



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 21 May 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

Staged return to face to face teaching

We are really looking forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom. We are conscious that students may have a variety of feelings about returning to school and so will be initially prioritising on the health and wellbeing of our students, re-establishing relationships and settling back in to school routines.

Following recommendations from Victoria's Chief Medical Officer there are some changes we need to make in how we do things at school. Parents/Carers will receive a handbook that outlines and gives direction on these changes. These may require adjustment as we move back in to full operation and receive updated information from DET and the Chief Medical Officer.

At this point I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for their work and support in the remote learning program. It has been a challenge and everyone has done a wonderful job to maintain learning, wellbeing and connections. Thank you all so much!

Some key points concerning the return to school:

1. To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, next **Monday 25 May** will be a pupil-free day. No students are required at school on this day. Out of Hours Care will offer a program for a limited number of students. See the information in this newsletter. Bookings are required and close today at 6pm.
2. In the **first stage** of the return, students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will return to school from **Tuesday 26 May**. In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, all other year levels will return to school from **Tuesday 9 June**.
3. The existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from **Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June** for those students in Year's 3 to Year 6 whose parents are essential services workers who have no child care options and vulnerable children. Applications via email to mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au for the following week must be made by 3pm on the Thursday prior to the week that on-site schooling is required.
4. Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if a parent/carer chooses to keep their child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.
5. A critical measure in control of COVID-19 in schools is that unwell students should not be sent to school or remain at school if symptoms appear during the day or they become unwell. Parents will be contacted to collect unwell students who will be supervised while isolated from other students.
6. Students should bring their own named water bottle as drinking fountains are not available. Drink bottles can be refilled from taps during the day. Food is not to be shared.

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

Principal's Report continued....

7. A rigorous approach will be used by teachers to ensure all students wash/sanitise their hands each time upon entry and exit of rooms, before and after eating, after using the toilet and after coughing or sneezing. Students will be reminded of the need to cough or sneeze into their elbow and use tissues. All classrooms have handwashing and/or sanitiser available, tissues and antiseptic wipes. Parents may choose to supply their own child with sanitiser and tissues.
8. DET have funded enhanced cleaning with high touch points and toilets provided with additional cleans throughout the day. Playground equipment will also be cleaned.
9. The Chief Health Officer has highlighted the importance of social distancing between adults as a key control measure. Social distancing is not required amongst students onsite. For our parents this will result in some of the more obvious changes parents see. Parents are encouraged to only be onsite for essential business. Parents must not enter classrooms or corridors. Communication with teachers will continue to be via gmail and telephone. The Office is open but social distancing is required. Early pick ups or late arrivals will be organised from the Office. Parents must not congregate at the school gates and practice social distancing. We have also made changes to the way our staff work and have breaks to ensure social distancing as well. We recognise that in the initial days of returning to school some students, particularly Preps, may require a parent to walk them in to school or a pick up but over time we should all be working to minimise this.
10. The school day will commence at 9am as usual with students usually arriving at different times from about 8.30am. This staggered arrival allows for a flow of students entering and easier physical distancing. **At the end of the day, students in Prep to Year 2 will finish at 3.30pm. From 9th June Years 3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm. From 26th May to 9th June onsite learners will finish at 3.30pm as usual.** A slightly earlier finish will allow an improved flow of students off site while still allowing siblings to meet if required for the walk home.
11. Designated play equipment and areas already exist for our students and oval use is timetabled. This together with a large play area will mean that recess and lunchtimes will remain at their usual times.
12. To return to our normal teaching program borrowed computer equipment must be returned. Prep to Year 2 should return equipment to the front Office by **25th May**. Year 3 to Year 6 equipment by **5th June**.
13. If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID -19 the school will contact the Department of Health who will advise the next steps. It is likely the school will be shut and reopen after a deep clean has occurred. This takes usually between 1 and 3 days.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

COVID -19 Information - In these times a reminder that using trusted and accurate sources of information is so important. For example <https://www.vic.gov.au/>, <https://www.australia.gov.au/>, and <https://www.health.gov.au> continue to provide comprehensive and accurate information.

Thank you once again and I appreciate your support as we transition our students back to school.

Kind regards

Martin Page

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

Coming Events

MAY



Monday 25th

STUDENT FREE DAY

Students do not attend school

Tuesday 26th

**Students in Prep, Years 1 & 2
recommence learning onsite at school**

JUNE



Monday 1st

Hot Chocolate Day at your house!



Monday 8th

QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Students do not attend school

Tuesday 9th

**Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
recommence learning onsite at school**

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	COST	CLOSING DATE
<div>2020 EVENTS POSTPONED</div>		

TERM DATES: 2020

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Hot Chocolate Day Is Back...at Your House!

Join us on **Monday June 1st** for a Hot Chocolate at home!

It's choccie tradition at Mt Martha Primary to celebrate the first day of Winter with a yummy hot chocolate.

Since we can't all be together this year, we are inviting everyone to warm up Winter with a mug or two of your favourite winter drink at home.

Then, for some yummy fun, send us a picture of your Hot Chocolate Day to show us how you celebrated the first day of winter.

If you have a favourite hot chocolate recipe, share that too!

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