



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 21 October 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

Return to On Site Learning - This week we commence the staged return of students to onsite learning. We had some very excited Preps and Year 1 and 2 students start back so far this week. Tomorrow the Years 1 and 2 will be joined by students in Years 5 and 6.

A reminder that for our school, this means that the following arrangements are in place:

Year level	Date of return	Days of week
Prep	Monday 18 th October	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday 21 st October	Thursday, Friday
Year 2	Thursday 21 st October	Thursday, Friday
Year 3	Tuesday 26 th October	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday 26 th October	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 5	Friday 22 nd October	Thursday, Friday
Year 6	Friday 22 nd October	Thursday, Friday

The remote learning program will continue on the days when students are not scheduled to attend onsite. We are not quite finished with Webex, See Saw and Google Classroom. When not at school on a scheduled return to school day students will be learning at home or at school for students whose parents are authorized workers or deemed vulnerable according to DET criteria. Registration is still required to assist in planning our staff for the day.

Thank you again parents and carers for your ongoing work and support as we make this transition.

An ongoing reminder 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.
- Face masks must be worn by students in Years 3 to 6 when indoors at school and recommended for students in Prep to Year 2.

Principal Report continued overleaf

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 REPORT CONTINUED

- Social distancing between adults is a key control measure and must continue to be practiced. Parents are encouraged to only be onsite for essential business. Parents must not enter classrooms or corridors, must wait offsite at drop off and pick up and not congregate at the school gates.
- In the initial days of returning to school some students may require a parent to walk them into school or a pick up but we should all be working to minimise this.
- Initial communication with teachers will still be via the teachers' Gmail and phone numbers used in the remote learning program.
- Essential visitors to school grounds must comply with density limits, face mask requirements, QR code/Compass Kiosk/manual check ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- The school day will commence at **9am** as usual. Please follow the "Kiss and Go" rules.
- When students first return in the staged timetable the school day will finish at **3.30pm** as usual. From Friday 5th November when all students have returned **Years 3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm. Students in Prep to Year 2 will finish at 3.30pm.** Siblings should have a pre-arranged and clearly understood outside meeting place if travelling home together.

Current DET/DHS advice is that a positive COVID case at school will result in the school being closed while it is deep cleaned and contact tracing undertaken. Quarantine arrangements are implemented for close contacts. Your assistance in implementation of COVID safe strategies will help to keep our school community safe and prevent a school closure.

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

<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.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/education-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19>.

Fact Sheet - The Department of Health has developed a fact sheet for parents and carers, focusing on young people and COVID-19 which is included in this bulletin.

The fact sheet includes information about:

- symptoms and treatment
- getting a COVID-19 test
- COVID-19 vaccines, including how to book an appointment
- wearing face masks
- resources to support conversations about COVID-19 with children
- resources to support mental health and wellbeing.

I encourage you to access the fact sheet and share the information with your children.

If you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19, you can contact the Department of Education and Training's COVID-19 phone line on 1800 338 663 (available 8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and 10am-3pm Saturday to Sunday, excluding public holidays).

Principal Report continued overleaf

PRINCIPAL REPORT CONTINUED

2022 Student Supply Orders & 2022 Year 6 Rugby Tops - A reminder that your child's 2022 Student Supply Order and the 2022 Year 6 Rugby Top Order are due next **Monday 25th October**. Please read the information carefully from last term's Compass post as there has been a change in processes this year.

Student Groupings - Reminder Planning for 2022 - 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 and 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 29th 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 Mt Martha PS in 2022. Thank you for assisting our planning in this way.

Looking forward to seeing us all back on site soon!

Kind regards

Martin Page

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



OCTOBER

Thursday 21st

2022 Prep Online Information Night Via WebEx

Student surnames starting with **K - Z** please attend 7.00 - 8.00pm

Parents please refer to Compass Newsfeeds & emails for WebEx Meeting Link.



Thursday 21st

Years 1 & 2 students return to face to face learning at school

Friday 22nd

Years 1,2, 5 & 6 students return to face to face learning at school

Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th

Prep students continue to face to face learning at school

Tuesday 26th - Wednesday 27th

Years 3 & 4 students return to face to face learning at school

Thursday 28th - Friday 29th

Years 1, 2 students continue to face to face learning at school

5 & 6 students continue to face to face learning at school

NOVEMBER

Monday 1st November

Prep students continue to face to face learning at school

Tuesday 2nd November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

student DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY

Wednesday 3rd

Prep, Years 3 & 4 students continue face to face learning at school



Thursday 4th

Years 1,2,5 & 6 students continue face to face learning at school

Friday 5th

ALL YEAR LEVELS RETURN TODAY



COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



With restrictions permitting, the below Events will be published to Compass once confirmed.

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.

SCHEDULED EVENTS (TO BE CONFIRMED)	PROPOSED DATE	COST
Year 6 PARC Swimming	8—12 Nov	\$NIL
Year 3 Somers Camp	10—12 Nov	\$230
Year 3 Professor Bunsen	19th Nov	\$12
Years 5 & 6 Swim Sports Years 3 & 4 Swim Sports	30th Nov 1st Dec	\$6
Prep Enchanted Garden	8th Dec	\$28
Year 2 Reptile Encounters	8th Dec	\$15
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	10th Dec	\$21
Year 6 Gumbuya World	15th Dec	TBC
Year 1 Dinosaur World	15th Dec	\$28
Year 4 South Beach Lunch	15th Dec	\$10
Year 5 Sausage Sizzle	15th Dec	\$2
Year 3 Max The Magician	16th Dec	\$3

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 4 4th October to 17th December

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1 28th January to 8th April
Students in Years 1-6 commence 1st February 2022

(Prep Interviews 1-3 February to be confirmed)

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

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CONFIRMATIONS

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the dairy, soy & gluten free option.

SEE EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS

ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 8TH NOV

BE YOU NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look forward to our transition back to onsite learning, supporting student mental health and wellbeing remains a major priority for Term Four. We understand that all students will need time and assistance to readjust to being back at school, and we will monitor their progress closely to ensure they are feeling safe and supported.

Our Social and Emotional Learning program - **You Can Do It** – will continue to provide students with the opportunities to build their coping skills and resilience, as well as teaching mindfulness, gratitude, having a calm brain, positive self-talk and a growth mindset.

The **Protective Behaviours Program** will continue to support students in developing the awareness, knowledge and strategies to help keep themselves safe in a range of situations

The following link was forwarded from **Be You** to assist parents with supporting students in the transition back to school.

[Back to school anxiety during COVID](#)

These links also provide helpful information and may assist in answering any questions or concerns that you have:

Will my child bounce back from the Coronavirus crisis?

<https://childmind.org/article/coping-with-social-anxiety-during-social-distancing/>

Coping with Social Anxiety During Social Distancing.

<https://childmind.org/article/coping-with-social-anxiety-during-social-distancing/>

The Beyond Blue Healthy Families website also provides a great range of resources for supporting children through challenging times such as these.

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

Please take the time to explore the information through these links, in preparation for our return to school.

We are all looking forward to being back in the classroom with our students and hope all goes to plan for our return. Thank you for your incredible support during the remote learning period. Whilst your children may not always appreciate your help, we certainly do!

Kind regards,

Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.



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TERM 4*

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2015 / 2016 / 2017

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* COVID RESTRICTIONS PENDING

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Mornington Basketball is currently offering free online training sessions and welcome any students from Mt Martha Primary and Osborne Primary to attend. The sessions are being hosted by two of our senior women's players Keely & Charli on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Further details can be viewed by following this link

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Children, young people and COVID-19

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Information for parents, guardians, carers and young people

Children and young people are far more likely to catch or spread the COVID-19 Delta variant than previous variants of COVID.

Children and young people (0-19 years) make up [22% of COVID-19 cases](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-coronavirus-covid-19-data) (coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-coronavirus-covid-19-data) in Victoria in 2021.

Children with COVID-19 are likely to experience mild symptoms or no symptoms, and are highly unlikely to become severely unwell or need to go to hospital.

While statistics show that COVID-19 is still not a serious illness in children, they can transmit the virus to others, putting older family members at possible risk.

Children under 12 can't be vaccinated against COVID-19 yet. That's why it's very important for parents, older siblings and educators to get vaccinated to help keep children safe.

Young people older than 12 are very social and highly mobile, and [supporting them to get vaccinated](#) helps slow the spread of COVID-19.

As a parent, guardian or carer, you can do your bit to keep children healthy: stay home if you have symptoms, however mild, get tested as quickly as possible, isolate, wear a mask and get vaccinated.

Symptoms and treatment

Children and young people with COVID-19 are likely to experience mild symptoms or none at all, but they can still transmit the virus to others.

Fever and cough are the most common symptoms of COVID in children and young people.

If your child has a fever or cough, no matter how mild, you should seek advice and get them tested.

For advice, call the 24-hour Coronavirus Hotline 1800 675 398 or contact your doctor.

Getting a COVID-19 test

Testing is free for everyone in Victoria.

You can take your child to get tested at [any COVID-19 testing site](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19) (coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19).

After your child has been tested, go straight home and wait for the results. Do not go to work or go out shopping with your child after their test.

You will be contacted by phone or SMS to tell you the results of your child's COVID-19 test, regardless of whether it is positive or negative.

If you are worried you will lose pay while you wait for results, you may be eligible for a [\\$450 Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Test Isolation Payment](#).

For more information about testing results and isolation requirements, visit [Getting your results](#)

Getting vaccinated for COVID-19

Free and safe COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone aged 12 and over. Young people who turn 12 during the COVID-19 vaccine rollout can get vaccinated.

You can book an appointment with your doctor, at some pharmacies, or online at [book your vaccine appointment](#) (coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment)

Learn about [COVID-19 vaccines for children and teenagers](#) (coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers)

The more people who get vaccinated, the greater the protection for the whole Victorian community.

Wearing face masks

When teachers, staff, and students consistently and correctly wear masks, they help protect themselves and others from COVID.

Children aged 12 years and over who are attending secondary school must wear a face mask indoors and outdoors, unless they are eating, drinking, or exercising or a lawful exception applies.

Children in grades 3-6 are required to wear a mask indoors when at school, where practicable.

Children with a disability aren't required to wear a mask if it is not suitable for them.

Children under the age of two should never wear a face mask, as they are at risk of suffocation or strangulation.

Find a mask that is made for children to ensure it fits properly. Masks for children are sold by a range of retailers and businesses.

Check that your child's mask fits snugly over their nose and mouth and under their chin, and make sure there aren't gaps at the sides of the mask.

For ideas on how to discuss mask wearing and concerns or questions children have about masks, [visit Face masks and COVID-19: supporting children 0-12 years](#) (raisingchildren.net.au/guides/coronavirus-covid-19-guide/face-masks-coronavirus-children)

Talking to your child about COVID-19

Parents and carers should take the opportunity to talk to children about COVID-19.

To access resources to have a safe and reassuring conversation with your child, visit [talking to your child about COVID-19](#) (coronavirus.vic.gov.au/talking-your-child-about-coronavirus-covid-19)

School and COVID-19

The Department of Education and Training has information about changes to education settings at all level during COVID-19 in Victoria, visit: [Education - information for parents, students and educators](#)

Mental health resources

Navigating changing routines and interactions with family, friends and school can cause children and young people anxiety and stress. For information and support, visit [Mental health resources for children and young people](#) and [Supporting your child's mental health](#)

For more information about children, young people and COVID-19 visit [Murdoch Children's Research Institute Frequently Asked COVID-19 Questions](#)

For any questions

Coronavirus Hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)

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