



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 26th October 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

Assembly Tomorrow - Friday 27th October - Is our first whole school assembly for Term 4. It starts at **2.15pm**. Our assemblies are always a fantastic way to share the talents of our students and hear about some of the school activities.

Policies - The following policies/documents are all available on the school website. [MMPS Web-site Policy Page.](#)

- Health Care Needs
- Administration of Medication

Colour Explosion - Not too long until **Friday 17th November** when Mount Martha Primary School has its third "Colour Explosion" event. Information has been sent home already and online registration is required. It should be a lot of fun for everyone! More information is included in the newsletter.

Thunderstorm Asthma - be prepared this pollen season - Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious, and even life threatening.

Mount Martha Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the Vic Emergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they do not also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate.'

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters. For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also visit the [Better Health Channel](#) website.

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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 REPORT continued

Recap of Previous Newsletter Articles

Smile Squad - Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students. Smile Squad offers free oral health packs, free annual oral health examinations and free follow-up treatment for all students attending Victorian Government schools. Smile Squad will be available to all students for free, even if they do not have a healthcare card or Medicare card, or if they are ineligible for the Commonwealth Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). There are no out-of-pocket expenses for families. Below is links to the consent form via a link or QR code. If parents could complete the consent form it will assist the service in knowing how many anticipated patients, they will see at our school. They will be onsite from Thursday 26th October and the Dental Van will arrive Friday 27th October.

How to access free dental care

Sign up to Smile Squad at: [Smile Squad enrolment](#) OR use the below QR code:



Student Groupings- Planning for 2024 - It is approaching the time of the year when the teachers begin to consider class groupings for the next year. Certain information is helpful in this process and parents, who believe that exceptional educational circumstances exist for their child/ren that should be considered in placement for next year, need to forward the information in writing to the principal by **Friday 27th October**. Whilst parents are assured that this information will be considered, no guarantee for individuals is possible as the decisions made are the best for all students collectively. To assist with class groupings, staffing and furniture needs please contact the office if your child is not returning to Mt Martha PS in 2024. Thank you for assisting our planning in this way.

Leaving Mount Martha Primary School in 2024 - A reminder to please let the Office know if you are leaving Mount Martha Primary School next year as soon as possible. Teachers will soon be commencing the task of allocating students to classes for next year and as we finalise our options for grade structures for 2024. Thank you.

Free Tutor Service - A new service is being run by the Lions Club of Dromana that provides free tutoring to primary school children on the Mornington Peninsula. This service is aimed at giving children who have fallen behind in recent times, a bit of a boost so they have a chance to fulfill their potential. It is focusing on students from years 4-6. The concept revolves around the fact that on the Peninsula there are many retired teachers who would love to be able to help their community in some way, and at the same time there are many children who could benefit from their experience. The flyer with further details is in the newsletter.

World Teacher Day - The Department of Education is encouraging schools to celebrate World Teachers' Day, held in Australia on Friday 27 October 2023. While the day is held internationally on 5 October, in many parts of Australia this usually falls during the school holidays, so we celebrate a little later. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) established World Teachers' Day in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society. This year, UNESCO is putting the teacher shortage at the top of the global agenda with the theme 'The teachers we need for the education we want: the global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage.'



Warm Regards

Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



OCTOBER

Friday 27th

2024 Preps Storytime in Staff Centre
9.30am - 10.30am
(bookings essential)



Whole School Assembly
2.15pm - 3.15pm
In Gym

Monday 30th - Wednesday 1st November

Year 3 Camp Somers
Departs MMPS 8.15am Monday 30th October
Returns MMPS 11.00am Wednesday 1st November.
Children maybe collected at this time, otherwise they
will be dismissed at 3.30pm

Year 6 PARC Swimming Program
9.40am - 12.45pm
PARC Frankston

SEC Meeting
7pm in Staff Centre



Tuesday 31st

Year 6 PARC Swimming Program
9.40am - 12.45pm
PARC Frankston

2024 Preps Storytime in Staff Centre
2.15pm - 3.15pm
(bookings essential)

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

Year 6 PARC Swimming Program
9.40am - 12.45pm
PARC Frankston

Year 4 RACV Safety Squad Incursion
9.15am 04C
10.15am 04B
11.30am 04A

Thursday 2nd

Year 4 Bike Education
Year 6 PARC Swimming Program
9.40am - 12.45pm
PARC Frankston

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
Year 1 Osborne Primary Pen Pals	\$9.00	21/11/2023
Choc Tops Compass Course	\$3.50	24/11/2023
2024 Curriculum Contributions & Agreements	Refer Compass	30/11/2023
Year 6 Gumbuya World	\$50	1/12/2023
Year 5 End of Year Celebration	Nil	1/12/2023
2024 Student Supply Orders direct to Paperchase	Refer Compass	3/12/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 4 2nd October to 20th December
(1.30pm dismissal)

STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023

Term 4 Monday 20th November



TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March
Year 1 - 6 students commence
Wednesday 31st January
9.00am - 3.30pm
Prep Interviews
*Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February
or Friday 2nd February*
Preps Start Part Time - Monday 5th February
9.30am - 2.15pm
Preps Start Full Time - Tuesday 12th March
9.00am - 3.30pm

Term 2 15th April to 28th June
Term 3 15th July to 20th September
Term 4 7th October to 20th December

ECO PARK NEWS

Dear MMPS Community,

We hope the beginning to Term 4 has been successful for your child/children.

Last week, the SIT (School Improvement Team) discussed some of the logistics around Eco Park – particularly before school. As you are all aware supervision at MMPS begins at 8:45am and continues through until 3:45pm. This supervision is for all MMPS students who are onsite in the MMPS grounds.

We have had some members of our wider community concerned about some of the behaviours they have observed in Eco Park. Just some friendly reminders from us include:

1. If your child enters the MMPS grounds they **MUST** stay at school. They are not allowed to drop off their bag, use the crossing (of course) and then play / skate in Eco Park.
2. Once the music begins all students must cease any games / skating and collect their bags and begin to use the crossing and line up in their designated area waiting for their classroom teacher.
3. We encourage all scooters and bikes to be stored in the locked bike shed and **NOT** in classrooms.
4. We expect all students to be wearing a helmet to and from school.
5. We expect all MMPS students to not litter at school so the same principle is expected at Eco Park before and after school as well as other locations around Mount Martha and beyond.
6. Can our older children please continue to represent the school proudly by displaying high levels of respect with all members of the school community – particularly adults.

We intend to meet with our students this week to reinforce these expectations. As always, if you have any concerns or questions regarding this post please reach out.

Kind regards,

Karen Walker and Nick Orchard

(Principal Class)

UP COMING MUSIC PERFORMANCES TERM 4

Instrumental Music Evening

All students who are learning an instrument (guitar, piano, violin, woodwind, drums) at MMPS are invited to perform in our annual Instrumental Music Evening. It will be held in our school gymnasium on **28th November**. There will be two concerts on the night:

- 6.00pm: Years P - 3 students
- 7.00pm: Years 4 - 6 students

This is a wonderful opportunity for our music students to showcase what they have been learning throughout the year and to gain some valuable performing experience.

Christmas Choir Concert

On 5th December, our Year 2 and Senior school choirs will perform a short concert for all families to enjoy! Grab your morning coffee and join us in the amphitheatre from 8.30am – 8.55am. The students look forward to bringing some Christmas cheer to our school community.



Leanne Rault
Music Teacher



MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL



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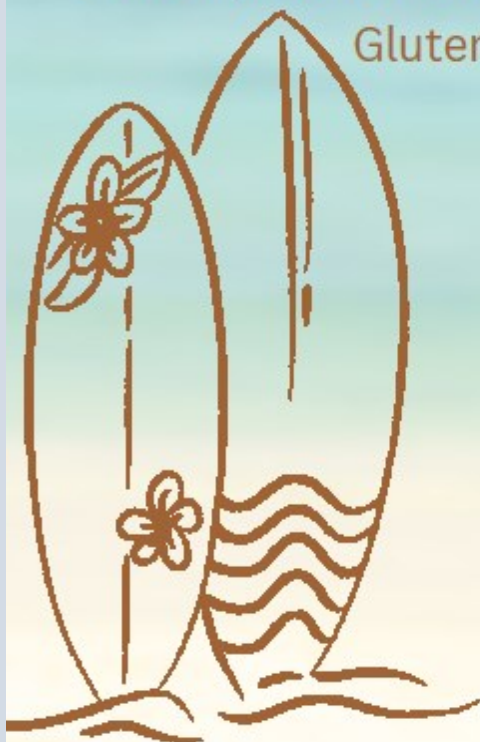
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SPORTS ROUND UP

Over the last two weeks a number of students have represented Mt Martha Primary School in Softball, Hot Shots (tennis) and athletics. Every competitor performed exceedingly well demonstrating persistence, teamwork and great sportsmanship.

The softball tournament was held on a scorching hot day and both the boys and girls teams competed. Each team played 3 games against other schools. Each game was hard fought and many skills were showcased. While our teams did not win they learnt a lot from the opposition and improved with each game.

Recently the girls Hot Shots tennis team went to the division finals and competed against Kunyung and Sorrento. It was an exciting day with each team supporting one another and showing great sportsmanship. They were victorious on the day and will soon travel to the Regional Finals. We wish them well and know they will do us proud.



Mt Martha Primary School were lucky enough to have many students competing in the Regional Athletics finals. Some of the sports included shot put, high jump, 100 and 200 metre sprints and the relay. It was an amazing day with all students putting in great performances. Congratulations to Harry from Year 6, who will now compete at the State Finals. We are all very proud of all the hard work the athletes have put in to reach the Regional Finals, as well as their efforts on the field.



Billie and Georgia from year 6 went to the State Table Tennis Championships at MSAC on Friday the 13th of October. They played a number of games against many other schools. Each game was played with good sportsmanship and a fantastic attitude towards their opponents. They combined masterfully to win the tournament and become our state champions for 2023. This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of the girls.

Overall it has been a great couple of weeks for sport at Mt Martha Primary School. We have seen some fantastic personal and team results. We would also like to thank all the parents for getting their children to the events and supporting all the teams. Good luck to all the students competing at the next level and well done to all the athletes for their hard work.

Jason Antoniou

Year 6 Classroom Teacher

SCHOOL COLOUR RUN EXPLOSION



We're turning our event from bland to GRAND this year by adding an explosion of Colour. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular **our play areas and sporting equipment.**

The Colour Explosion School Run4Fun will be held on: **Friday 17th November**

We do ask that students on the day wear a **plain white shirt** as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Each year level will have approximately ten minutes to tackle the obstacle course either once, twice or three times. The course will contain some obstacles that will provide light water mist to allow the powder to stick to everyone. There will be pool noodle obstacles, plus other "obstacles" to get over, under and through.

After the completion of each year level's allocated time everyone will have a chance to have a class photo in front of our color banner and soak up the fun had by other students and buddies.

Leaderboard:

Class that has most students registered/signed up

1st – 3A Gaiser

2nd 2A Proietti

3rd – 6D Giles

4th – 2D Knorr/Mason

Create a Student Profile at www.myprofilepage.com.au. If you have lost your booklet with all the information and prizes, no stress as you can still register and see all the prizes online.

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher



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