



Mt. Martha Primary School

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Principal

Mrs Karen Walker

Assistant Principal

Mr Nick Orchard

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Contact Details

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Absentee Reporting

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Office Hours

8.30am - 4.15pm

Monday - Friday

**OSHCP - Out of School Hours Care
Program**

0407 438 858

Coordinator - Gillian Reid



PSW Mornington Uniform Shop

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Saturdays 10am - 1pm

1/22 Watt Road,

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Online Ordering:

www.psw.com.au

BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 25th May 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

Gold for Green Day - Gold for Green Day is today. It is terrific to see the whole school involved in gardening and environmental activities! There were also many opportunities for our older students to assist younger students showing responsibility and building relationships across year levels. A special thank you to **Mrs Spiridis** and all that assisted in the organisation of the event and the helpers on the day. If you have not been up and seen the amazing scarecrows, please come and wander the front of the school and have a look at what our extraordinarily talented students and staff have created. It is lovely to see the excited faces of students before and after school showing their families.

Welcome - We would all like to welcome a new student (Jesse Year 5) and his family to the Mount Martha Primary School community. His classmates and teachers will assist him to become familiar with a new school and feel welcomed into this wonderful school community.

Working Bee - We held our first Working Bee for 2023 last Saturday and a hardworking group of parents and teachers achieved impressive results in our gardens. The weather improved over the morning, and it made for an enjoyable morning. There was pruning, raking, sweeping, cleaning of pathways, weeding, gravel laid, and the posts put in for the scarecrows. A huge thank you to everybody (parents, teachers, and children) from our school community who came along and helped at our Working Bee. It is fun and a great chance to meet other parents/staff and assist in maintaining our beautiful gardens. Our next "Bee" will be in Term 3. Please consider coming along and enjoy a morning making our grounds look great! Please see **the full report in the newsletter**.

Division Cross Country - Students who have made it to the next level of the competition will compete in Division Cross Country at Hastings Foreshore on Wednesday 31st May. We all wish them the best of luck for the event.

Modes of Communication Survey - Closes next Monday 29th May 4pm - Our school is interested in finding out more about how our parent community engages with our different modes of communication. Please take the time to complete a very short survey with only five questions to give us some feedback. [Click here](#) to complete the survey. We will use this information to improve our practices as well as work towards meeting the needs of a diverse range of opinions of those in our school community. I will provide feedback to parents on the results and our planned improvement cycle.

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

Department of Education

Stay well this winter -Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

[Annual influenza vaccination](#) is recommended from mid-April each year and is free under the [National Immunisation Program](#) for those at higher risk of complications from the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or [Nurse-on-call](#) as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the [National Immunisation Program](#).

COVID-19 booster

The 2023 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above. Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

You can have your booster dose 6 months after your last dose or COVID infection.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2023 booster dose.

You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the [vaccine clinic finder](#).

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to:

- [Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet](#)
- [Getting vaccinated against influenza](#).

Reminders

Cheese Toastie Day - Our fabulous SEC team are planning a Cheese Toastie and PJ Day for the first day of winter. Orders close **today**. We are unable to take any orders after this date as the company that runs this event requires order numbers. More information in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin.

SEC Meeting - The next meeting of our SEC is next Tuesday 30th May 7pm in the staff centre. The SEC would be delighted to welcome new members to the Social Events Committee. The group have a FACEBOOK page called Mt Martha P.S Social Noticeboard for those who would like to connect with the group.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



MAY

Monday 29th

I Sea I Care

9.30am - 2.00pm

Mt Eliza Primary School

Scholastic Book Club Sales



8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm

Staff Centre

Tuesday 30th

Scholastic Book Club Sales



8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm

Staff Centre

Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion

9.15am - 2.30pm

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd

Pearcedale

SEC Meeting

7.00pm Staff Centre

All welcome



Wednesday 31st

Scholastic Book Club Sales



8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm

Staff Centre

Division Cross Country

9.00am - 1pm

Hastings Foreshore, Marine Parade, Hastings

JUNE

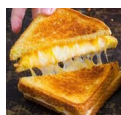


Thursday 1st

CHEESE TOASTIE DAY

(preorders only thank you)

Dress in PJs or Winter Woolies



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
Cheese Toastie	\$3	25/5/2023
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$26	25/5/2023
Division Cross Country	\$5	29/5/2023
Year 5 Billy Tea Bush Band	\$11	06/06/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 2 24th April to 23rd June

Term 3 10th July **(Student Free Day)**

11th July to 15th September

Term 4 2nd October to 20th December



STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023

Term 2 Tuesday 20th June - Student Led Conferences

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**

Term 2 15th April to 28th June

Term 3 15th July to 20th September

Term 4 7th October to 20th December

SEC - CHEESE TOASTIE ORDERS close midnight tonight!

THIS YEAR'S WINTER WARMER IS A CHEESE TOASTIE DAY!

Thursday, 1 June 2023



Toasties are \$3.00 each and can be ordered on
Compass now, **CLOSING ON THURSDAY MAY 25.**
(Gluten-free and dairy-free options are available).
**PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE
AVAILABLE FOR THIS ACTIVITY.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will need some help on the day.
If you're free, please click on the link below to select a time that suits.
<https://signup.zone/yrY6wLLnCY52t3uji>.

DRESS CODE: PYJAMAS OR
WINTER WOOLIES!



SEC - TRIVIA NIGHT COMING SOON!



SAVE THE DATE!!!!
MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

TRIVIA

NIGHT

<p>Saturday July 15th at 7:00 PM</p>	<p>MT MARTHA BOWLING CLUB</p> <hr/> <p>Fundraising event for Mt Martha Primary School Organised by the SEC</p>
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MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Organise a table with your friends - Bookings open soon **



MMPS Welcomes Winter.



Everyone has been busy building scarecrows ready to ward off the chills of winter over the last week. These creative wardens of nature are here to welcome you in the front garden. Each is full of ingenuity and creativity.

This is the first of our sustainability activities for Gold for Green Day 2023.

The scarecrows will be on display until the end of term.



If anyone is keen to take one home then please contact Jenny Spiridis spiridis.jennifer.j@mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au Names will go into a hat and those chosen will be able to choose their scarecrow to take home in order of the draw.

Thanks to everyone for taking part in this activity. Special thanks to David and George for placing the scarecrows in the garden.



WORKING BEE NEWS



Last Saturday morning, after a morning of rain, we were lucky to have some 'decent' weather for our Semester One Working Bee. Many parents, teachers and students attended and worked tirelessly on a variety of jobs around the school.

We must thank: **Jenny Spiridis** for coordinating the whole event. If it wasn't for you Jenny, the school grounds would not look as beautiful as they currently do. Also, a huge thank you to our Maintenance Man (**David Hobson**) for all his hard work on Saturday to get the grounds looking as sharp as they are.

There were many other people we need to thank for their attendance. They were:

- The **Johns** Family: Katrina, Justin, Patrick and Audrey
- The **Hoban** Family: Jessica, Sam, Ginko and Digby
- The **Dowset** Family: Myles, Gemma, Esme and Willow
- The **Murphy** Family: Clem, Karen, Ella, Iona and Lewis
- The **Poole** Family: Justine, Ben, Will and Campbell
- The **Ghazarian** Family: Emma, Sarkis, Chloe and Hannah
- The **Orchard** Family: Kate, Tess, Pippa, Evie and their Dad
- The **Lawrenson** Family: Victoria, Barnaby and Beatrix
- The **Reardon** Family: Marta, Luke, Indi and Jack
- The **Wallace** Family: Tara, Will, Luke, Benji and Tahlia
- The **Clingan** Family: Rachael and Arlo
- The **Bullen** Family: Craig, Pip, Ellie and Georgia
- The **Blanck** Family: Hayley, David, Kaitlyn and Declan
- The **Samuel** Family: Shushana, Eytaan, Yasmine and Noa
- The **Burke** Family: Ted, Amy, Arthur and Alex
- The **Blaquiere** Family: Wes, Ruby and Ella
- The **Richardson** Family: Stacey, David, Rose and Holly
- The **James** Family: Sari and Marlow
- The **Hanley** Family: Jackie, Joel and Ben
- The **Hickingbotham** Family: Liv, Phil, Amy and Anna
- Alice Matthews and Nick Ackland
- Kresta Mason
- David Hobson
- Jenny Spiridis
- Karen Walker

As well as anyone else who I have forgotten - please advise the front office if you have been left off this list.

Nick Orchard, **Assistant Principal**.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2023



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - Monday 29th – Wednesday 31st May, Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time during school hours.

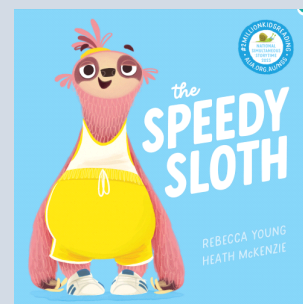
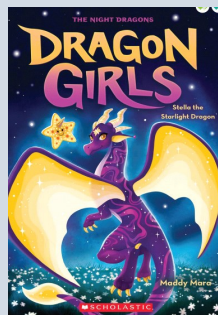
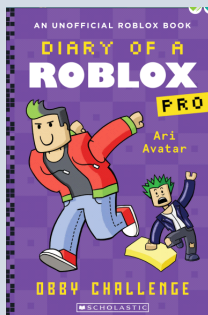
From Monday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what's on offer during the following times:

Monday 29 th	8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm
Tuesday 30 th	8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm
Wednesday 31 st	8:30 – 9:30am and 3 – 4pm

A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children's literacy pleasure. This is great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

Karen Walker

Principal



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - TUESDAY 20TH JUNE

This year, Student Led Conferences (SLCs) will occur on Tuesday June 20th (Pupil Free Day). Bookings can be made using Compass from Tuesday 13th June from 8.30am onwards. Bookings will close at 8am on Tuesday 20th June (the day of the conferences).

If you have not made a booking by that time you will need to contact the teacher directly to arrange a time for your conference. The ES Office staff will not be able to assist you with this matter as they will be unaware of the availability of individual teachers.

To make a booking log on to Compass after 8.30am on Tuesday 13th and you will be able to make bookings by clicking the “Student Led Conference” button next to your child’s photo on their Compass homepage, or by clicking the Dashboard Alert at the top of their Newsfeed.

If you have any queries about this matter, please contact the school on 5974 2800.

Kind regards,

Nick Orchard
Assistant Principal



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New parent and carer webinars for Term 2

SIGN UP →

Setting your child up for success online

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

It will cover:

- age-appropriate expectations and boundaries
- online risks and strategies to keep your children safe
- where to find support for you and your child when things go wrong.

Term 2 dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

31 May 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Sarah Forward

Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher

MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Student Led Conferences - PUPIL FREE DAY



Tuesday 20th June 2023

COME IN AND JOIN US FOR OUR MINI/LARGE BEAST DAY!

NB: You can collect your child/ren from the Library and attend the Student Led conference and then return your child/ren to us!



COST: \$50.00 PER CHILD (LESS CCS%)



CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS

HOURS: 7.00AM TO 6.00PM



FREE DRESS!

CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE @ 6PM

RECYCLING NEWS



Mount Martha Primary School is once again collecting all brands of bread bags (including wraps) and tags for "Wonder Recycling Rewards".

Wonder Recycling Rewards is a fun and easy program created for Aussie schools to collect bread bags and tags. Once collected, Wonder are going to turn the plastic into wonderful things like school play equipment! We will be able to redeem our plastic for sports equipment for the school.

We will have our collection point at the Front Office – look out for the big pink box outside the First Aid Room.

It doesn't matter what brand the bread or wraps are, we accept them all, including bread tags which you can put in the small box found at the same location.

Many thanks for your support
Mrs. Giles and the Year 6 Nude Food Leaders.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Events / What's On



Safe Seats Safe Kids
Local parents/carers can book in for a free child car restraint fitting and safety check.
1st Thursday each month, located in the carpark in front of Mornington Community House. Bookings essential via www.safeseatssafekids.com.au.

Expressions of Interest

We're taking expressions for the following programs:

- Writing group
- Creative/therapeutic arts
- Type Two Diabetes Support
- Children's music group
- Languages other than English
- Community kitchen garden
- Walking groups
- Other physical activity classes

Contact the Mornington Community House team via MorningtonCommunityHouse@mornpen.vic.gov.au or 5975 4772 to register your interest or find out more.

Want to see other activities or events on our program?
Let the Mornington Community House team know!



We continue to accommodate Mornington Community Support Centre staff, volunteers and services while their building on Main Street is being repaired.

If you need support, advice or assistance with completing your \$250 Power Saving Bonus, you can call them directly on 5975 1644 or come see the MCSC team here at Mornington Community House.

Mornington Community House and the Mornington Community Support Centre have partnered together to provide a Free Community Lunch here every Thursday 11:30am-1:30pm. All are welcome!



Contact us:

(03) 5975 4772
3/91 Wilsons Road, Mornington 3931

- www.morningtoncommunityhouse.com.au
- morningtoncommunityhouse@mornpen.vic.gov.au
- [/morningtoncommunityhouse](https://www.facebook.com/morningtoncommunityhouse)

Visit our website for all the latest information, programs and booking details.

We are located in the Community Hub on the corner of Wilsons Road and Nepean Highway. Enter the carpark from Wilsons Road (opposite Mitchell Street) and you'll find us just past The Studio!



Acknowledgement to Country

The Mornington Community House acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong/Boon wurrung people, the traditional custodians of these lands and waters.



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Term 2, 2023

24th April - 23rd June



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Learn

Contribute

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U7 BOYS TO JOIN OUR TEAM**

**Training:
4:30pm Wednesdays
Civic Reserve, Mornington**

**Games:
10am Saturdays**

**More info call
Meg 0411 733 313**



FAMILY FUN – Winter 2023

Cold Winter days and sparkling clean air provide us with the opportunity to focus with intention. Gain perspective and ground yourself in nature by taking a breath with *Breathe in the Briars* – a mindfulness guide. Join local artist Caroline Graley in our Chechingurk Birdhide for an adult painting class, focus on the fauna in the Wildlife Sanctuary by joining a ranger-led night walk or celebrate our all-important native garden beasts by creating your very own insect village!

Mini Ecologist!

Our wildlife need our help to ensure their habitats are safe and have all the resources they need. We're calling all mini ecologists to join our Rangers in learning about the ecosystems our wildlife call home. Encounter some native animals face to face and help us keep habitats safe for all our wildlife.

26 and 27 June
10am – 12noon
\$29.90 per child.
Suitable for kids 6 to 10 years old.

Night walk: Spotlight on conservation*

A new world emerges in the Wildlife Sanctuary after dark. Join our Rangers on a night walk as they tell the story of how The Briars is managed to contribute to the growing need to protect our biodiversity. Learn how to spotlight like a wildlife researcher and meet some native animals up close while hearing about their stories of survival and the important roles they play in their habitats.

Suitable for all ages. If you have accessibility questions, please give us a call on 5974 3686

26 and 27 June
6 - 8pm
\$32 adult, \$25.90 concession/child

Native Insect Village*

Encourage beneficial beasts to call your garden home by making an insect village. As the cold days continue from winter into early spring, our garden insects, arachnids and other small friends need a safe place to call home. Enjoy learning about the important role beetles, millipedes, spiders, centipedes and many more play in keeping your garden thriving.

July 1 and July 15, 2-4pm
\$25.00 adult,
\$21.00 concession/child.
Suitable for 8 years and older.

Walk on Country and Yidaki led meditation*

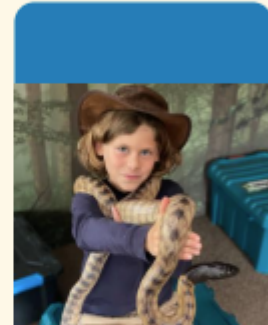
Be guided through the Wildlife Sanctuary by Lionel Lauch and Hudson Fraser from Living Culture. Experience an in-depth connection with country by learning about the land and indigenous culture and traditions. Then join Lionel in the Chechingurk Birdhide for a special Yidaki led meditation. Numbers are strictly limited.

July 9 and August 27
11am to 1pm
Cost: \$46.50 adult, \$36.50
concession/child

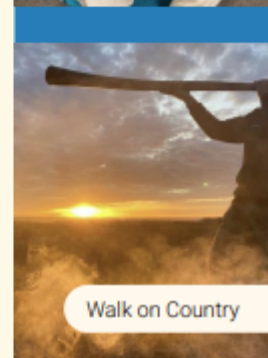
Painting Nature for Beginners*

Begin your creative process by gathering inspiration on an hour-long Ranger led stroll. Let our Rangers guide you to the hidden gems of beauty throughout the Wildlife Sanctuary as you prepare yourself to create. Then join local artist, Caroline Graley in the Chechingurk Bird Hide for a 2-hour painting workshop. Be surrounded by the wetlands as you learn and practice various painting techniques.

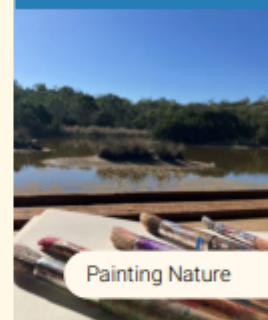
August 5 and 12
1 to 4pm
Cost: \$31.90



Mini Ecologist



Walk on Country



Painting Nature

Registrations and Bookings are essential for programs/walks and can be made by visiting: the_briars.eventbrite.com.au
Instagram: @briarsmtmartha Facebook: @BriarsMtMartha
Telephone: 5974 3686






MORNINGTON PENINSULA LIBRARIES

- May Edition -

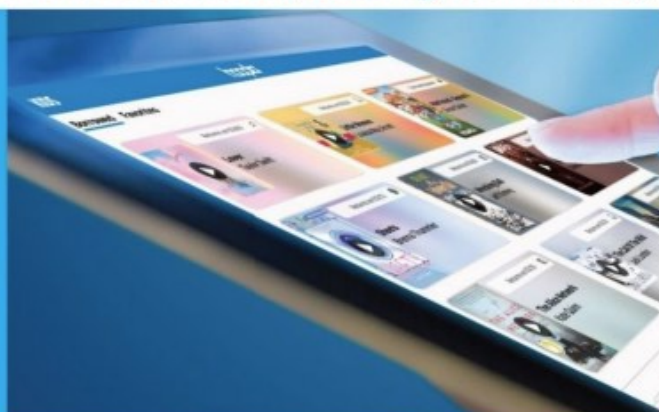
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Story Dogs. Term 2 at Hastings Branch



Improve your child's reading and communication skills
with the help of a trained companion dog and their
handler.

Individual sessions will be allocated
between 4pm and 5.30pm on
Wednesdays throughout Term 2.

Free. Bookings essential. Call Hastings Library on 5950 1710
or pop in branch for more information!



Saturday Storytimes - No bookings required



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Celebrate IDAHOBIT with books
about rainbow families
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**WORLD BEE DAY
MAY 20TH**
SATURDAY STORYTIME
MORNINGTON LIBRARY 11AM

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