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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 28th April 2022

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 onsite Tuesday with many 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 Sunday attending either the Dawn or 10am ceremonies. Thank you to Tripp, Zoe, Campbell, and Juliette 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 four students with the support of Mr Orchard run a short ANZAC service at school on Tuesday.



COVID Restrictions - With the easing of COVID restrictions in schools, this Friday 29th April will be the last day of our staggered dismissal. From Monday 2nd May all students will finish school at **3.30pm**. We have very much appreciated the support of our parents and carers with all the COVID restrictions and the constant changes over the past two years. There will be increased traffic congestion from Monday with all students finishing at the same time again. It was a temporary COVID management strategy that we are unable to continue with, to have consistent hours of teaching and learning across the school.

Additionally, the Victorian Government has announced some important changes to COVID Safe measures for schools that applied from the start of Term 2.

Face masks from 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

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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'S REPORT continued

Screening requirements Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school if they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) five times during their 7-day period. They are required to notify the school that they are a household contact. Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption. If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

RAT screening program reminder RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school. The testing recommendations will remain the same this term for students and staff– recommended to test at home twice a week

Mother's Day Stall - Next Wednesday 4th 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. Thank you, SEC, for organising this event. Helpers are still required. Thanks for your assistance.

School Cross Country - A reminder that next Thursday 5th May is our whole School Cross Country. The course starts and finishes on the school oval and runs down Melrose Avenue, along Normanby Terrace and returns up Glen Isla 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 not park in the staff car park. Thanks for your assistance.

Hats - From next Monday, 2nd May, the students are no longer required to wear hats as part of the SunSmart Policy. The school resumes compulsory hat wearing from the 1st of September.

Prep 2023 Enrolment - On Wednesday 11th May will be the 2023 Prep Information Evening. A school tour will commence at 6.30pm with the Information Evening to start at 7.15pm. 2023 Prep Enrolment Week is Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May with school tours on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th 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



MAY

Monday 2nd
Year 1 Heronswood Gardens
9.15am - 1.30pm
Dromana



Wednesday 4th
Mother's Day Stall
Please refer to Compass Course Confirmation/
payments to purchase vouchers.

Thursday 5th
Whole School Cross Country
Prep 9.10am - 9.30am
Year 5 9.45am - 10.30am
Year 2 10.30am - 11.00am
Year 1 11.30am - 12.00noon
Year 3 & 4 12.10pm - 12.45pm
Year 6 2.00pm - 2.45pm



Friday 6th
Year 4 Drains to the Bay Walk
9.30am - 1.00pm
Mt Martha

Wednesday 11th
Year 2 Briars
9.30am - 12.15pm
Mt Martha



Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th
Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp, Warburton
7.30am departure approximate return time of
3.00pm

2023 Prep Information Evening
7.15pm in Staff Centre



**A school tour will commence at 6.30pm from the
school office. No bookings required.**

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.

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 4 Arrabri Lodge	\$350	27/4/2022
Year 1 Heronswood	\$7	27/4/2022
Year 4 Drains Walk	Nil	3/5/2022
Year 2 Briars	\$14	8/5/2022
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$25	22/5/2022

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 2 26th April to 24th June
Term 3 11th July to 16th September
Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to 6th April
Term 2 24th April to 23rd June
Term 3 10th July to 15th September
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December



mmpps Mother's Day Stall

Wed 4 May

Please sign up if you can volunteer for an hour!

<https://signup.zone/JvKW6LHWzZjruKGSK>

Due to COVID Management at MMPS, we will be utilising the voucher system again, however you will be able to determine the amount you want to spend (it will be a custom field in Compass).

SEC - MOTHER'S DAY STALL

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SPORTS NEWS

WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 5th May, we are holding our Whole School Cross Country at Mount Martha Primary School. Students will be running in their age group race (their age is how old they are on 31st December 2022). I encourage all students to wear their house colours as well as 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 – 9:30	Prep	* 1km*
9:45 – 10:30	Year 5 (11yr olds)	*3km & 1km Fun Run*
10:30 – 11:00	Year 2 (8yr olds)	*1 km*
RECESS		
11:30 – 12:00	Year 1	*1km*
12:10 – 12:45	Year 3 & 4 (9/10yr olds)	*2km & 1km Fun Run*
LUNCH		
2:00 – 2:45	Year 6 (12 & 13yr olds)	*3km & 1km Fun Run*

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

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.

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 Yr 2 - 6 students who run the competition will represent our school at District level at Penbank School on Tuesday 24th 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 second or third lap. Parents are encouraged to attend and support children.

Kind regards,

Cameron Sweatman

PE Coordinator

2023 PREP ENROLMENTS

SCHOOL TOURS

MAY 2022

9.30am

Tuesday 17th

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

**Please meet at the
school office.**

No bookings required.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are most welcome to visit our school. Your child may soon be joining our learning community. Enrolments for Prep 2023 will be taken at school during the week of 16th - 20th May.

Enrolment forms need to be lodged at the school office by Friday 27th May 4.00pm.

Confirmation letters will be mailed by Friday 24th June.

2023 PREP ENROLMENT WEEK

**Mt Martha Primary School
Monday 16th to Friday 20th May**

Please consider taking the opportunity to visit our school for a tour on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, or Thursday 19th where you will see our current Prep students in their learning environment.

Children being enrolled must reach five years of age by April 30th 2023.

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*

All the enrolment information you require will be provided at the school office. We hope to meet you on one of our school tours.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Walker

Principal

**Tours take
approximately
45 minutes**

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in Staff Centre

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