



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 23 July 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

Welcome Back - Welcome back everyone with another period of remote and flexible learning for the start of Term 3! This is another strategy to slow the spread of the recent COVID-19 outbreaks and keep our community safe. I hope everyone made the most of the school holidays to share some time with family and friends and some favourite activities prior to Stage 3 restrictions being re-imposed.

Once again Year levels and teachers will continue to update student work Monday and Wednesday mornings and hold regular video conferencing via webex. Specialist teacher lessons are posted on blogs. Teachers have reflected on the students' learning experiences in Term 2 and have made some adjustments to improve the program. You and your child may have noticed some differences in approach. We are conscious of the need to work with parents to provide learning tasks, guidance around the structure of a day, individual support and assistance and meeting student wellbeing needs. Thank you for taking on board all the information from the school to set remote learning up again!

Student Reports - Written reports for the first semester will be available via Compass today, Thursday 23rd July. DET have recognised via a reduced report format that given the extended time on remote learning there were limited opportunities for student assessment and students had "at school" and "at home" learning environments. More information is included in the newsletter.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's Semester One report. Current Covid-19 restrictions require that these discussions occur remotely. More information is included in the student report information in the newsletter.

Communication - Advice has been provided regarding the methods of communication that parents can use with teachers. They are the first contacts to assist parents in questions about content, approaches and the children's learning. This can be combinations of email, blogs, video conferencing or telephone. Please note that teachers are available between 8.50am and 3.50pm. Please note also that the School Office hours are from 8.30am to 4pm.

On site Learning - Once again onsite learning is offered. The following students are able to attend school for on-site supervision and will undertake the remote learning program provided by their classroom teacher:

- ◆ children of parents/carers who are essential workers and who cannot make suitable arrangements to supervise children at home, including children of teachers in government schools who are required to return to work on-site
- ◆ vulnerable students
- ◆ students with disabilities who choose to attend on site.

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

PRINCIPAL REPORT CONTINUED

If you are within that category you **must** complete the Onsite Attendance Form attached and email it to the school on mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au by 3pm on the Thursday **prior** to the week in which attendance is requested. This allows supervision to be organised.

We have commenced temperature checks for students attending onsite prior to the commencement of the school day and have maintained our etiquette for sneezing/coughing/nose blowing and our hygiene protocols.

Use of face coverings - In line with advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer the Victorian Government announced that those in Metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire must wear a face covering when they leave home from 11.59pm on Wednesday 22nd July. For schools this means that all school based staff must wear face coverings at school and when travelling to and from school. Parents/carers are required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop off and pick up. A reminder that parents should only enter the school site for essential business and continue to wear a face covering. Students who attend primary school for onsite supervision are not required to wear a face covering but may choose to.

Attendance - A reminder that parents of students who are learning from home should continue use the Compass absence function to record if their child is not participating in the learning program for that day. Teachers will monitor student work and follow up if students have not engaged in the learning tasks. Students who are eligible to attend onsite will have their attendance recorded at school.

COVID -19 Information - While media coverage has been extensive, it is important that we continue to keep ourselves up to date using trusted and accurate sources of information. For example <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.education.vic.gov.au>.

Welcome - A huge welcome to the following students and their families who joined our school community this week. Year 2: Redit B, Taylor F, Year 3: Amelie B, Year 4: Lorcan F, Year 5: Charlie B, Year 6: Asha B.

Thank you for all your assistance and patience as we start Term 3.

Kind regards

Martin Page



Semester 1 Student Reports

Dear Parents/Carers

The Department of Education and Training has adjusted the expectations of Student Reports for Semester 1 in recognition of the transition to remote and flexible learning during Term 2.

While our school continued to deliver its teaching and learning program and monitor the achievement and progress of each student, there have been some unprecedented changes to our usual program. This has meant that the school cannot provide a report in the usual format.

At Mount Martha Primary School we know it is vital to involve students and their parents/carers in learning. This process includes providing reports on student learning.

The report includes information on student achievement for each curriculum area taught, however, there are some changes from our usual Semester 1 reports.

Student reports for Semester 1 2020 include:

- a description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum F-10 taught
- comments regarding student learning achievement, based on the Victorian Curriculum F-10 for the subject areas taught
- a comment on how the student has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment.

The report does not include teacher judgements and a five-point scale because of unprecedented changes to our program due to COVID-19.

If you would like to have a parent teacher interview please send the teacher an email to their Gmail account to arrange a suitable time. The interviews will be either by phone or a WebEx. Teachers all have allocated teaching duties onsite, student WebEx sessions and supervision of students teaching remotely so all teachers availability will vary.

Thank you for your continued support during remote and flexible learning.

Warm Regards

Martin Page, Hugh O'Brien & Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

Coming Events



2020 STUDENT
EVENTS
POSTPONED

AUGUST

Thursday 13th

School Council WebEx Meeting 6.45pm

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 2020	COST	CLOSING DATE
2020 EVENTS POSTPONED		

TERM DATES: 2020

Term 3 20th July to 18th September

Term 4 5th October to 18th December

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1 28th January to 1st April

Term 2 19th April to 25th June

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