



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 25 March 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

Year 6 Camp - Our Year 6 students had a terrific time on the Urban Camp on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They enjoyed activities and experiences in the CBD that were certainly different from their usual environment in Mount Martha! Thank you parents and staff for attending and helping to make the camp so successful.

SEC - A reminder that the SEC AGM is next **Tuesday 30th March at 7pm** in the Staff Centre. The SEC works to build those important connections in our community as well as running events for both fun and fundraising. Look forward to seeing you there.

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. It was great to see so many in our community joining the Ride2 School event last Friday. We certainly saw less traffic around the school and our community enjoying some additional exercise and, for some, exploring a different way to commute to school.

Mount Martha Primary School Cooperative - 10 years ago the Mount Martha Primary School Cooperative was formed to provide additional funding for the redevelopment of the school oval from a small mainly dirt space to what our students have been able to enjoy for many years now. At the AGM of the MMPS cooperative last week, a special resolution was passed to wind up the 10 year cooperative as the loan to the Treasury Corporation of Victoria was finalised and paid out. As part of this process all necessary documentation has been forwarded to Consumer Affairs Victoria.

End of Term Assembly - We will be having a whole school "End of Term" assembly on **Thursday 1st April commencing at 9.10am**. While many COVID restrictions have eased, we still have crowd density limits that apply to events at schools. The assembly is classified by DET as an event where if any visitors eg parents, grandparents, community members attend then the COVID restriction 1 person: 2 square metres density limits apply and we would then exceed our meeting venue capacity. Unfortunately, therefore, this assembly will be onsite for students and staff only. We will again organise for this event to be livestreamed to parents. More information will be coming on how to access the livestream.

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 ie early Term 2, as part of the Sun Smart policy. Again thanks for the assistance with this.

COVID-19 - We have seen an easing of COVID restrictions as case numbers have declined across the state. Schools still have some restrictions and practices in place to assist in ongoing control. Information is included once again in the newsletter. Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) as it pertains to schools can be found on the Department's website:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

End of Term One - A reminder **Thursday 1st April** is the last day of Term One with Friday 2nd April being Good Friday. Please note the earlier dismissal time of 2.30pm. Term 2 commences on **Monday 19th April**.

Kind regards
Martin Page

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.



UPDATED COVID INFORMATION

Updated COVID Information -

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

- Face masks are now recommended, but not mandatory, for use by staff, students and visitors when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.
- Parents are allowed 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/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

CAMPS, SPORT AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS -CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5974 2800 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page, www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

The CSEF program for 2021 closes on 25th June 2021.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events

MARCH



Friday 26th

**SRC Fundraiser - CRAZY HAIR DAY
GOLD COIN DONATION**

*After school sausage sizzle on oval
\$2.50 & \$1.00 drinks*



Tuesday 30th

**SEC AGM 7pm in Staff Centre
All Welcome**



4A & 4B Beach Program

9.00am - 2.30pm

Mount Martha Lifesaving Club



APRIL



Thursday 1st

**Whole School Virtual Assembly 9.10am
Students & staff only**



**Final day of Term 1 early dismissal
2.30pm**

Monday 19th

Term 2 Commences 9.00am



Wednesday 28th

Year 5 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens

9.15am - 3.15pm

Thursday 29th

Yr 1 Heronswood

9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday 30th

Summer Lightning Premiership 9.00am - 1.30pm

Kanga 8's Benton Junior College

Teeball Wilsons Road Mornington

Lawn Balls Mornington Civic Centre

Basketball Mornington Secondary College

Hot Shots Balcombe Grammar Mt Martha

Kickball Dallas Brooks Park Mornington

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
Yr 5 Cranbourne Gardens	\$20.00	22/4/2021
Year 1 Heronswood Gardens	\$9.00	26/4/2021
SLP - Kanga 8's, Teeball, Lawn Bowls, Basketball, Hotshots, Kickball	\$7.00	27/4/2021
Year 4 Drains to the Bay Walk	NIL	27/4/2021
Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp	\$330.00	28/4/2021
Year 5 Balcombe Estuary Environmental Day	Nil	12/5/2021
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$21.00	25/5/2021
Year 5 & 6 Body Education	\$11.00	26/5/2021

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1	29th January to 1st April
Term 2	19th April to 25th June
Term 3	12th July to 17th September
Term 4	4th October to 17th December

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

Division Swimming



Last week, some of our students competed in the Southern Peninsula Swimming Carnival. They swam against some strong competition from students from all over the Mornington Peninsula and Mt. Eliza. It was so good to see our students take on this massive challenge and achieve some outstanding results.

Congratulations:

Max R, Henry J, Alexis C, Johnny B, Doug K, Alexandra C, Luke B & Darcy T

Missing Uniforms

Can everyone who has represented our school in District Swimming - **please return your sports top that you borrowed to school ASAP.**

Jogging Club

Jogging Club is off and running. Every student has either the same card or a new card ready in 2021. Prep students have been taken around the track during a PE lesson so they are now familiar with the route that needs to be followed. Jogging Club is held on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday; starting at 8:35 on the basketball court.

Let's make a huge effort to see more students jogging the track this year!! Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at Year level assemblies.

Little Athletics

The 2020 / 2021 Little Athletics season finished on the weekend with many Mt Martha Primary School students achieving outstanding results. From encouragement awards, overall age group champions to participation medals – it was nice to see everyone enjoying themselves.

US Kids Golf Australia Competition

On the weekend Hayden G competed in the US kids Golf Australia Junior Competition at Rosebud Country Club. He was in a huge field of competitors but determination and persistence with his short game (and the occasional sand trap) he managed to finish the round with a score of 53. This placed him 4th overall and he is now looking forward to the next round at Woodlands Golf Club over the Easter weekend. Good Luck Hayden.



SRC FUNDRAISER - CRAZY HAIR DAY & AFTER SCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE



SRC Fundraiser - Friday 26th March

Tomorrow, Friday 26th March, our Student Representative Council is holding a Crazy Hair Day fundraiser and sausage sizzle. We are raising money for OzChild, one of Australia's longest-serving charities for children, young people and families in Australia. OzChild are focused on providing support for children in foster and kinship care and keeping families together where possible. Today OzChild employs over 700 staff, carers and volunteers in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and the ACT, delivering 23 programs and services to over 10,000 children, young people and family members each year.

We are asking our school community to go HAIR-CRAZY in support of OzChild and bring a gold coin donation. After school, the SRC will be holding their sausage sizzle on the oval. A sausage in bread will be \$2.50 and icy poles will be \$1.00. Gluten free and vegetarians will be catered for.

At MMPS, we believe that every child has the right to feel safe, happy and loved and we feel passionate about the work that OzChild does for our community. We look forward to your support of this important event.

Thank you
SRC





**National Day
of Action** against
Bullying and Violence

Friday 19 March 2021
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

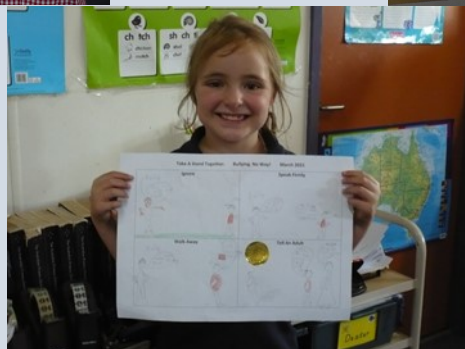
Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year Mt Martha Primary School actively participates in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Throughout last week and on Friday, students across all year levels worked on activities to help them with strategies to take a stand against bullying and deal with unkind behaviour. It was wonderful to see the range of activities taking place throughout the school. Here are some samples of the students' work from the day.



Some students from 5A confidently shared their anti-bullying strategies with the Year 2 students.

These Year 2 students created posters and completed postcards about treating others kindly and learnt how to respond to unfriendly behaviour in a calm and safe manner. Great work everyone!





Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to introduce our Be You Year 6 Leadership team for 2021. We have a wonderful team of nine students who have already been working in different areas of the school to support student wellbeing. They have taken an active role in the playground at lunchtimes, assisting students with finding friends, sorting out minor friendship issues, helping with getting along skills and supporting the teachers on yard supervision. The leaders have also read stories in the Library to junior students and commenced organising playground games for Year One students. They will be presenting Be You awards at next Thursday's Assembly.



We are all grateful that we have been able to run our Year 6 Leadership programs again this year without the challenges of last year. We have had a great start to 2021!

Kind regards, **Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.**



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Time: 10.30am-11.30am

Date: Tuesday, 11 May 2021

Time: 10.30am-11.30am

Date: Tuesday, 8 June 2021

Time: 10.30am-11.30am

Everyone welcome!

For registration and enquiries:

Email: sedvolunteer@visionaustralia.org

Phone: 1800 03 77 73

Visit: sed.visionaustralia.org



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEWS



Moonlit Sanctuary KEEPER CLUB

Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!
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Autumn 2021 School Holiday Dates:

Week One: Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th, Friday 9th April

Week Two: Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th April

Cost: \$90.00 per day

Small groups of 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

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