



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 28th July 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 - A huge welcome to Arlo in Prep and his family who are joining our school community.

COVID - To ensure the safety and well-being of staff and students, the Victorian Government will continue to provide schools with Rapid Antigen Tests in Term 3 and Term 4 2022.

Updated policy requires the tests to be used by students **when symptomatic** or considered to be a **household contact** of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than 4 hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house).

For your convenience, RAT test packs will now be available for collection from the First Aid Office at the school throughout Term 3 and Term 4 for use by staff and students who are symptomatic or who are household contacts. We will no longer be sending home boxes with each student on a fortnightly basis. You can ring the office on 03 5974 2800 and request a RAT test packs to be sent home with your child/children. We understand that some families have used the test kits sent home and have others that currently do not require anymore.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings. Face masks are mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because wearing a mask is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. Face masks are strongly recommended for staff and students aged 8 and over when indoors but are not required. Schools will not sanction students or staff who do not wear masks, but the Department of Education has requested we encourage students to understand the benefits of wearing a mask to protect themselves and their school community.

Story Dogs Fundraiser - For the past four years our school has been fortunate to be involved in the Story Dogs Program. We have two amazing volunteers Sandra and Suzanne and their gorgeous dogs Paddy and Benny. Story Dogs is a fun and unique reading support program that improves children's reading and communication skills by children reading to a trained companion dog and its handler. Story Dogs partners with schools to provide a reading support service free of any charge. However, to ensure the continuation of the program and allow them to train more handlers and dogs requires funding. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) have decided they would like to raise funds to support more dogs to be trained to support children in primary schools. On Friday August 5th we will be having a Free Dress Day so come dressed as a teacher with a gold coin donation. After school there will be a sausage sizzle. More details in the newsletter.

SEC - The Social Event Committees next meeting is next Tuesday 2nd August at 7pm. The SEC have decided that this meeting will be a Webex meeting. I will send the link to all parents in a Compass post on Monday. The committee will discuss the coming events including the Father's Day Breakfast. More details to come next week. The team would be delighted if you would like to log in and find out about exciting activities to connect all members of our school community.

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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

Book Week - It will be very exciting to see everyone gather on Wednesday 25th August for Book Week Parade in the school gym at 9.10am. The theme this year is Dream with Eyes Open. 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.

Body Education with Kelly Nash - Mt Martha P.S. is offering families a Body Education Program on the evening of **Tuesday August 16th**. The programs offered aim to support parents in helping their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and educational sessions are between 45 - 60 minutes in length and present a valuable opportunity to discuss a variety of subjects in a safe and supported environment. Further information is available in the newsletter.

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 **Tuesday 9th 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.

Warm regards

Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



AUGUST

Tuesday 2nd
SEC Meeting 7pm via WebEx



Regional Girls AFL
9.00am - 3.30pm
Bonbeach Sports Reserve
Bonbeach



Wednesday 3rd
2023 Prep Storytime Bookings
open 8.30am
Compass Conferences please book one session only. Bookings close Wednesday 10th August.

Year 6 Transition Program
Dromana College
8.45am - 12.00pm

Year 3 Richard Galbraith Cartooning Incursion
9.45am - 12.45pm

Regional Boys AFL
9.00am - 3.30pm
Bonbeach Sports Reserve
Bonbeach



Friday 5th
Fundraiser for Storytime
Free Dress Day gold coin donation
Afterschool Sausage Sizzle 3.30pm



Thursday 11th
School Council Meeting
6.45pm in Staff Centre



Friday 12th
2023 Prep Story Time Session 1
9.30am - 10.30am
in Staff Centre
Bookings are essential



SSV Table Tennis
Mornington Peninsula Table Tennis Centre
Selected students only
9.00am - 3.30pm

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
SSV Table Tennis	NA	9/8/2022
Regional Boys Teeball		
Year 5 & 6 Body Education Program	\$14	10/8/2022
Year 1 Where We Live	\$8	10/8/2022
Prep Kingswim	\$78	15/8/2022
Year 3 Dandenong Market	\$14	16/8/2022
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$20	29/8/2022
Year 3 Briars Camp	\$240	3/10/2022

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 3 11th July to 16th September
(Monday 11th July Student Free Day)
Students return Tuesday 12th July
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

Free Dress and Sausage Sizzle for Story Dogs - Friday 5th August



Next Friday the 5th August the Student Representative Council (SRC) is organising a Fund Raiser for 'Story Dogs'. The 'Story Dog' mission is to make reading fun for children, so they become confident, lifelong readers. They strongly believe that no child should be left behind in Literacy.

To raise funds for this worthy cause we will be having a "Free Dress" day with a twist. ***Teachers are to dress in school uniform and students come dressed as a teacher :-)***



On Friday 5th August please wear "Free Dress With a Twist" and **bring in a donation** to support Story Dogs.

In addition we will be holding an "After School Sausage Sizzle" to raise further funds. Sausages will be available for purchase. We hope at 3:30pm families can join together for a chat and a snag!!

See you there!!

Student Representative Council

BODY EDUCATION NEWS



Body Education with Kelly Nash

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mt Martha P.S. is offering families a **Body Education Program** on the evening of **Tuesday August 16th**.

The programs offered aim to support parents in helping their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and educational sessions are between 45- 60 mins in length and present a valuable opportunity to discuss a variety of subjects in a safe and supported environment.

Price: \$20 per family for one session \$25 per family for both sessions

The Sessions:

5.45-6.30pm Years 1 & 2 – *A session to help children understand families and bodies, what makes them the same and what makes them different.*

Age appropriate language is used to help children understand the differences in families and body parts. How Bodies can be the same and they can be different. We talk about private parts and what being “private” means. Students are reminded that private parts are for private places. We also discuss feeling safe in our bodies and identify who we could talk to if we weren’t feeling safe. Families are given the opportunity to discuss how babies develop and how they are born. (This session would not include sexual intercourse but would include introducing the terms egg and sperm).

6.45- 7.45pm Years 3 & 4 – *A session to help children understand difference in families and bodies and how differences can make human reproduction possible.*

This session begins by also acknowledging that families, like bodies, have similarities and differences. In this session we go on to name parts of the body that are the same and different. Similarly to the above session, we have a short discussion on understanding private parts and the rights and responsibilities we have around respecting everyone’s bodily autonomy. From there, conception (including sexual intercourse and a brief and basic explanation of assisted reproduction) is explained and then a discussion of foetal development and birth.

About Kelly Nash:

Kelly has worked with the Mt Martha Primary School community for nearly 10 years assisting with the sexuality education component of the curriculum that is part of the *Health and Physical Education* domain. Kelly trained as a teacher in the 1980’s (so it’s probably just as well she has decided on Sexuality Education and not Fashion Education!).

After many years working in schools as a teacher and in health promotion, including 3 years with the Royal Women’s Hospital health promotion unit and 7 years with Family Life Victoria, Kelly started her own body/sexuality education business. Kelly’s aim is to create a relaxed and inclusive environment where her unique and fun facilitation style allows informal, respectful learning to young people so that they may be empowered with knowledge and understanding about their bodies, her greatest hope is that she is able to support the children’s families in this important part of their education.

Kelly has WWCC and offers Family Evenings and School Programs for Primary schools that cover sexuality education and she offers Positive Body Image workshops for Secondary Schools.

Karen Walker

Principal

Free webinar

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Learn about TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube to help your children stay safe online.

Join **eSafety's** expert education and training team for a **FREE** live webinar designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13.

It will include case studies, research and targeted advice so you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Dates: (Australian Eastern Standard time)

Monday 1 August: 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Tuesday 16 August: 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Thursday 25 August: 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



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SPORTS NEWS

SSV SOUTHERN PENINSULA DIVISION WINTER SPORTS

Last week saw numerous teams compete in the Southern Peninsula Division Championships all over the Mornington Peninsula.

On Monday our **Boys Teeball** team took to the diamond with pride and determination to do their best. After winning their first round, they found themselves in the Grand Final against another strong team. The match finished with our team winning and will now progress onto the Regional championships in a few weeks.

On Tuesday both our **Girls & Boys Netball** teams headed to Somerville to play against other schools from the Peninsula. The girls took to the court first and showed their class and amazing teamwork to come away with a comfortable win. Mid-morning saw the boys have their chance to showcase their skills and teamwork. After winning their first match they progressed to the Grand Final and after trailing by a few goals, managed to focus to become Division Champions. Both the Girls and Boys teams will now progress onto the Regional Championships in Pakenham.

Wednesday was another big day as our **Girls AFL** team wore the jumpers proudly and ventured onto the field as a strong, determined team to play to the best of their ability. The energy of the team was electric and the girls didn't let anything stop them as they tackled, kept the ball moving and supported each other throughout both games. The girls earned the Division Champions title and will now also progress onto the Regional Championships.

Lastly our **Boys AFL** team took to the oval on Thursday with plenty of excitement and energy to burn. They won their first match and with a quick recovery moved onto play the grand final. With the opening goal going against them, the boys switched on, kicking away to a handy lead and didn't allow the other team to score again. This showed great teamwork from all the boys in the team and they will now play at the Regional Championships. This will be a challenge but I'm sure one that we will accept and show our Mt Martha Team spirit.

A huge thank you goes to all the parents and community that assisted with transport and cheering on the students, the teachers (Mrs Voutier, Mrs Rafeld, Mrs Doye & Mr Whelan) for their coaching and organising as well as Cade W who assisted with coaching the Teeball team.

JOGGING CLUB

Jogging Club is running smoothly. The sports leaders are will be down on the basketball courts on Tues/Wed/Thur to run Jogging Club starting at 8:40. It is so good to see so many students and younger siblings joining in this early morning exercise. Certificates for milestones in Jogging Club will be presented at year level assemblies.

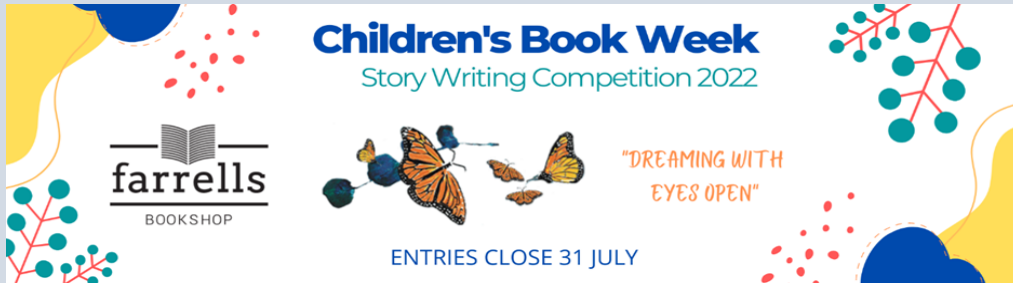
*****If the weather is drizzling/raining then it won't go ahead. The cards will get wet and we don't want you to start the day with wet socks and catching a cold*****

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher

Southern Peninsula Division Champions





Annual Story Writing Competition “Dreaming with eyes open...”

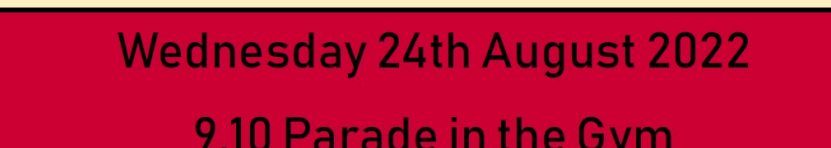
Farrell’s Book Store is once again running their story writing competition in the lead up to CBCA Children’s Book Week in August. The aim of the competition is to provide an opportunity for kids to extend their love of reading and books by exploring and enjoying the process of creating their own piece of writing. They run the competition across five age groups from Prep to Year 12, with Farrells book vouchers as prizes and the finished pieces published on their website. Each year Farrells invites shortlisted entrants to an awards ceremony in store, this year featuring local author, Danielle Binks, on Saturday 27 August (full details TBC). Entries close on Sunday 31 July.

You can find more information about the competition, including entry requirements, here:

<https://www.farrells.com.au/kids-writing-competition-2022/>

Jane Doye

English Learning Specialist

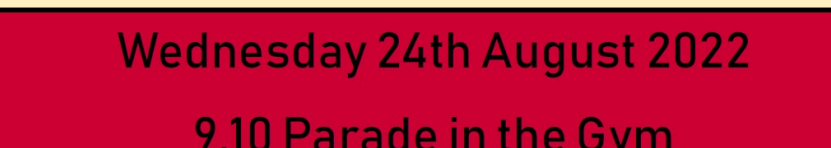


Wednesday 24th August 2022

9.10 Parade in the Gym

Families welcome!

Part of our Book Week Celebrations.

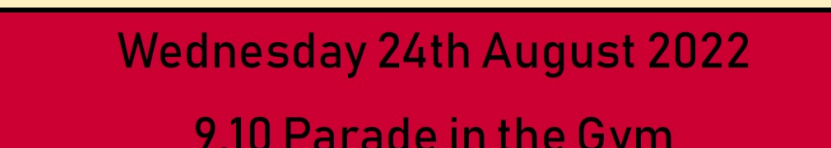


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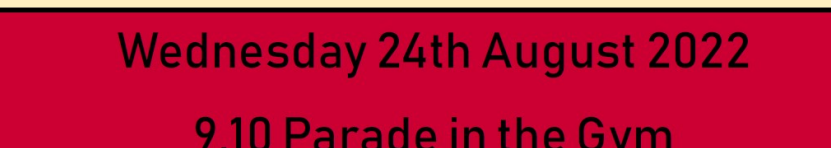


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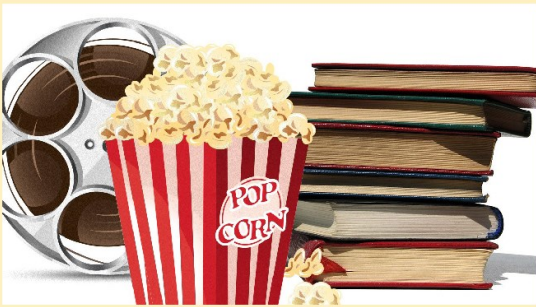


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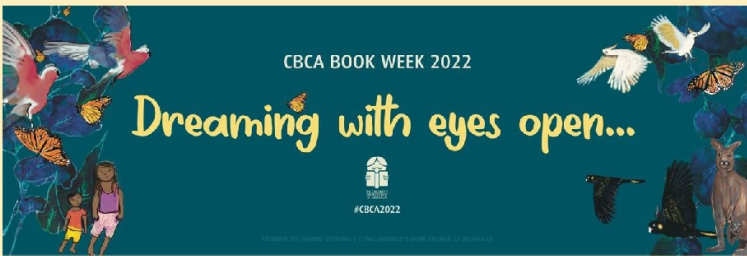
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Gold Coin Donation— helping to make literacy resources more accessible to remote Indigenous communities.

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It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 9th September.

Tip for collecting:

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!



* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](https://www.wonder.australia) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](https://www.wonderrecyclingrewards) to share all your recycling champion stories!





EVENT Sunshine Community Tree Planting

WHEN Saturday 30th July 8:30am-11:30am

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- August Edition -

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An exhibition reflecting on the life and legacy of Anne Frank during the Holocaust is introducing her story to a whole new generation and holds lessons still as powerful as ever.

This exhibition bought to us by the ANNE FRANK STICHTING (Foundation) will be on display at Mornington Library **2 September to 17 October 2022.**
FREE - No bookings required.





GABRIELLE WANG

AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LAUREATE

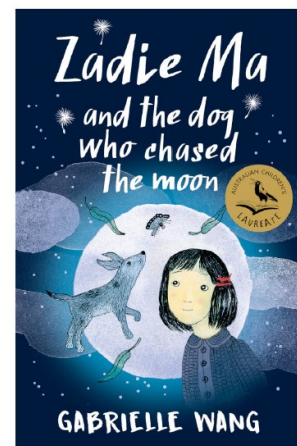
Saturday 20 August
2.30pm to 4pm

The Studio @ Peninsula Community Theatre
91 Wilsons Rd Mornington



Join us for an afternoon with Australian Children's Laureate, **Gabrielle Wang** - hear about how she became an author & illustrator, her new book, and how to draw your very own dragon!

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