



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 22 October 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

**Return to On Site Learning** - Our students are continuing to have settled back in to school well with teachers providing activities to ensure that transition from remote to onsite learning is successful. It is great to see our students actively engaged in their learning and enjoying the time with friends and staff again. They are continuing to implement our routines around such things as enhanced hygiene practices.

COVID-19 infection numbers are continuing to decline which will contribute to easing of restrictions. Thank you again parents for your assistance with some of our routines to limit transference of COVID-19 at school. In particular keeping unwell students at home and promptly collecting students who have become unwell at school, respecting social distancing, wearing masks and limiting the presence of adults on site to essential business only is greatly appreciated. It all helps to limit the potential for a COVID-19 outbreak.

More information about coronavirus (COVID-19) as it pertains to schools can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

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

**AFL Grand Final Day Public Holiday** - A reminder that tomorrow **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** is the "AFL Grand Final Day Friday" public holiday. No students are required at school.

**Student Groupings - Reminder** - 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2021. Thank you for assisting our planning in this way.

Some parents may be worried about their child's progress during the period of remote learning and wondering whether their child would benefit from repeating a year of school.

Research shows that repeating a year level is not recommended and can lead to poorer outcomes for students. It's understandable that parents may think that another 12 months at the same year level will give their child an opportunity to catch up or mature, however this is only the best option for a student in exceptional circumstances. In most cases, research tells us that repeating a year level is not an effective strategy as it often negatively impacts academic achievement, wellbeing, engagement, and school completion.

Our school will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students close any learning gaps and meet their learning needs.

**Parent Opinion Survey** - On line access to the Parent Opinion Survey has been provided to a random sample of our families. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the survey. The accuracy of the feedback provided by the survey in such areas as our teaching, curriculum, organisation and management is assisted by as large a return rate as possible. All surveys are anonymous. Please complete surveys by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you for your feedback and your time in completing the survey.

Kind regards

Martin Page

Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember

#### Coming Events



### OCTOBER

#### Until further notice:

Year 3 to 6 finish at 3.20pm

Prep to Year 2 finish at 3.30pm

#### Friday 23rd

Public Holiday - Students do not attend school on this day.

2021 Student Supplies & Rugby Top Order First Payment Plan debit of 50% today



### NOVEMBER

#### Tuesday 3rd

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
Students do not attend school

#### Friday 6th

2021 Student Supplies & Rugby Top Order Second Payment Plan debit of 25% today



#### Thursday 12th

School Council Meeting 6.45pm

#### Friday 20th

2021 Student Supplies & Rugby Top Order Third and final Payment Plan debit of 25% today



### 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
2020		
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#### TERM DATES: 2020

**Term 4** 5th October to 18th December  
**Students dismissed at 1.30pm**

#### TERM DATES: 2021

**Term 1** 27th January to 1st April

Students in Years 1-6 start  
Friday 29th January  
2021 Prep Interviews Friday 29th January, Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February 2021  
2021 Prep Students commence Wednesday 3rd February 2021

## Legacy Jumps Area

The “Legacy jumps” area has been a favourite place for play for many years. Over the years the area has become well worn. Last weekend a group of families headed down and picked up a big bag of rubbish from the area and plenty of larger items that have been left in the area. Whilst we were there we were lucky enough to see a red belly black snake!

Some neighbours have contacted us regarding our students playing in this area. They have loved seeing our students creating and playing in this space. Of late however they have noticed an increase in poor language and at times aggressive behaviour. They are also incredibly concerned about students’ safety on the road.

Could you please chat to your children about their use of this area?

Watch for snakes!

Take your rubbish home.

Mind your language and behaviour.

Be aware of road rules.

We are all hoping that our older students can be role models for the younger ones so that this space can continue to be used safely.



Despi O'Connor

**TravelSmart Coordinator**

## Travelling Smarter

### Mount Martha Primary School

The innovative parking signs around our community are aimed at improving safety for those who walk, ride, skate and scoot to school. In addition, these zones greatly assist with traffic congestion and road safety issues around our school.

#### Park and Stride:

This zone was an initiative designed in consultation with the Mount Martha School Community. Park and Stride routes have been chosen based on site viability, natural surveillance of routes and where our families live. Park and Stride is currently available from **Mt Martha House** and just outside **Via Sole Pizza** on Walara Drive.

#### Kiss & Go:

This zone is a pick up and drop off zone. The idea is that the driver remains in the car, the children exit **kerbside** where you can just kiss them and go freeing up the space for others.

If you have any questions or need more info please talk to a TravelSmart representative at school.

Despi O'Connor

TravelSmart Coordinator



### RESPECTING PARKING SIGNS

If you park near the school please follow the parking restriction signs. These are designed to improve safety for everyone, especially our children.

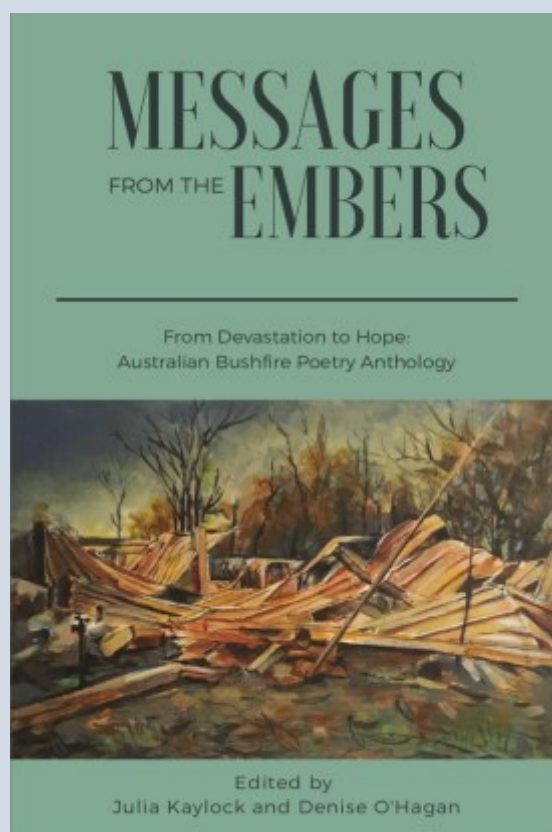
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**MMPS Year 6 Student, Ava M was the youngest Poet to have her work published in this wonderful book,  
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Within several of these poems is a resilient undercurrent of hopefulness and a will to emerge from damage and drive a more perceptive way forward.

All profits from this publication will be directed to [BlazeAid](#).

Available from [Amazon Australia](#), Publication date: 9 October 2020

**Congratulations to Ava, we are immensely proud of your achievement!**



#### Tips to support your child's health and wellbeing

Advice, tips and resources available for parents and carers to support their child's mental and physical health and wellbeing. It covers a range of topics including:

- [Managing screen time and online safety](#)
- [Looking after your child's wellbeing](#)
- [Looking after your child's mental health](#)
- [Physical activity and healthy eating](#)
- [Taking care of yourself](#)
- [Wellbeing activities for parents of primary school students](#)
- [Wellbeing activities for parents of secondary students](#)

#### Raising Learners Podcast Series



The Department has partnered with the Raising Children Network on a series of podcasts providing expert advice and information to parents and carers on a range of health and wellbeing topics.

Topics include how to connect with your child's school and community, how to best support your child's learning, what to expect for VCE and VCAL students and how to keep your child safe online.

#### Accessing Support

If looking after yourself is challenging and you have concerns about how you are coping, support is available. Talk to someone you trust, contact your general practitioner (GP), a counsellor or psychologist or visit a hospital emergency department. You can also access external help through:

#### Helpline

- [Parentline](#)
- [Lifeline](#)
- [Beyond Blue](#)

#### Information and resources

- [Black Dog Institute](#)
- [Raising Children Network](#)

#### Talking to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19)

Advice on having a safe and reassuring conversation about coronavirus (COVID-19), available in a range of community languages.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# Caring for our Community during Coronavirus



### Care packages for those in need



Mornington Peninsula Shire, in partnership with local Community Support Centres, is offering care packages for our most vulnerable and isolated community members who are impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic on the Peninsula. Care packages will be sent to eligible households through contactless delivery.

Care packages will include non-perishable food and essential hygiene items.

#### You are eligible to receive a care package if you:

- are being impacted by Covid-19 due to self-isolation
- are considered 'at risk' of getting COVID-19
- have no support locally to access supplies
- are experiencing significant hardship due to the current situation.

#### How do I register to receive a care package?

Phone the Shire on ☎ 1300 850 600

If you need the assistance of an interpreter phone ☎ 131 450

TTY/voice calls: ☎ 133 677

Speak and listen: ☎ 1300 555 727

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