



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - 25 February 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

Dear Parents/Carers

**School Council Election** - At the close of nominations last week three nominations were received for the three vacancies for parent representative on School Council therefore no ballot was required. The successful nominees in the Parent category vacancies were Kirsty Effiong, Damian Van Raay and Kerry Dent. Jerry Gaiser and Hugh O'Brien were the successful nominees for the DET employee vacancies. The next School Council meeting is our AGM followed by our first meeting of the new School Council providing an opportunity to thank retiring members, co opt for Community Members and welcome our new members to School Council.

**Whole of School Photos** - A reminder that school photos will be taken next **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Please ensure all students are in uniform on the day. The photographers have advised that the individual photos may be ordered after seeing proofs however, if parents would like a 'family photo' which means having siblings combined, they need to pre-order **before 4.30pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** (the day before Whole School Photo Day). Important ordering information is included in this newsletter.

**Student Enrolment Information Form** - A reminder for Parents/Guardians to please check the document that was sent home, make any necessary changes, sign it and then return it to the school office. Up to date information assists our communication with you. Thank you.

**SEC "Get To Know You Night"** - SEC are running a "Get To Know You Night" **next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm**. It will be a great chance to hear about the SEC and catch up with other parents. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Meet The Teacher** - It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to share information with the teachers at the Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. Establishing new relationships with class teachers and open lines of communication is important in the learning partnership we enjoy between students, parents, teachers and other school staff.

**Bike Safety** - Riding a bike to and from school is a healthy travel option. Early in the year it is good to remind our bike riders of road rules, safe riding strategies including wearing helmets and use of shared pathways. In addition to road safety messages the students receive from the school, if parents could remind and reinforce safe bike use with their child that would be appreciated. We have received some concerning reports of some bike riders engaging in some high risk behaviour. Thank you.

**Uniform** - Summer is with us and we can still expect some warm weather but with a few cooler mornings. It is timely to revisit the Summer uniform requirements. They may be found on the school website <http://mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/> under the "Policies" tab or in the Parent Information Booklet under the "Parents" tab. A reminder that while non uniform jumpers/hoodies may be worn to and from school they are not part of the school uniform and so should not be worn while the students are at school. Thank you for your assistance.

**Sunsmart** - A reminder that all children are required to wear a school approved Sunsmart wide brimmed or bucket hat during lunchtime and recess breaks and when doing sport and physical education outside from February to May 1st and from September 1st through to the end of December. Parents are encouraged to provide their children with their own sunscreen for further protection.

Kind regards

Martin Page

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

## UPDATED COVID INFORMATION

A reminder to all parents of updated COVID-19 measures:

### Updated COVID Information -

A reminder to all parents of updated COVID-19 measures:

- Face masks **must** be carried and worn by individuals 12 years old or older (except our students on site) when indoors **and** also outdoors where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Parents are now allowed back on site however social distancing (1.5 metre distance) between adults remains a **key** control measure and **must** continue to be practiced including when dropping off or picking up students.
- Unwell students should **not** be sent to school or remain at school if symptoms (even mild 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. Parents should follow the latest DHHS and medical practitioner advice as to testing and quarantining.
- The school will continue to practise strict hygiene protocols and enhanced school cleaning procedures are also in place.
- Drinking fountains are available but students may choose to bring their own named water bottle.
- If visitors/parents/carers intend to spend longer than 15 minutes on site then they are required to sign in at the Office.
- Density limits do not apply in classrooms and other spaces students use. A density limit of 1 person to 2 square metres does apply to any spaces and activities being attended by staff, parents/carers and other visitors and then applies to all persons in the space including students, staff and visitors.
- Each family should regularly check the list of public exposure sites in Victoria (where a person with COVID-19 has attended), and if anyone in the family has attended a site at the times listed, follow the instructions given.

For more information about schools and coronavirus (COVID-19) please access the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

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

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events

#### FEBRUARY

##### **Friday 26th**

Year 4 Hip Hop  
9.30am - 1.00pm  
Mt Martha Primary

#### MARCH

##### **Monday 1st**

**Prep students start full time today**

##### **Tuesday March 2nd**

School District Swimming Team  
**Selected students only**  
9.00am - 1.30pm  
Crib Point Swimming Pool

##### **Years 1 & 2 Kingswim Program**

11.30am: 1B & 1D  
12.00pm: 1A & 1C  
12.30pm: 2A & 2B  
1.00pm: 2C

##### **Wednesday 3rd**

**SEC GET TO KNOW US NIGHT**  
**7pm in Staff Centre**

##### **Thursday 4th**

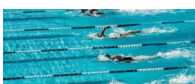
**Whole School Photos**  
**NO CASH PAYMENTS all orders online**

##### **Friday 5th**

Year 4 Hip Hop  
9.30am - 1.00pm  
Mt Martha Primary

##### **Tuesday 9th**

**Years 1 & 2 Kingswim Program**  
11.30am: 1B & 1D  
12.00pm: 1A & 1C  
12.30pm: 2A & 2B  
1.00pm: 2C



### 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.**

EVENTS 2021	COST	CLOSING DATE
District Swim Trials	\$17	25/2/2021
Year 6 CYC City Camp	\$335	15/3/2021

#### **TERM DATES: 2021**

<b>Term 1</b>	29th January to 1st April <b>Students in Years 1 - 6 Start</b> <b>29th January 2021</b> <i>(2021 Prep Interviews 29th January, Monday 1st &amp; Tuesday 2nd February)</i> <b>Preps starts Wednesday 3rd February</b> <b>9.00am - 2.15pm</b> <b>Preps start full days Monday 1st March</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	19th April to 25th June
<b>Term 3</b>	12th July to 17th September
<b>Term 4</b>	4th October to 17th December



## WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH?

Welcome to 2021 to both new families and existing. We are looking forward to a great year and hopefully can resume our normal additional activities that SEC provide to the school community.

This year however, we really need help. Having lost a number of SEC families moving on to high school and having additional COVID commitments, our numbers have dwindled and without more help, the regular activities that we provide will simply not be able to go ahead.

These activities include:-

SCHOOL CARNIVAL  
MOTHER'S DAY STALL  
FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST  
FOOTY DAY LUNCH  
HOT CHOCOLATE DAY  
PREP WELCOME MORNING TEA  
SCHOOL DISCO  
TRIVIA NIGHT

And of course, lots of fundraising that's gone towards playground upgrades, library shelving, and helped build the Bike Shed etc.

The committee meets 1 night per month on average – usually at the school (when COVID restrictions aren't in place) to plan and coordinate the events and we usually get enough additional volunteers on the actual day of the events.

Even if you can't come to all the meetings but happy to contribute ideas at some, or can't always attend the events but can help the planning – you can be as involved as you want to be.

Your kids will love you for it! You'll get to meet some other likeminded families passionate about being involved in their kid's primary school experience.

**So, we're inviting you to come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 3rd March at 7pm** in the Staff Centre. It'll be more of a casual gathering where we'll provide some refreshments and you can meet our existing team and get a sense of what's involved before you commit. We know many of you already help at clubs, sports, teams etc, however, we believe there's nothing as important as providing a wonderful experience and creating incredible memories for our kids through their primary years.

For more information contact Helen Clark—[helen@birchavenue.org](mailto:helen@birchavenue.org)

**YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU – SEC NEEDS YOU!**

## THE MMPS SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

### WHY JOIN THE SEC?



#### SKILLS

Learn new skills such as event management, social media, fundraising, rostering, budgeting and managing volunteers.



#### INVOLVEMENT

Become involved in your school community!  
Remember, your children are here for 7+ years!



#### FRIENDSHIP

Meet like minded people and make new friends!



#### HAVE FUN

What's better than helping children choose gifts for a loved one, or organise a disco! Happy kids = happy parents!



#### GIVE BACK

Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose and a feeling of fulfillment.  
Volunteering makes you happy!



#### BE A ROLE MODEL

Lead by example! Show your children their school is important to you, and so is helping others.

## SPORT NEWS

### JOGGING CLUB

Jogging Club will start **Wednesday 3rd March**. Every student has either the same card or a new card ready for 2021. Prep students will be taken around the track during a PE lesson or by classroom teacher so they become familiar with the route that needs to be followed.

The track is as follows:

**Start at Basketball courts near prep playground, run around all 3 basketball courts and head down the ramp towards the oval. Running around the oval on red track, continuing up past the gym on path past prep playground and down to get cards marked off by sports leaders in orange vests.**

Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at Y

ear level and/or whole school assemblies. Let's make a huge effort to see more students jogging the track this year!!

**Jogging club is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

**starting at 8:35 and finishes as the music starts to play at 8:57/9:00.**

**- Nothing on Monday or Friday -**



### REBEL COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

Our school has been selected to participate in the Rebel Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sports Mornington as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Rebel, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sport Mornington. You'll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend.

Thanks for your support.

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.





## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 4TH MARCH 2021

# ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year. We are now also offering green screen online.

### THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 15 different backdrops to choose from.



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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY



To order your school photos you need to log onto  
<https://www.leadingimage.com.au>

Click on Order your school photos.  
and enter the access key below.

\*Preferred Browser is Google Chrome\*

**Access Key: U9HSJA85**

Packages are available to order with this access key.

Family photographs must be ordered by 4:30pm the night before photo day.

**IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BEFORE THIS TIME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN.**



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 4TH MARCH 2021

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply in 2020.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





## COMMUNITY NOTICES

[mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



Registrations with Mount Martha Soccer Club are now open.

To register, go onto the Football Victoria webpage and follow their instructions.

<https://www.footballvictoria.com.au/resources/players/register>

You can find the club from the list by entering "Mount Martha" or the postcode - "3934".

Make sure you select Mount Martha Soccer Club (as opposed to Mornington SC), both options will pop up as our home pitch, Civic Oval, is in Mornington.

**MOUNT MARTHA  
NETBALL CLUB**

# **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

Mt Martha Netball Club invites new and  
returning players to register for the  
upcoming season

Registration is open for Years / Grade 2  
and up



**PLACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR MOST  
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