



# Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School  
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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 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

**Planning for 2023** - Our planning for 2023 really starts to gain momentum in the next few weeks as we begin to look at our class structures for next year. Please let the Office know if you are leaving Mount Martha Primary School next year so we can work with our best estimates of enrolment at each year level. Thank you.

**Book Week Yesterday** - What a fantastic day! In the 10 years I have been at the school I think it was our best parade. The lovely Cinderella (Mrs Rafeld) and talented not so friendly Cruella de Vil (Mrs Doye) did a fabulous job hosting the event. We were relieved when good won over evil and Cinderella had her glass slipper returned that Cruella had taken. Thankyou also to Mr Antoniou on the sound system. It was wonderful to have our school community all together to enjoy this memorable and important event. The book parades at primary school are events that I am sure many adults in our community remember as treasured memories of school. Supporting our students to have a love of reading and the enjoyment of seeing many much-loved books and characters brought to life in movies and on television shows. Our gold coin donations will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This will assist to help make literacy resources more accessible to indigenous communities. Thank you to all the very creative families for assisting students with their costumes.

**Prep 2023 Transition** - Tomorrow is the last of the five Story Time Sessions to be run by our fabulous Prep Teachers. We will welcome back the 2023 Prep students in Term 4 with a family picnic afternoon on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by three transition mornings in the Prep classrooms.

- Thursday 17th November 9.15 - 10.30
- Wednesday 23rd November 9.15 - 10.30
- Wednesday 30th November 9.15 - 10.30

**Hats On** - As part of the Sun Smart policy hats are to be worn from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September is the first school day where we will be expecting to see students back in their hats! Advance notice to locate your child's hat and to see that the name on the hat is still legible to enable a speedy return if the hat is misplaced. Thank you.

**Year Six Market** - Our Year Six students have been very busy preparing activities, food stalls and craft items for their very exciting Market Day. 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 have been notified through a Compass post on how to purchase the vouchers for the day. Orders for the vouchers close today at 4pm. Please contact the office if you need assistance. **The date of the market has moved to Wednesday 7th September.** This is due to our Year 5/6 Netball Team making the state final that will be held on Friday 9th September and we would not like the students participating in the netball to miss the market they have worked so hard to prepare.

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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

**Leave Next week** - I will be on Long Service Leave next week to attend a wedding interstate. Nick Orchard will be the Officer in Charge during my absence. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a great event on our school calendar and has been very much missed in the past two years. I wish all the fathers, grandfathers and special people in our student's lives a relaxing and happy Father's Day for Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Mobile Phones in Schools** - Last Friday I attended the Bayside Peninsula Area Principal Forum. One of the guest speakers was Dr David Howes (Deputy Secretary Department of Education). He has requested that we remind our school communities 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. We have incidents where parents are ringing their child during school time, this disrupts the class and for the child to be using the device is a breach of Department of Education and the school's Mobile Phone Policy. If you need to get a message to your child during school hours, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

### Recap of Previous Newsletter Articles

**2022 Parent Opinion Survey** - Will be available for families to complete until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We are inviting all school families to complete the survey. Parent opinions will be communicated through the annual report, school newsletter and the School Council. Results will be used to inform our school's planning and continuous improvement agenda. Please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey.

**Fathers' Day Breakfast** - On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September we will be celebrating Fathers' Day with our traditional Father's Day Breakfast. This will be new to some families as we had been unable to run this fantastic event in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid restrictions. More information about ordering your breakfast packs is contained in the newsletter.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

## PLANNING DAY

In Week 9 (September 5 – September 9) 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.

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 several Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs) are used to support Planning Days as well.

**Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 5s and 6s**

**Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 1s and 2s**

**Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> – Specialists (this coincides with our Year 6 Market Day)**

**Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 3s and 4s**

**Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> – Preps**

Thanks for your cooperation.

Nick Orchard

Assistant Principal

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### AUGUST

**Friday 26th**

#### **2023 Prep Story Time Session 5**

9.30am - 10.30am  
in Staff Centre  
*Bookings are essential*

**Tuesday 30th**

**SEC Meeting**  
**7pm Venue to be advised**

**Wednesday 31st**  
**Year 6 Dromana College Visit**  
8.45am - 12.00pm

**District Athletics**  
**Selected students**  
9.00am - 2.30pm  
Mornington Athletics Centre

#### SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 1st**

**Year 4 Willum Warrain & Balnarring Beach Excursion**  
9.00am - 2.00pm  
Mornington & Balnarring Beach

**Prep Kingswim Mornington**  
OD 10 - 10.30am  
OB 10.30 - 11.00am  
OC 11 - 11.30am  
OA 11.30 - 12.00pm

**Year 5 Environmental Day**  
5A & 5B 11.30am - 1.45pm  
5C & 5D 1.00pm - 3.15pm  
Balcombe Estuary

**Monday 5th**  
**Year 5 & Year 6 Planning Day**



### 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
Father's Day Breakfast \$6 Year 6 Market \$12 Footy Day Donut Orders \$4.50	<i>Refer Compass posts for further details</i>	25/8/2022 4pm
District Athletics	\$15	25/8/2022
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$20	29/8/2022
Year 5 Environment Day	NA	29/8/2022
Year 3 Briars Camp	\$240	3/10/2022
Division Girls Volleyball	NA	10/10/2022
Division Boys & Girls Hot Shots	NA	13/10/2022

#### **TERM DATES: 2022**

**Term 3** 11th July to 16th September  
**(Monday 11th July Student Free Day)**  
*Students return Tuesday 12th July*  
**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

# Father's Day Breakfast Friday 2 Sept 7am-9am

- Music by Harry the Guitar Tutor & students
- Egg & bacon roll & a scroll
- Bussy McBusface on site to purchase hot and cold drinks!



\$6 per brekkie pack  
Order on Compass  
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See you at the school  
for all the fun!

**HELPERS NEEDED!**

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# Footy Donut Day

Celebrate a fantastic year of footy with this yummy, fun fundraiser!

**Wednesday 14 September**

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**\$4:50 each - Orders close 25 August 2022**

Don't forget to wear your team colours on the day!





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SUMMER  
SEASON  
STARTING  
TERM 4

# ATTENTION

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BUT SPECIFICALLY  
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## Peninsula Health Dental Services



### Is your child due to see the dentist? You now have a few options!

#### Smile Squad

Our *Smile Squad* van is visiting local schools. Our bright orange van may have already visited your school. If you have seen them, that's great! If not, hopefully they will be coming to your school soon.



#### Peninsula Health Community Dental

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#### Medicare Child Dental Benefits

Your child may be entitled to **Medicare Child Dental Benefits**. This is a **Medicare** program that pays up to **\$1026** towards your child's dental care every **2 years**. You can use this at participating dental clinics both private and community.

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### Spring 2022 School Holiday Program Dates:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 22<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 children | 9:30am start - 2:30pm finish

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited to 16 per day

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