



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 26 November 2020

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COVID Information - DET have released their latest advice to schools regarding COVID-19 measures. Some restrictions are still in place with all adults required to wear a mask indoors, adhere to social distancing and public gathering limits still having a total venue cap (including students, staff and visitors) of 150 indoors and 300 outdoors. Parents are now welcomed onsite for school drop offs and pick ups. From Monday there will be no staggered finish to the school day. All students will finish at 3.30pm. Drinking fountains will also be turned back on from Monday. We will maintain our enhanced hygiene practices and cleaning. The most important strategy to reduce the risk of transmission remains that unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. Thank you everyone for all your work this year as we worked to bring infection rates down.

Year 6 Market - Tomorrow is the Year 6 Market. Students may wear free dress on the day. Please refer to the important information in this newsletter. There was a Compass notification regarding the purchase of "Market Packs" as this year the Year 6 Market is a "cashless" event. No cash will be handled on the day for purchases. As they learn about running a business and developing their entrepreneurial skills, the Year 6 students have been working very hard to make this a fun experience for the students. Good Luck Year 6.

Library Books and Take Home Readers - The school has some excellent literacy resources for our students including library books and take home readers. Keeping our collection of resources for students to use year to year is very important. This year there were reduced opportunities for borrowing but some books may be at home. Can parents have a look at home for any school books and return them to the classroom or Office as soon as possible? Thank you for your help.

Book Pick Up Day - A reminder that Book Pick Up Day is next **Tuesday 1st December** from **8am to 6pm** in the Staff Centre. Hygiene and social distancing practices will be in place.

Prep 2021 Transition - Transition visits for our 2021 Preps commence on **Monday 30th November** with visits for all our 2021 Prep students throughout the week. Transition visits are scheduled between 9.30am and 10.30am and then the next session for the other half of the class between 11.45 am and 12.45pm. It is always exciting to welcome our new Preps and parents to the school.

End of 2020 School Year - The year is drawing rapidly to a close with the last day of this year not too far away. School finishes for 2020 on **Friday 18th December** with a **1.30pm dismissal time**.

Start of School 2021 - A note for your calendar that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2021 on **Friday 29th January**. 2021 Prep students will have interviews scheduled for Friday 29th January and the next Monday and Tuesday. 2021 Preps start in classes on Wednesday 3rd February from 9am to 2.15pm. Teachers will be at school on the 27th and 28th January undertaking important professional development and planning to ensure a successful start to the year.

Kind regards

Martin Page

Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

Coming Events



NOVEMBER

Friday 27th

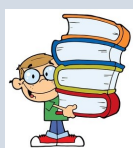
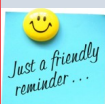
Year 6 Market



Prep & Year 1	9.45am - 11.00am
Year 2 & Year 3	11.00am - 12.15pm
Year 4 & Year 5	12.15pm - 1.30 pm

Friday 27 Planning Day

Specialists (Market Day)



Monday 30 November

- Friday 4th December

2021 Prep Transition Session 1 or 2. Parents please refer to your email for your child's one hour transition session date and time. Please meet in the office foyer.

2021 Prep parents can collect their child's student supplies on the day of the transition session.

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st

2021 BOOK COLLECTION DAY 8.00am - 6.00pm
Staff Centre

Tuesday 15th

Year 6 Graduation Evening

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.

EVENTS 2020	COST	CLOSING DATE
NIL		
NIL		

TERM DATES: 2020

Term 4 5th October to 18th December
Students dismissed at 1.30pm

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 1 27th January to 1st April

Students in Years 1 - 6 start
Friday 29th January

*(2021 Prep Interviews Friday 29th
January, Monday 1st and Tuesday
2nd February)*

Preps start Wednesday 3rd February
9.00am - 2.15pm

Preps start full days Monday 1st March
9.00am - 3.30pm

Term 2 19th April to 25th June

Term 3 12th July to 17th September

Term 4 4th October to 17th December

2020 Year 6 Market

The Year 6 Market is this Friday (27th November). It has been wonderful to share in the excitement of the Year 6 Students as they prepare.

Please note that students are able to wear '**Free Dress**' on Friday. Times that the students will be visiting the market are below.

	Market Time	Sausages Time	Recess	Lunch
Prep and 1	9:45 - 11:00	P's 12:45	11	1 - 2
		1's 12:45	11	1 - 2
2 and 3	11:00 - 12:15	2's 12:15	10:30 - 11	1 - 2
		3's 12:30	10:30 - 11	1 - 2
4 and 5	12:15 - 1:30	4's 11:45	11	1:30 - 2
		5's 12:00	11	1:30 - 2



The students from 'Smack It' building their Strength Tester.
It towers in excess of 3 meters high!

I have been training for this in lockdown!

I could be the strongest in the school



Thanks again for your support of the Year 6 Students as they complete this learning.

Japanese Day 2020

Everyone at Mt Martha was bathed in glorious sunshine for our Japanese Day last Wednesday 18th November. Some great art/craft items were created by all the children and each year level enjoyed some time outside to participate in the sports carnival (undoukai). This year 'aka' あか was triumphant by 63 points to 58 to overcome some long term 'shiro' しろ domination. Due to COVID-19, we had to resort to a [virtual assembly](#) where 1C and 3B showed us what they'd learnt. Thanks to my Year 6 LOTE leaders, Jimmy Griffin and Cooper Lupton for their fantastic work throughout the day.



AKA NO YUSHO!

Arigatou!

Bill Nickeas

Japanese Teacher

SHIRO SHIRO SHIRO!



GANBARE!

AKA AKA AKA!

Our Principal Class got into the spirit of our COVID-19 edition of Japanese Day! Yoku dekimashita!



2021 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

MMPS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2021

This year has brought about many changes to the way in which our students have been learning and the instrumental music program has been no exception. For the most part of the year, many students have commenced or continued their instrumental music tuition remotely. This year, lessons will continue to be delivered online until our music tutors are permitted to return to school as directed by DET. It is hoped that lessons will resume face-to-face at school in 2021!

2021 Expressions of Interest

Expression of Interest forms for 2021 music lessons for piano, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin and possibly African drumming will be sent home via Compass next week. **This form is for new students only, who are not currently on the waiting list.**

Please note that students who are already learning an instrument and wish to continue with lessons in 2021 are **not required to submit this form.** Parents should contact their child's music tutor directly to arrange lessons for 2021.

Lyn Thomas Piano Students

Please note that students who were learning with Lyn Thomas earlier in the year and have not already been placed with another teacher will be given first priority for piano lessons in 2021. Other students who are currently on the 2020 waiting list will then be given next preference. **Parents of students on the 2020 waiting list will be contacted to confirm their preferences for next year.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

Leanne Rault

Classroom Music Specialist Teacher



2021 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 1 - 6:	Commence 9.00am Friday 29th January 2021
PREP INTERVIEWS:	Friday 29th January, Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February Parents please attend with your child
PREPS START SCHOOL:	Wednesday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm
PREPS START FULL DAYS:	Monday 1st March 9.00am - 3.30pm
FEBRUARY OSHCP:	OSHCP offers a service for parents requiring care for their Prep children during these 4 weeks of early finish times. To register for this service please contact Gillian Reid on 0407 438 858.
SUNSMART POLICY:	Everyone is encouraged to be SUNSMART and the wearing of hats is compulsory until May 1st. Parents should supply their child with sunscreen to be kept in their school bag.
UNIFORM SHOP:	PSW School Uniform Shop Located at 1/22 Watt Rd, Mornington Vic 3931 Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
BANKSIA BULLETIN:	The first publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 4th February 2021



ParentBrief



Raising independent kids

As parents, we're keen to encourage our babies and toddlers to discover their world. We supervise and watch over them...in the safety of home or a day care setting. But our toddlers soon grow into kids wanting independence and chances to free range with other kids. All of a sudden we're faced with making judgement calls on whether our kids are old enough or mature enough to do things outside our watch. How do we know they're ready? How do we know we're ready to let them spread their wings?...

Our kids' independence starts with us

Our kids start life with us doing everything for them, but it's healthier for everyone if things don't stay this way. Our kids will always depend on us for love, encouragement, protection, guidance and support. But given that our kids will most probably only be under our care for a relatively short time in their lives, it's up to us to teach them how to do life for themselves.

Kids thrive in secure relationships and the freedom to make choices within limits. Independence develops in age-appropriate steps and giving kids opportunities to assess a situation and take responsibility for their actions gives them the confidence to want to be independent. Confident, independent kids stand a much better chance of learning how to take control of their lives. Kids develop independence from success, failure, disappointment, teamwork, perseverance and resilience, and independent kids are more likely to be successful and achieve in school and life generally.

No one independence call fits all

Every kid is unique, especially when it comes to temperament and skills set. Some kids like to play at

home, others will prefer to spend their lives glued to a screen, and then there are the tearaways who can't wait to fly, baby fly!!

Independence is age-appropriate, but it's also maturity-appropriate. Just because a child has the gross motor skills to handle a pair of scissors, doesn't mean he has the temperament to be responsible with them. Just because a tween is old enough to join her friends at the shopping centre, doesn't mean she's mature enough to resist the peer pressure to hang around the bus stop with the boys.

As parents, it's up to us to know our kids. It's up to us to make the judgement call on independence. To do this, we have to consider our child's age, maturity, temperament, confidence, skills, trust, self-reliance and good old-fashioned nous. To be left unattended and unsupervised, regardless of whether it's within or outside the home, kids also need to be aware of safety and what constitutes potential harm. If we're going to (legally) leave our kids alone and unattended, we need to be sure they have the maturity to know what to do in an emergency and how to get help.

Creating opportunities to be independent

Play: encourage creative play, use of imagination, co-operative and collaborative play with other kids and appropriate, supervised risk taking on safety standard equipment.

Cleaning up: allow kids to clean up their mess, pick up their toys, put things away.

Chores: draw up a roster with clear guidelines, keep chores age-appropriate but start as early as a child can understand that a certain household job is their responsibility.

Choices: let them choose clothes, dress themselves, make a sandwich with fillings of their own choice.

Responsibility: for their own alarm, school bag, sports equipment, teddy on board, making their own breakfast, getting the spoon from dish to mouth, getting somewhere on time, use of technology.

Self care: provide stools and steps to reach taps to wash hands, hooks and rails low enough for towels, teach teeth cleaning, hair shampooing and rinsing, ensure they have access to shelves, cupboards and laundry basket.

Role modeling: thinking through consequences, risk assessment, traffic and stranger danger, ways to resist peer pressure, encourage questions, discuss age-appropriate freedom.

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we walk, ride and scoot to school. We pay our respects to all Elders past, present and future.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Our school blogs are in the process of being moved to a paid version of the same platform in preparation for 2021, so they will not be accessible after the end of November. There will also be a change to our student school email accounts which means that students will only be able to send and receive emails from within our school domain. The change has occurred because during the remote learning period, we noticed that a number of families/children have forgotten the rules in our school internet agreement and some children (Years 3-6) have signed up to games and other online accounts using their school education google account. We ask that if children wish to sign up to something, that they ask their parents permission first and then use their parents email account so that their parents can easily monitor their online activity. This change will mean that students will now not be able to send or receive emails from outside of our school @mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au domain.

Games, apps and social networking



Games, apps and social networking sites are popular among children and adults alike.

Learn about the latest apps, how to protect your information and where to get more safety guidance.

All information provided is factual and it is up to each individual to decide whether an app, game or social networking site is appropriate for themselves and their family.

Any app or game that allows users to interact with others, including people they may not know, presents a potential risk of unwanted contact.

[Click here](#) for information from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner about popular games your children might be talking about or asking you to download. There are descriptions about the recommended age that children should be to play the different apps or games and information parents should be aware of, such as who your child can interact with in the game before making a decision about if it is appropriate for the family.



We rate, educate, and advocate for kids, families, and schools

[Common Sense media](#) is another helpful website for parents to use when looking for information about keeping children safe online and reviewing apps, websites and movies. It can help you to work out what content is appropriate for children of different ages from kindergarten right through to teenagers.

"To help kids maximize the Internet's benefits -- while minimizing the risks -- we offer the latest research, tips, and tools on what really keeps kids safe. Which [privacy settings should you use](#)? What are the [ins and outs of parental controls](#)? Get tips on everything from the basics, such as [smart usernames](#), to the big stuff, such as [appropriate sharing](#)."

You may want to consider having an Internet Agreement for your family at home. For examples of these and more information about parental controls, visit the [Digital Technologies Blog Parent Page](#).

Sarah Forward

Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher

WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM 2020



The Mornington Peninsula Shire and Peninsula Health are excited to update you on this year's VicHealth Walk to School Program to run from **November 2 - 27!**

See the flyer below for details of the competition being run by the shire to share our stories!

See you on the journey to and from school.

Mrs O'Connor

Year 2 Teacher & Travel Smart Coordinator

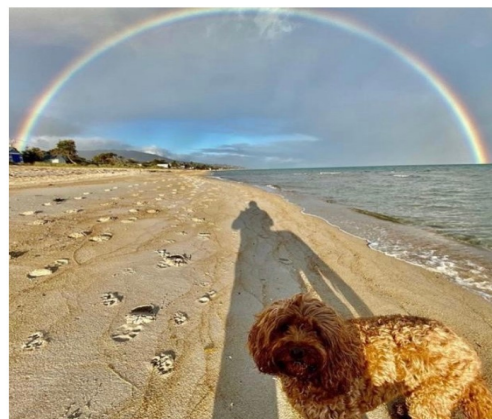
Explore your Mornington Peninsula this Walk to School Month!

Join the fun!

Mornington Peninsula Shire is partnering with Peninsula Health and Belgravia Leisure to launch a local photo competition and treasure hunt as part of VicHealth's 'Walk to School' program.

Check out

mornpen.vic.gov/walktoschool



Find Out More

Check out the Shire website and follow us on social media for more information about the weekly treasure hunt themes and a list of fabulous local prizes to be won.



@ourpeninsula | @WalkToSchool
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Upload to win

Share photos of the treasures you find when walking in your local area to go into the running to win amazing prizes!

Upload your photo to Instagram with the hashtags

#walkmornpen

#walktoschool

Remember to set your account to public so that we can see it.

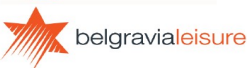
Weekly Treasure Hunt Themes:

Week 1: Something Living

Week 2: Look Up

Week 3: Shapes in Nature

Week 4: Tessellations



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