



Mt. Martha Primary School

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**Mt Martha Primary
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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 24th March 2022

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers

Colour Explosion - Congratulations to all our students and staff who participated. Thankyou to the parents who assisted on the day or came to cheer on the participants. A special thankyou to Cameron Sweatman, Jason Antoniou, and David Hobson for creating the fantastic course. Also, all the staff and CFA who assisted with the setup, pack up and clean up. It was fabulous to be able to run an event that the students really enjoyed and provided opportunities for the school community to connect. The sponsorship donations will be very much appreciated to purchase sporting equipment and enhance our school grounds.

Planning Week - Next week is Planning Week. During this week our specialist timetable is reorganised with students having their specialist subjects on one day rather than throughout the week. This allows our teachers some valuable team planning time. Students should bring any equipment required for specialist subjects on their designated day. E.g., runners for PE. Please refer to the timetable in this newsletter.

Year 6 Camp - Good Luck to our Year 6 students, teachers and parent helpers who are attending the urban camp in the CBD next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Following an early start from school on Monday, they are sure to enjoy the range of activities and experiences on offer for the three days.

Parking - A reminder please for added caution if using the car park in Eco Park. This area can be busy with both cars and pedestrians and the gravel surface can be slippery. Please be vigilant and mindful of speed. Thanks for your assistance.

End of Term Assembly - We will be having a whole school "End of Term" assembly on **Friday 8th April commencing at 9.10am**. While many COVID restrictions have eased, we are keeping students in bubbles as a COVID safe measure to reduce the spread of the virus indoors. We will again organise for this event to be livestreamed to parents. More information will be coming on how to access the livestream

Reminder National Ride2School Day - Is tomorrow Friday March 25th. Our Year Six Travel Smart Leaders and Ms Voutier will meet any students who would like to ride up to school together at Mount Martha House at 8.30am.

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.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

Lost Property - A reminder to check the Lost Property area near the Art Room. Lost Property has many items that we would love to reunite with their owners! If your child has misplaced a jumper or another item there is a good chance it will be in lost property. Thank you.

Uniform Swap Boxes - With a new term starting soon, our uniform swap boxes, located in the foyer of the gymnasium, provide an excellent source of good quality second-hand uniform. It works on a swap basis with no money changing hands and assists in clothes recycling. Have a look through but please keep the boxes neat to assist other parents who also will be looking. Well worth considering for your child's uniform requirements.

Hats - A reminder that hats are required to be worn until the end of April i.e, early Term 2, as part of the Sun Smart policy. Again thanks for the assistance with this.

End of Term One - A reminder **Friday 8th April** is the last day of Term One. Please note the earlier dismissal time of **2.30pm**. Term 2 commences on **Tuesday 26th April**.

Warm regards

Karen Walker

Principal

TERM 1 - PLANNING WEEK AT MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Next week (March 28 - April 1) our staff will participate in planning meetings in preparation for Term 2. 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.

Please take note of which day your child/ren have their Planning Day as this may require you to consider the proper footwear for Physical Education. Not all classes participate in every specialist class as a number of Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs) are used to support Planning Days as well.

Mon 28 March - Year 2 & Year 4

Tuesday 29 March - Year 1

Wednesday 30 March - Prep & Year 3

Thursday 31 March - Specialists

Friday 1 April - Year 5 & 6

Hoping this information proves to be useful in selecting footwear on these particular days.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Nick Orchard

Assistant Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



MARCH

Friday 25th
National Ride2School Day
Year 4 Hip Hop
9.30am - 1.00pm



Monday 28th - 30th
Year 6 CYC City Camp
Collins St Melbourne
Arrive 7.30am for a 8.00am departure
Return Wednesday approx. 3.30pm



PLANNING WEEK

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Tuesday 29 March - Year 1
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Thursday 31 March - Specialists
Friday 1 April - Years 5 & 6

Wednesday 30th
Year 2 Kingswim
11.30am - 2.30pm

Thursday 31st
Year 1 Kingswim
11.00am - 2.30pm

APRIL

Wednesday 6th
Summer Lightning Premiership
Basketball, Kanga 8's, Lawn Bowls, Teeball, Hotshots, Kickball
9.00am - 2.00pm

Year 2 Kingswim
11.30am - 2.30pm

Thursday 7th
Year 1 Kingswim
11.30am - 2.30pm



Friday 8th
Final day of Term 1 early dismissal 2.30pm
Final Assembly 9.15am live streaming link to follow

Tuesday 26th
Term 2 Commences 9.00am



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.

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
SLP Basketball, Kanga 8's, Lawn Bowls, Teeball, Hotshots, Kickball	\$8	3/4/2022
Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp	\$350	27/4/2022

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1 28th January to 8th April
Term 2 26th April to 24th June
Term 3 11th July to 16th September
Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to 6th April
Term 2 24th April to 23rd June
Term 3 10th July to 15th September
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

COLOUR RUN NEWS



Wow ! What an awesome effort by everyone at Mt Martha PS and our community. Thank you so much for the ongoing support from parents and extended family. This was a BIG adventure for us all and it was a great spectacle for everyone to be a part of or watching from the sidelines.

The excitement and joy on everyone's face when they got sprayed with water or colour will be a lasting memory and yes...I'm still getting colour out of my ear. A huge thank you to the Mt Martha CFA for donating their time to be involved and for assisting in the clean up afterwards.

Now the exciting part - ordering your prizes! Every student who has raised \$10 or more can choose a prize! Pick a prize from your highest category, or mix and match smaller prizes.

Ordering Prizes

Please login to your Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and click the **ORDER PRIZE** button. Prize orders close **THIS FRIDAY 25th March.**

Once confirmed - the prizes will hopefully arrive within 2 - 4 weeks at school for everyone who has raised money and confirmed.

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher



SPORTS NEWS

SOUTHERN PENINSULA DIVISION SWIMMING

Last week we had some of our School Swimming Team progress onto the Southern Peninsula Division Swimming at The Pines Pool. This field was stronger than our District event as we had students from Mt Eliza to Portsea competing.

With determination all students did an awesome job in both relays events and some individual events.

Congratulations to the following:

12/13 Boys, 11 Boys, 9/10 Boys Freestyle Relay Teams

Individual:

Koen S, Lexi C, Raff L, Oscar F, Kai P & Darcy T.

Unfortunately no one was able to progress onto MSAC to compete but we are super proud of their efforts.

JOGGING CLUB

Jogging Club has started which brings excitement and energy before school. Every student has either the same card or a new card ready for 2022. The Prep students have been taken around the track during a PE lesson so they are familiar with the route that needs to be followed. If they aren't entirely sure of the track, the 2022 sports leaders will assist by completing a lap with them. The track is as follows:

Start at Basketball courts near Prep playground, run around all three basketball courts and head down the ramp towards the oval. Running around the oval on the red track, continue up past the gym on the path, past the Prep playground and then down to get their cards marked off by the sports leaders in orange vests.

Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies.

VICTORIAN STATE LITTLE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

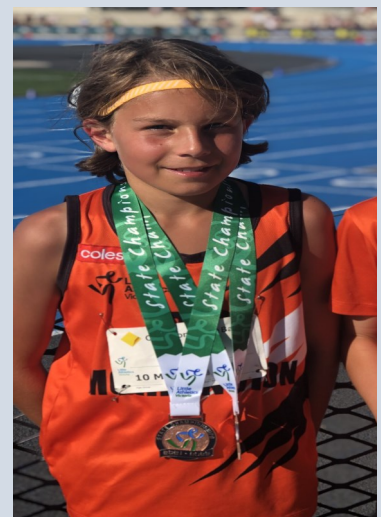
On the weekend, Harry P competed in the Victorian State Little Athletics Championships in some track and field events.

He competed in the under 10's Long Jump and 70 metre sprint finishing 3rd in the state and receiving a bronze Medal for both events.

Harry had a great weekend with some exciting and rewarding results. Well Done

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 25 March 2022



Join in the celebration and
ride, walk, scoot or skate to school
on National Ride2School Day.



ride2school.com.au



Ride ready checklist



Helmet fit

Does your child's helmet move around when you wiggle it on their head? Can they salute two fingers between their eyebrow and helmet? Adjust to a snug fit.



Firm tyres

Fully inflated tyres make riding easier and are more resistant to punctures. Check for the correct tyre pressure on the side of the tyre.



Check the brakes

It is important that your child is able to stop quickly. Check that the bike brakes are working before you set off.



Check for loose bits and bolts

Have a quick scan for any loose bolts or bits on your child's bike before you set off. This includes bells, racks, bolts or any other attachments. Also make sure their clothes don't dangle in the vicinity of the spokes.



Wiggle the saddle

Your child's saddle is the right height when they can sit and place the balls of their feet on the ground. Adjust their saddle and tighten so it can't move about while they are riding.



Be heard with a bell

All bikes need bells. It is also good practice to encourage them to use their voices.



Be warm and comfortable

Wear clothes that are comfortable to ride in and will keep you warm when it's cool or cool when it's warm.

NAPLAN – information for parents and carers



2022

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit in May each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students do.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools are transitioning from paper-based to computer-based assessments. Most schools will complete NAPLAN tests online in 2022. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students can participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experience of using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

NAPLAN INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN.

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN online test window is nine days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN online test window starts on Tuesday 10 May and finishes on Friday 20 May 2022. Tests must be scheduled as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Online NAPLAN test scheduling requirements are detailed in the table below.

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only)• Year 5 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only)• Years 7 and 9 writing must start on day 2 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 2 and 3 only)	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 42 min. Year 7: 42 min. Year 9: 42 min.	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To ensure online schools are able to complete NAPLAN tests within the nine-day testing window, Year 7 and 9 students can start with reading on day 1; however, writing must start on day 2• To be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability



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