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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 27th April 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 Back - It was lovely to see all our school community back this week after enjoying family holidays and the opportunity to travel over the Term One holidays. Students have been excited to share their holiday adventures with others through class discussions and writing recounts.

ANZAC Day - Many of our students and their families and staff participated in ANZAC Day services and marches on Tuesday by attending either the Dawn or 10am ceremonies. Thank you to Kaitlyn, Louis, Luke, and Rose who represented the Mount Martha Primary School community, showing dignity and respect, as they laid a wreath at the ANZAC Day Service at Mornington. Thank you to their families for also attending the service. The students with the support of Mr Orchard ran a short ANZAC service at school on Monday.







School Crossing - On Monday we were delighted to welcome back Robyn to the crossing. She has very much missed MMPS and is incredibly happy to be back at work.

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

Welcome - to the following new students and their families to the Mount Martha Primary School community Prep: Bayden C, Prep: Archie H, Year 5: Seth H and Year 5: Layla S. We also welcomed a new staff member Mr Gregory Thomas who will be teaching 3C for the remainder of 2023.

Congratulations - to Ms Kim Klan and Marcus on the birth of their precious daughter Edie Willa on Tuesday 4th April. We wish them well as they begin this new and exciting chapter in their lives.

Mother's Day Stall - Tuesday 9th May is the Mother's Day Stall. All students will have the chance to visit the stall to purchase a fantastic and very reasonably priced gift. Information has been sent out to families on Compass and in the newsletter. We very much appreciate the work of members of the SEC, for organising this event. Helpers are still required. Thanks for your assistance.

School Cross Country - Friday May 5th is the School Cross Country. The course starts and finishes on the school oval and runs down Melrose Avenue, along Normanby Terrace and returns up Glenisla Drive. All our students can participate. More details are included in this newsletter.

Traffic Safety - A reminder to please follow the road laws and direction of the crossing supervisors. The safety of our students, parents and other members of our school community is our highest priority. In addition, for safety reasons parents must <u>not</u> park in the Staff Car Park. Thanks for your assistance.

Hats - From next Monday, 1st May, the students are no longer required to wear hats as part of the SunSmart Policy. Given the lovely weather we have had you might wish for your child to continue to wear their hat. The school resumes compulsory hat wearing from the 1^{st of} September.

Prep 2024 Enrolment - On Wednesday 10th May will be the 2024 Prep Information Evening. A school tour will commence at 6.30pm with the Information Evening to start at 7.15pm. 2024 Prep Enrolment Week is Tuesday 16th May; Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May starting at 9.30am. Tours usually take about 45 minutes. Please meet at the school Office. No bookings are required. Enrolment information will be available from the Office.

Warm regards

Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



APRIL

Friday 28th

9.00am - 2.00pm

SLP Basketball - Mornington Secondary School

Kanga 8's - Narambi Reserve Mornington

Lawn Bowls - Civic Reserve Bowls Club, Mornington

Teeball - Wilsons Rd Reserve, Mornington **Hot Shots** - Balcombe Grammar, Mt Martha **Kickball** - Balcombe Grammar, Mt Martha

MAY

Tuesday 2nd

SEC Meeting in Staff Centre

7.00 - 8.00pm



Year 6 Students only

Somerville Police Talk on Cyber Safety

10.00am Mt Martha

Wednesday 3rd Year 2 Briars Eco Day

9.00am - 3.00pm

Mt Martha

Thursday 4th

Drains to the Bay Walk

9.00am - 11.00am Mt Martha

Year 5 Students only

Somerville Police Talk on Cyber Safety

10.00am Mt Martha



Friday 5th

Whole School Cross Country

(Refer Sports New for Year Level running times).



Monday 8th

Year 1 Hersonswood Gardens

9.15am - 12.15pm

Heronswood Gardens, Dromana.

Prep Responsible Pet Ownership

11.30am - 1.00pm Mt Martha

COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



Parents are reminded to log into the Compass Parent Portal to <u>consent and/or pay</u> 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 2 Briars Eco Day	\$19	27/4/2023
Year 4 Drains to the Bay Walk	Nil	1/5/2023
Year 1 Heronswood	\$12	3/5/2023
Cheese Toastie	\$3	18/5/2023
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$26	25/5/2023
Year 5 Billy Tea Bush Band	\$11	29/5/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to Thursday 6th April

Year 1 - 6 students commence

Tuesday 31st January

Prep Interviews

31st January, 1st February & 2nd February

Preps commence Friday 3rd February

9.00am - 2.15pm

Preps start <u>full time</u> Monday 27th February

Term 2 24th April to 23rd June

Term 3 10th July to 15th September

Term 4 2nd October to 20th December

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



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



Thursday, June 1 2023

Orders are now open on Compass
\$3.00 each

Gluten and dairy free options available

DRESS CODE: PYJAMAS!



SPORT NEWS

WHOLE SCHOOL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Next Friday the 5th May, we are holding our School House Cross Country at school and hopefully the weather will also be kind to us!!! . Students in year 3-6 will be running in their age group race (the age is what age they are on 31st December 2023) and our junior school will run in year levels. I would also like to encourage all students to wear their house colours and comfortable running shorts or pants. If you are unsure what house your child is in – please see the classroom teacher.

ALL COMPETITORS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE 1 Lap = 1km

** Times are a rough guide **

9:10	Prep	* 1km*
9:30	Year 2 (8yr olds)	*1km *
10:00	Year 3/4 (9/10yr olds)	*2km & 1km Fun Run*
RECESS		
11:30	Year 1	*1km*
12:00	Year 5 (11yr olds)	*3km & 1km Fun Run*
LUNCH		
2:15	Year 6 (12/13vr olds)	* 3km & 1km Fun Run *

We will be holding two different events for 9/10, 11 and 12/13yr old races:

- 1. **COMPETITION**: Competitors are to complete the set amount of km/laps for their age group. The top 10 from this event will represent our school at the District Competition.
- **2. FUN RUN**: This race is a modified race, 1km which allows students to reduce the laps to complete what they are capable of. This is a non-competitive race and will cater for students who find it difficult and wish to walk the track.

The top 10 from Year 2 - Year 6 (8yr old - 12/13yr old) students who run the competition will represent our school at District level at Woodleigh School on Tuesday 16th May.

The track route: Start far end of oval on track, running around the track, beside gym, across basketball courts, out back gate and down Melrose drive Continue along Normanby onto Glenisla drive. Up the hill and into the staff carpark back onto the oval to finish or start 2nd or 3rd lap.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support children. If you are free and could assist at the finish line – please make sure you let me know on the day.

The sports leaders will act as 'Hares' for each race so the children have something to follow and a Year 6 will always be at the back of the race too. The track will also have supervision by our teachers and various checkpoints.

SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Good Luck to our school teams playing tomorrow in the Mornington District Summer Lightning Premiership. We hope that all students enjoy the day of competition and show great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Basketball @ Mornington Secondary College Kickball @ Mornington Civic Soccer

Lawn Bowls @ Mornington Civic Bowls Club Kanga 8's @ Narambi Oval

Teeball @ Wilson Road, Mornington Baseball Club Hot Shots @ Balcombe Grammar

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.

TRAVEL SMART NEWS



It was great to see so many students out walking, riding and rolling to school on Ride2School Day. It was great meeting "The White Bike Foundation" crew at Mt Martha House. Thank you to Victoria Police and the volunteers who came out to help us all.

On the day we had 65% of the school take up active travel for the morning. That was over a 20% increase from a normal day. Well done to all those families who participated and are creating change. Talk to each other about the way you travel, organise to meet other families and walk or roll together. Use our park and stride points as meeting places.

Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 19th May.

Will you look for a change this term and find a better way to travel to school?

The TravelSmart Team





GOLD FOR GREEN DAY 2023

Welcome to Winter



Gold For Green Day Donation Requests.

Our yearly Sustainability event, **Gold for Green Day** is in Week 5 this term. All classes will participate in activities across the day.

This year we will be welcoming Winter with a parade of Scarecrows.

Each class will be constructing one.

The community are invited to come and participate in the activities on the day.

We would appreciate donations of the following:

- Old tool or broom handles or sturdy straight branches or pieces of framing timber 1.5-2metres long. (frames for Scarecrows) Please hand in to Jenny Spiridis
- Large Cardboard Boxes (packing or fridge or TV) Year 2.
- Large glass jars (Large pickle or jars) Year 3.
- Small succulent cuttings. Year 3.

Please hand in to your classroom teacher or contact Jenny Spiridis

<u>spiridis.jennifer@mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au</u> if you have any queries.

Prep - Planting with their Year 4 Buddies.

Year One - Minibeasts

Year Two - Recycled Cardboard Cupboards.

Year Three - Glass Gardens

Year Four - Buddy Planting.

Year Five - Environmental Pavement Messages.

Year Six - Refurbishing the Sensory and 5/6 Gardens.



Year 2 Classroom Teacher.



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.

SCHOOL TOURS MAY 2023 9.30am

Tuesday 16th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

Please meet at the school office.
No bookings required.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child may soon be joining our learning community. 'Applications to Enrol' for Prep 2024 open from Monday 24th April 2023. 'Applications to Enrol' need to be lodged at the school office by 4.00pm on Friday 28th July 2023.

We will provide parents with written notification of the Prep Enrolment outcomes as per the 'Priority Order of Placement' by Friday I Ith August.

Parents sent a 'Letter of Offer' should return the completed School Enrolment Form by Friday 25th August, to indicate acceptance of their child's placement offer.

2024 PREP ENROLMENT WEEK

Mt Martha Primary School Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2023

Please consider taking the opportunity to visit our school for an official tour on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, or Thursday 18th where you will see our current Prep students in their learning environment.

Tours take approximately 45 minutes

Children being enrolled must reach five years of age by April 30th 2024.

When you come to enrol you will need to provide the school with

- proof of age a copy of a birth certificate or extract of birth
- an Immunisation History Statement indicating your child's immunisation status
- Proof of residency

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All the enrolment information you require will be provided at the school office. Further information can also be found at Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) government website www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep. We hope to meet you on one of our school tours.

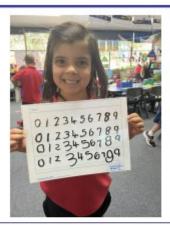
Yours faithfully,

Karen Walker, Principal.

2024 PREP PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND MAY TOURS

Play Based, Child Centred Learning





Hands-on Maths

Mount Martha Primary School Educating Children of Today for Tomorrow

Developing a Love of Literature





School-wide Multimedia

2024 Prep Information Evening

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.15pm in Staff Centre

A school tour will commence at 6.30pm from the school office.

Please note no bookings are required.

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Department of Education

Enrolling in primary school for 2024

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers. We want to help make the enrolment process as easy as possible for you.

In Victoria, your child has the right to attend their designated neighbourhood school (your 'local school') under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

You can also apply for a place at a school that is not your local school. The school will consider your application in line with the Placement Policy. For more information on the Placement Policy, visit the Enrolling in school page.



New statewide timeline for Foundation (Prep)

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep. We have released a new Foundation enrolment timeline for all Victorian government primary schools to follow (see page 3). The timeline aims to help you understand when and how to enrol your child into Foundation for the 2024 school year.

When should I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

Your child must be 5 years old by 30 April in the year that they start school.

Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.

To enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school for the 2024 school year, submit an enrolment application to the school by 28 July 2023.

How do I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

Take these steps to enrol your child in their first year of primary school:

- 1. Find your local school on the Find my School website (see below).
- Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
- Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from <u>Enrolling in Foundation (Prep)</u> (available from 24 April 2023).
- 4. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation by Friday 28 July 2023.
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application by Friday 11 August 2023. If you receive an offer of placement, you should accept the offer by Friday 25 August 2023.
- 6. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4 2023.
- 7. Your child will start Foundation from Tuesday 30 January 2024.

How do I find my local school?

Find your local school on the Find my School website by following the steps below:

- Enter <u>findmyschool.vic.gov.au</u> into your browser.
- 2. Enter your permanent residential address under 'Enter your address to get started'.
- 3. Select 2024 under 'Enrolment year'. Note: 2024 school zones will be available late Term 1, 2023.
- 4. Select Primary under 'School type'.

The map will then show your address, your local school, and on the left the contact details for the school. If you scroll down, it will also show you the five closest schools to your address.

You can also search by school name under 'Search for school'.

2024 ENROLMENT NEWS





Department of Education

Can my child apply to a government primary school that is not our local school?

Yes, you can apply to schools other than your local school. The school will consider your application in line with the Placement Policy and available space. You can find information on how applications are prioritised on the <u>Enrolling in school</u> page.

What happens if I receive a letter saying my enrolment application was unsuccessful?

You should apply to enrol your child in another school. Your child is guaranteed a place at their local school. Your child's local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit Find-my-School to locate your child's local school. The Enrolling-in-school page can also help you to confirm your child's address for enrolment.

You can also appeal the decision. The <u>Enrolling in Foundation (Prep)</u> page has information on the process to appeal an enrolment application outcome.

What happens if I miss the enrolment timeframes?

You can apply to enrol your child into Foundation for the 2024 school year at any time from Term 2, 2023

While you are asked to submit an enrolment application by Friday 28 July 2023, applications after this date will still be accepted from those families who miss enrolment timelines, move permanent residence or newly arrive to Victoria.

Enrolment applications submitted after 28 July 2023 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the department's Placement Policy.

Where can I find further information on enrolling in primary school?

You can ask your local primary school for further information on the Foundation enrolment process.

At the start of Term 2, 2023 you can also find an information pack on the Foundation enrolment process on the Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) page of the Starting School webpage.

If you require help translating the information pack, please talk to your local primary school for assistance.

Who do I contact for help?

The Transition Coordinator, Enrolment Officer or Principal of the primary school you want to apply to can help you with any questions you may have about the enrolment process.

Useful links

Please find some useful links below that may be helpful for you as your child starts primary school in 2024:

Find my School - findmyschool.vic.gov.au

Information on school zones - vic.gov.au/school-zones

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) - vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

Enrolling in school - vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol

Disability and inclusive education - vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education

Regional office contacts - vic.gov.au/office-locations-department-education-and-training





Timeline for 2023-24

2023 Dates	Activity		
2020 Dates	Acuthy		
Term 2: Monday 24 April 2023 – Friday 23 June 2023			
Terms 1 and 2, 2023	Primary schools conduct tours, information sessions and other activities for families seeking Foundation (Prep) enrolment for their child for 2024.		
By the start of Term 2, 2023	School zones for the 2024 school year go live on findmyschool.vic.gov.au Parents/carers should go to findmyschool.vic.gov.au to locate their designated neighbourhood school for 2024. The Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers is available to download from Enrolling in Foundation (Prep).		
From Week 1, Term 2 2023	Primary schools may distribute the Enrolment Information Packs to prospective families and their school community.		
From Week 1, Term 2, 2023	Enrolment applications open – parents/carers may submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school from this date.		
Term 3: Monday 10 July 2023 – Friday 15 September 2023			
By Friday 28 July 2023	Enrolment applications due – parents/carers submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school by this date.		
By Friday 11 August 2023	Primary schools notify parents/carers in writing of Foundation (Prep) enrolment outcomes, as per the 'Priority Order of Placement' under the department's Placement Policy. This may include a letter confirming enrolment, a letter of offer, or an unsuccessful application letter.		
	Parents/carers sent an unsuccessful application letter may start submitting written non-placement appeals to their preferred primary school.		
By Friday 25 August 2023	Parents/carers sent a letter of offer indicate acceptance of their child's place by this date.		
By Friday 25 August 2023	Closing date for parents/carers to submit a written non-placement appeal with their preferred primary school.		
By Friday 15 September 2023	Primary schools notify all parents/carers, in writing, of the outcome of their non- placement appeal by this date.		
Term 4:	Monday 2 October 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023		
During Term 4, 2023	Primary schools host transition sessions.		
By Friday 20 October 2023	Closing date for parents/carers to submit a written non-placement appeal with the relevant Regional Director, where they have been unsuccessful with their appeal to their preferred primary school.		
By Friday 17 November 2023	Regions notify all parents/carers in writing of the outcome of Regional Director non-placement appeals by this date. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Friday 20 October 2023.		

COMMUNITY NEWS



Blended/stepfamilies can be wonderful, loving and happy for lots of people. But some find the complexity of blended families challenging.

Ongoing negotiation with ex-partners, coparenting with new partners, adults and children having different expectations, building a connection with step-children, helping biological children adjust to a new life, dealing with your children's new stepparent...the complexities are many.

This workshop will cover topics and concepts in a manner that allows you to apply learning to your situation. Participants will be able to safely discuss their challenges and most importantly, learn how to identify strength-based approaches that can support your family.

During the 3.5 hour session you will:

- Develop skills and understanding to support you as you navigate complex relation dynamics
- Explore positive approaches to conflict minimisation and resolution
- Discuss blended family communication: why it can be tough, examining solutions
- Discuss agreeing on and setting boundaries, and working collaboratively with partners, ex-partners, and children.

This in-person workshop is suitable for adults on either:

Sat 20 May 9.30am – 1pm or **Friday 2 June** 9.30am – 1pm

Cost: \$35 per participant (usually \$400!)
Location: Mornington

Register online:

 theseamlessblend.com.au/ workshop-enquiry





COMMUNITY NEWS





Healthy & Respectful Relationships

Do you know what a healthy & respectful relationship looks like?

Family Life's Early Help Program have teamed up with Relationships Australia to learn about healthy and respectful relationships!

The workshop will focus on different relationships like families, friends and intimate partners and how we can make sure they're positive and healthy! We'll also discuss how to look after your own wellbeing when you're in a relationship!

When:

11am to 1pm Thursday, 18th of May 2023

Where:

Seawinds Community Hub, 11A Allambi Ave, Capel Sound, VIC 3940

Cost

FREE but bookings are essential and spaces limited

Eligibility:

Available to Families/Carers with Children 0-18yrs residing in Mornington Peninsula Shire, Frankston City, City of Kingston and Bayside City.

Book by clicking the <u>Eventbrite link here</u> or scan the QR code below



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When:

11am to 1pm Thursday, 11th of May 2023

Where:

Frankston North Community Centre, 26 Mahogany Ave, Frankston North VIC 3200

Cost:

FREE but bookings are essential and spaces limited

Eligibility:

Available to Families/Carers with Children 0-18yrs residing in Frankston City, Mornington Peninsula Shire, City of Kingston and Bayside City.

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