



# Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 27th July 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

**Welcome** - Welcome to Xavier (Year Five) and his family who joined our school community this week.

**Body Education with Kelly Nash** - Kelly is running a program with our Year Five and Six students in class. An information session for parents of Year Five and Six parents will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 7pm** in the Staff Centre. The Parent/Carer Information Session is an opportunity to find out about how the school program will run and how families can assist with homework tasks. The session will briefly discuss how children learn about sexuality and why sexuality education is so important both at home and in the school setting. The content that will be covered at each of the different year levels will be outlined and there will be opportunities to ask questions and address concerns.

**SEC** - The Social Event Committees (SEC) next meeting is on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August** at 7pm in the Staff Centre. The team will discuss the coming events which include: the Father's Day Breakfast and Footy Day. The team would be delighted if you would like to attend and discuss exciting activities to connect all members of our school community.

**Book Week** - It will be very exciting to see everyone gather on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** for Book Week Parade in the school Gym at 9.10am. The theme this year is Read, Grow, Inspire. Come dressed as a favourite character. We are asking students to donate a gold coin to help make literacy resources more accessible to Indigenous communities. The donations will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

*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.





## 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and ten other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

You will receive additional information and your unique link prior to the survey opening.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### JULY

##### **Friday 28th**

Whole School Assembly  
All welcome  
9.10am in Gym

Prep YAWA Swimming Program  
(Five Sessions)  
Session 1  
YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

##### **Monday 31st**

Year 5 & 6 Film Festival  
MMPS Filming

#### AUGUST

##### **Tuesday 1st**

I Sea I Care Excursion  
Banyan Reserve,  
47R Luscombe Ave, Carrum Downs  
9.00am - 3.00pm

Regional Girls AFL  
Baxter Park, Frankston - Flinders Rd, Baxter  
9.30am - 2.45pm

SEC Meeting in Staff Centre  
7.00pm  
All welcome



##### **Friday 4th**

Prep YAWA Swimming Program  
(Five Sessions)  
Session 2  
YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

##### **Monday 7th**

Year 5 & 6 Film Festival  
MMPS Filming

##### **Tuesday 8th**

Year 5 Melbourne Zoo  
Melbourne  
7.30am - 3.30pm

##### **Wednesday 9th**

Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Program  
Dromana Secondary College Visit  
8.45am - 12.00pm

##### **Thursday 10th**

School Council Meeting  
6.45pm in Staff Centre



### 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 5 Melbourne Zoo	\$50	2/8/2023
Year 2 Craft Power	\$13	9/8/2023
Year 5 & 6 Body Education PARENTS ONLY	NA	15/8/2023
Year 5 & 6 Body Education STUDENTS ONLY	\$18	16/8/2023
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$29	21/8/2023

#### **TERM DATES: 2023**

Term 3 10th July (**Student Free Day**)  
11th July to 15th September  
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December



#### **STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023**

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**  
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

BOOK WEEK - TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST

**Dress Like a Book Character Day!**



**Get ready for some fun—dress up as your favourite book or movie character!**

**Tuesday 22nd August 2023**

**9.10 Parade in the Gym**

**Families welcome!**

**Part of our Book Week Celebrations.**



**Gold Coin Donation—helping to make literacy resources more accessible to remote Indigenous communities.**



**INDIGENOUS  
LITERACY  
FOUNDATION**



On Tuesday 18th July, we were lucky enough to host Sarah Hosking from the Richmond AFLW team to come and talk to the Year 3 and 4 students.

As a past student, Sarah spoke about growing up in Mt Martha and starting her sporting dream playing netball. It wasn't until later that she and her sister Jess, decided to put all their sport abilities into AFL and were lucky enough to be drafted in the first season.



She spoke about our school values and told us that 'Respect' is one of the Richmond Tigers values that they use on a daily basis. She talked us through what it was like to be part of the first ever AFLW match and running out to a crowd of **24,500**. This was mind-blowing as she only had played netball before a crowd of 200 before. She also came away with a win over Collingwood.

On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Sarah Hosking came to school, and I learnt that you should never fight back, even if it's bad! You should also stick up for your friends, and never give up! Also follow your dreams!

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 Sarah Hosking a AFLW player in Richmond footy team came to Mount Martha Primary School (Our School) to tell us a bit about footy. I learnt to never retaliate if someone hurts you. They are trying to get your attention.

I learnt that to never give up and always try no matter what and always follow your dreams. Also do not hurt someone because that does not help.



In 2016, Sarah was lucky to be selected in the top 20 draft picks by Carlton where she played four seasons in the midfield before joining Richmond in 2021. She is part of the Richmond Leadership group and shared the role of vice captain in season 2022. It is so nice to see her come back to Mt. Martha Primary School.



On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> July Sarah Hosking a Richmond women AFLW player came to our school. She talked about she learnt if you fight back it will only make it worse and she even went to our school mt marth ps! She said her sister (Jess Hosking) was her best friend. Most importantly she said her team was the first team to ever play AFLW.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Southern Peninsula Division Playoffs

Last week we had some of our teams who were District Champs in Term 2 compete in the Southern Peninsula Division playoffs with some outstanding team efforts.

#### Tee-ball

Firstly, many thanks to Finn's mum, (Katherine), for organising the boys' team on the day and to the many parents who turned up to support both the boys and the girls teams. In the first round, the boys played magnificently against Crib Point and had an easy win. The girls had a bye and automatically went through to the final which was their only game of the day. Unfortunately, Red Hill were the stronger team and we lost the game after 6 innings. The boys team played really well but were just a few runs short of winning the flag.

#### Soccer

Soccer was hard going but both our boys and girls teams managed to make the finals and played off for a spot at the regional finals. In both games it was Mt Martha against Kunyung Primary School and after 40 minutes of play both games came down to a penalty shootout. It was tense and players, coaches and parents were hanging on every shot. The standard of play was amazing and all players showed a great deal of respect for the opposition and umpires. At the end of the day the girls team kicked the winning penalty, but unfortunately the boys team didn't make it through. It was fantastic to have the support of many parents and we would like to especially thank Sean Callander for coaching the girls team to their success.

#### Other teams:

We had some of our other teams compete at last week with some remarkable results. Our **Boys/Mixed Netball** made it to the Grand Final but were out played to finish runners up at Division Level.

The **Boys AFL** team played at Red Hill Football grounds which was a mighty effort, as we had some of our players out due to camp but the team continued to show true Mt Martha Spirit. Unfortunately we weren't good enough against the bigger bodied teams but they gave it a red hot crack!

Our **Girls AFL** played at Red Hill as well as and managed to walk away with the Division Championship after a big strong win in the Grand Final. They will now play at the Regional Level – good luck girls.

A HUGE thank you to those parents that assisted with all the teams at this level of competition.

### Mt Martha Athletics Team - District

I have also been putting together the Athletics Team for the annual Mornington Sports District Athletics Carnival. This will be at the newly finished Mornington Athletics Track. Please make sure all students are practicing for their events. Once I have completed the team, I will put it up in the Gym and the Melrose corridor.

Cameron Sweatman

**PE Teacher**

## SPORTS PHOTO GALLERY



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Sally Giles  
Year 6 Classroom Teacher

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*Winter Trivia Night*

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#### Eligibility Criteria

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### Camps, Sports and Education Fund

#### Funding to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
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- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions

\$125 per year for eligible primary school students

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#### Eligibility Criteria

- Parent must be a health/concession card holder;
- Or families on protection/bridging visas, or seeking asylum;
- Or children in out of home care



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#### Eligibility Criteria

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