an awards ceremony in store, this year featuring local author, Danielle Binks, on Saturday 27 August (full details TBC). Entries close on Sunday 31 July.

You can find more information about the competition, including entry requirements, here:

<https://www.farrells.com.au/kids-writing-competition-2022/>

Jane Doye

English Learning Specialist

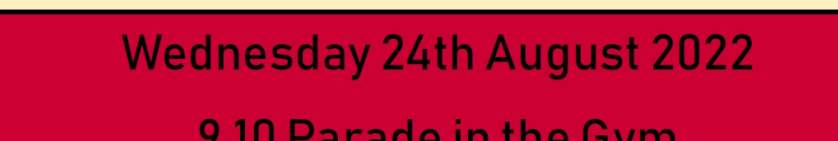


Wednesday 24th August 2022

9.10 Parade in the Gym

Families welcome!

Part of our Book Week Celebrations.

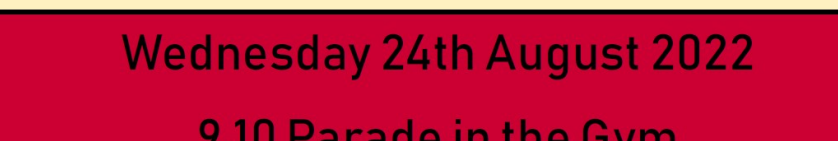


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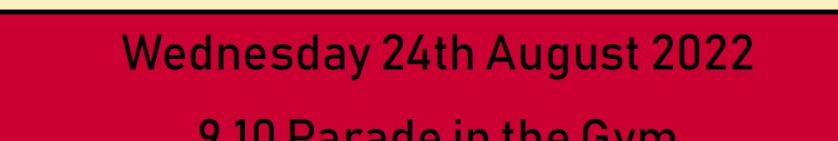


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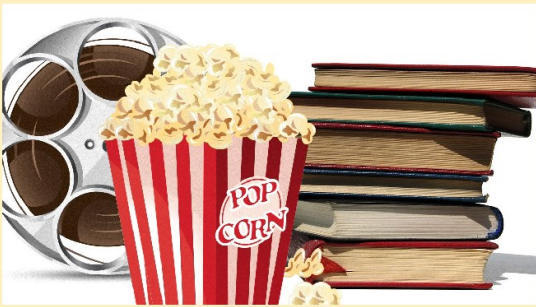


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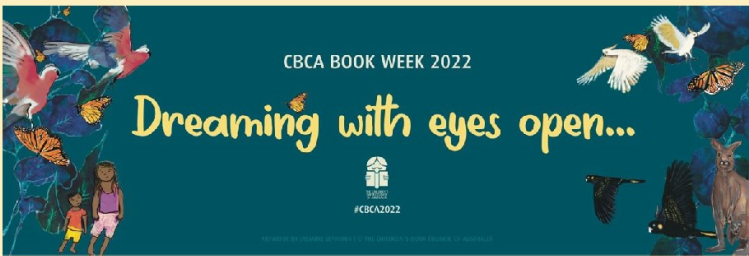
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Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 9th September.

Tip for collecting:

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!



* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](https://www.wonder.australia) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](https://www.wonderrecyclingrewards) to share all your recycling champion stories!





EVENT Sunshine Community Tree Planting

WHEN Saturday 30th July 8:30am-11:30am

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