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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 24th August 2023

Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Book Day - We had a fabulous Book and Movie Character Dress-up Day on Tuesday with our hostesses Barbie and Barbie (aka Mrs Doye & Mrs Rafeld) kicking off the day with our annual Book Day Parade in the gym. All of our students were "dressed to impress" – clearly there had been many hours of effort put in at home, so well done and thank you to all MMPS families. Our teachers had lots of exciting book day learning activities organised for their classes and many students came down to the office to show us their excellent work. This is always a fun and exciting day for our school community and 2023 was no exception. Well done everyone.

Administration of Medication Policy - There are some students at school who need to take medication throughout the day. Whether temporarily as they recover from illness or alternatively, a more permanent arrangement where specific medication is required daily. A reminder for all parents of these students to please ensure that you have filled in a Medical Authority Form that can be accessed through the office. Any medication that is brought to school needs to be clearly labelled with the student's name, the dosage required and the time that the medication needs to be administered. Medication also needs to be within its expiry date. Rhonda, Louise and the team do a fabulous job of looking after our students in First Aid and I thank you in advance for supporting them with the correct documentation as required by the Department of Education.

Body Education - Our Year 5 and 6 students are in the middle of their Body Education sessions with the fabulous Kelly Nash. Kelly used to be a comedian and has the knack of being able to make those important discussions about growing bodies engaging, fun and a little bit light-hearted. It's been great to see the students embracing the sessions and showing interest in their own growth and development.

2024 Prep Transition - "Story Time Sessions" - The school is offering Story Time sessions as part of the transition program for our 2024 Preps. For many of our Preps it is their first introduction to primary school and is an important part of beginning to familiarise themselves with school. Bookings are made by using Compass (Conferences) and are now open. Details on how to book have been sent to families in the mail last week. Please phone the office if you need assistance booking into a Story Time Session

Prep Swimming - This week is our last week of swimming lessons for Preps at YAWA. Our Prep teachers have been very impressed with our youngest members of the school community. They have demonstrated our school values, particularly the value of Collaboration, where students have worked together and supported each other during this important learning. It's not easy carrying your own swimming bag, making sure you remember your towel and goggles and getting dressed independently at the end of the session. We are very proud of you, Preps, and hope you have enjoyed your swimming lessons.

Continued

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

Year Six Market - The market is coming up on Friday 8th September. For our Year Six students it is an activity that they really look forward to organising. The students (after sessions with the teachers) get together in groups and present their idea for a stall or activity to a panel (shark tank style). With support from the teachers, they ensure they have a mix of activities, food stalls and craft stalls. The school provides each group with seed funding for their stall. This cross-curriculum inquiry unit covers many areas of the Victorian Curriculum: Mathematics, English, Design and Technology, Economics and Business and the capabilities of Critical and Creative Thinking and Personal and Social. The students always do an amazing job running the market for all the students across the school to enjoy. We very much appreciate the support of the Year Six students' parents who behind the scenes are supporting the market. All students will have the opportunity to visit the market to purchase craft or food items and participate in lots of fun activities like "dunk the teacher." All families will receive a notification through a Compass post on how to purchase the vouchers for the day. Further information is contained in the newsletter.

Mobile Phones in Schools - Reminder to our school community of the Department of Education Policy on the use of Mobile Phones. Mount Martha Primary School's Policy is available on the school website MMPS Website Policy Page. At Mount Martha Primary School student's mobile phones are to be turned off and in school bags during school hours. Students may wear a smart watch; however, all applications must be switched off so that it may only be used as a watch. If you need to get a message to your child during school hours, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

Wellbeing Resources - After Covid lock downs there is an increase across schools in Victoria of families looking for support and resources to support children's mental health and wellbeing. The school website <https://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/> on the parent tab is a link to wellbeing sources. One that families may like to explore is The Brave Program is an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. The programs are free and provide ways for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries.

There are also programs for parents - <https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>.

Reminders

2023 Parent Opinion Survey - Two weeks ago, all families should have received a link and login details for the survey. It is available for families to complete until Friday 8th September. We are inviting all school families to complete the survey rather than a 30% random sample of parents/caregivers/guardians. Areas of strengths and those that require further improvement will be reported to the school community when all data is received from Department of Education.

Fathers' Day Breakfast - On Friday 1st September we will be celebrating Fathers' Day with our traditional Father's Day Breakfast. Orders will be closing this Friday for the yummy egg and bacon rolls. It is a wonderful morning; all families are invited. We need lots of helpers to run the day so any help you can give is appreciated. More information is contained in the newsletter.

Jane Doye

Year 5 Teacher/English Learning Specialist

PLANNING WEEK

Dear MMPS Community

In Week 9 (September 4th – September 8th), all MMPS staff will participate in planning meetings in preparation for Term 4. During Planning Week our usual timetable for Specialists' Programs is suspended. Students still enjoy a Specialist Program that week, but these sessions all occur on one day of the week (see below) rather than being timetabled throughout the week.

Not all classes participate in every Specialist class as several Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs) are used to support Planning Days as well.

- **Monday September 4th – Year 6s / Specialists (some)**
- **Tuesday September 5th – Year 2s / Year 3s**
- **Wednesday September 6th – Year 4s / Year 5s**
- **Thursday September 7th – Preps / Year 1s**
- **Friday September 8th – Specialists (some)**

Please take note of which day your child/ren have their Planning Day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nick Orchard, Assistant Principal.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



AUGUST

Friday 25th

Body Education - Year 6
Prep YAWA Swimming Program
Last Session 5 - Clothes Swim (water safety)
YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

Monday 28th

Body Education - 05A, 05B
Moving Filming Day - 06A

Tuesday 29th

Year 3 Dandenong Market
Dandenong Market and Ballam Park
9.10am - 2.30pm
Movie Filming Day - 05C

Wednesday 30th

Movie Filming Day - 05B

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st

District Athletics
9.00am - 2.00pm
Civic Reserve Recreation Centre
350 Dunns Rd, Mornington

Monday 4th - Friday 8th

Planning Week



Monday 4th

Year 6 & Specialist Planning Day
Body Education - 05C & 05D

Tuesday 5th

Year 2 & 3 Planning Day
Movie Filming Day
Prep Craft Power Incursion
SEC Meeting 7pm in Staff Centre



Wednesday 6th

Prep Craft Power Incursion
Year 4 & 5 Planning Day
Year 6 to 7 Transition Session Dromana Secondary

Thursday 7th

Movie Filming Day - 05D

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.

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 3 Dandenong Market	\$15	24/8/2023
District Athletics	\$15	29/8/2023
Prep Craft Power	\$15.50	30/8/2023
Year 5 Environment Day	Nil	8/9/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 3 10th July (Student Free Day)
11th July to 15th September
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023

Term 3 Monday 10th July
Term 4 Monday 20th November



TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March
Year 1 - 6 students commence
Wednesday 31st January
9.00am - 3.30pm

Prep Interviews

Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February
or Friday 2nd February

Preps Start Part Time - Monday 5th February
9.30am - 2.15pm

Preps Start Full Time - Tuesday 12th March

9.00am - 3.30pm

Term 2 15th April to 28th June
Term 3 15th July to 20th September
Term 4 7th October to 20th December

Fathers Day Breakfast

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2023

From 6:45 am - 8:45 am

**Entertainment by Harry the Guitar Tutor
& our talented students!**

Delicious egg & bacon rolls– \$5 each

**'Muddle and Grind' Coffee van on site with
coffee, tea and hot chocolate available
for purchase!**

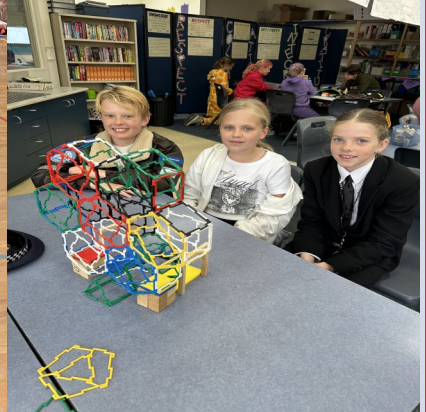
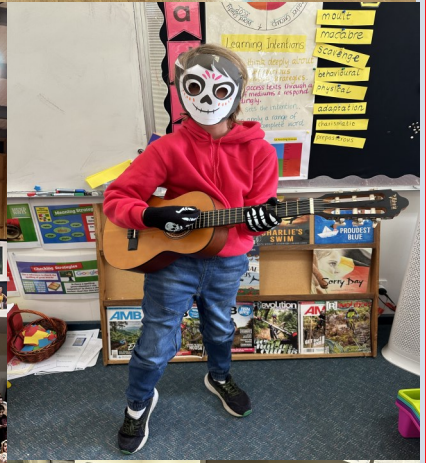
Orders now open on Compass!

Volunteers needed!

Sign up here if you can help with this fun event
<https://signup.zone/oi7jEEzNbtCnHfYXh>



BOOK PARADE PHOTO GALLERY



App checklist for parents



Checklist

The aim of this checklist is to help you navigate the app world and give you the tools to ensure you and your family enjoy safe and positive online experiences.

Do your research

- [The eSafety Guide](#) is a good starting point.
- Other sources include [Common Sense Media](#) and [ConnectSafely](#), which review the most popular apps.
- Search for recent reviews from Google Play and Apple Store.
- Discuss the benefits and risks with family or friends who use the app.

eSafety tip: Check whether the app can be used for [content sharing](#), [photo and video sharing](#), [messaging and online chat](#), [voice chat](#), [video calling](#), [live streaming](#), [gaming](#), [in-app purchasing](#), [online relationships](#), [location sharing](#) and [encryption](#).

Check the age rating and requirements

- Apps usually state a minimum age for users in their terms of use but they don't all have verification requirements.
- [The eSafety Guide](#) includes the stated age for many popular apps.
- [Common Sense Media](#) makes an independent assessment of provides age recommendations.
- Check the advice on the eSafety Parent page [Are they old enough?](#)

eSafety tip: When deciding if an app is suitable for your child, think about their level of maturity and judgement as well as the age recommendation.


Consider privacy – read the terms and conditions and ask yourself these questions:

- What information does the app request?
- Does the app provide privacy protections?
- Can you restrict who sees your profile?
- Who can find you in a search?
- What information can people see about you?

eSafety tip: See the eSafety page [Connecting safely – Apps](#) for more advice. [The eSafety Guide](#) contains links to information about how to adjust privacy settings in popular apps.




ATTENDANCE NEWS - RECORDING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

A friendly reminder to parents the preferred method of recording your child's absence is via Compass. To add an attendance note click on your child's picture then click  to record the date, time and reason for the absence.

Please ensure you record the note prior to the automated SMS being sent at 10.15am. If you happen to receive an SMS please add the reason for the absence immediately to let our school know your child is safe.

Kind regards, Gina McMartin, Administration.



SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS/CARERS

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using your school's IT platform.
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.



Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.





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2024 PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 11th October 2023

7.00 - 8:30 pm

in Staff Centre



This is a session designed to provide all the information you need to know about our Transition Program, ways to prepare for the 2024 school year and important school procedures and administrative details.

Includes a PSW fashion parade as well as a light supper.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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The Year 6 Market - 2023

The Year 6 Students are currently undertaking an exciting Cross Curriculum based Project, 'The Year 6 Market 2023'.

The project covers many curriculum areas including:

- Economics and Business
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Design and Technology
- English
- Mathematics.

This year's market will be held on Friday 8th September during school hours. It will be a wonderful mix of activity, craft and food stalls. The Year 6 students are very much looking forward to showcasing some new games, food and craft that will ensure all students have an awesome time.



The students from "Beachy Bracelets" working on their marketing. Can't wait to get one in my footy team colours!

YEAR SIX MARKET NEWS

CASH FREE

This year the students will once again be using a 'token system' for payments on the day. This not only allows for safe payment, it also provides the school community with many rich learning tasks around money, budgeting and equity.

Here is how it works:

Students will be able to purchase a '\$15 Market Pack' via Compass. The Pack will be for a Sausage in Bread (or equivalent if diet doesn't permit), a juice and 20 tokens with a value of 50 cents per token. Students will be given these tokens and will use these at the various stalls. Simple!!



All activities, additional snacks and most craft will be either one, two or three tokens.

You will be able to purchase these Market Packs via 'Compass' shortly.



YEAR SIX MARKET NEWS

MARKET PROFIT

All profits from the market are split between 'The Royal Children's Hospital', leaving a legacy item (such as a piece of art) for the school that will allow the 2023 Students to be remembered, and helping the Year 6 students fund their graduation celebration.

Thank you for your support of the Year 6 Students as they complete this learning.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

The Year 6 Students



Students from prior years enjoying some market activities.

Handy Market Hints:

- Bring along a reusable bag to carry any products or prizes and a pouch/wallet for their tokens.
- Encourage your child to do some extra jobs around the house to earn the \$15 to buy their Market Pack on Compass.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What sort of prizes can be won?

A: Occasionally the prize is simply participating! For example, one stall allows you to "Dunk a Teacher"! What more could you ask for? Many other stalls have prizes ranging from things such as tattoos, basketballs and some great surprises!

Q: Can I purchase additional tokens.

A: No. Each year level will have the opportunity to visit the market for about one hour. The allocated number of tokens per Market Pack should be enough for them to enjoy throughout this time. Talk to your child about using two or three tokens to purchase a treat, three or four for a small item of craft and then to use the remaining tokens on their favourite five activities! LOOK OUT THOUGH!! SOME TEACHERS AND YEAR 6 STUDENTS MAY BE HANDING OUT ADDITIONAL TOKENS TO THOSE SHOWCASING THE SCHOOL VALUES ☺

Q: Please, can I purchase additional tokens?

A: No. See previous answer☺

Pitching in to help each other. Great collaboration!

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Please join us on the last Sunday of each month at 9am to keep Mount Martha Beach free from litter on the following dates:

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24th of September
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