



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 28 May 2020

Mt Martha Primary School strives to empower students to be active learners who make a positive impact in a changing world.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Return to face to face teaching

It was fantastic to see our students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 return to onsite learning on Tuesday. There were certainly some very excited students, staff and parents! The students are quickly resuming their school routines and adapting to the changes we have made. Teachers have been monitoring the students as we are conscious that students may have a variety of feelings about returning to school. Classes have been busy doing activities to assist the students to settle back in and re-establish relationships. The health and wellbeing of our students is always a priority.

Students in Year 3 to Year 6 will return to school from **Tuesday 9 June** and so will still be engaged in the remote learning model in the meantime. Thank you once again parents for your ongoing work in supervising their learning.

A reminder that once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if a parent/carer chooses to keep their child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

A reminder also that the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place up to and including **Friday 5th June** for those students in Year 3 to Year 6 whose parents are essential services workers who have no child care options and vulnerable children. Applications via email to mount.martha.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au for the following week must be made by 3pm on the Thursday prior to the week that on site schooling is required.

We are keen to return to our normal teaching program as soon as possible. To assist this borrowed computer equipment must be returned. Prep to Year 2 should return equipment to the front Office as soon as possible and Year 3 to Year 6 equipment by **5th June**.

A "**Transition to Onsite Parent and Carers Handbook**" was an attachment in last weeks' Compass post and it is attached today as well in case parents and carers missed it. Please read as it contains information about the return to school. Information is based on recommendations from Victoria's Chief Medical Officer and DET.

To reiterate some key points concerning the return to school:

- Unwell students should not be sent to school or remain at school if symptoms appear during the day or they become unwell. Parents will be contacted to collect unwell students who will be supervised while isolated from other students.
- Students should bring their own named water bottle as drinking fountains are not available.
- A rigorous approach will be used by teachers to ensure all students wash/sanitise their hands each time upon entry and exit of rooms, before and after eating, after using the toilet and after coughing or sneezing. Students will be reminded of the need to cough or sneeze into their elbow and use tissues.

Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds on the capability of every student.

PRINCIPAL REPORT continued....

All classrooms have handwashing and/or sanitiser available, tissues and antiseptic wipes. Parents may choose to supply their own child with sanitiser and tissues.

- Health Officer has highlighted the importance of social distancing between adults as a key control measure. Social distancing is not required amongst students onsite. Parents are encouraged to only be onsite for essential business. Parents must not enter classrooms or corridors. Communication with teachers will continue to be via gmail and telephone. The Office is open but social distancing is required. Early pick ups or late arrivals will be organised from the Office. Parents must not congregate at the school gates and should practice social distancing. We recognise that in the initial days of returning to school some students, particularly Preps, may require a parent to walk them in to school or a pick up but over time we should all be working to minimise this.
- DET have funded enhanced cleaning with high touch points and toilets provided with additional cleans throughout the day. Playground equipment will also be cleaned.
- The school day will commence at 9am as usual with students usually arriving at different times from about 8.30am. This staggered arrival allows for a flow of students entering and easier physical distancing. **At the end of the day, students in Prep to Year 2 will finish at 3.30pm. From 9th June Years 3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm. From 26th May to 9th June onsite learners will finish at 3.30pm as usual.** A slightly earlier finish will allow an improved flow of students off site while still allowing siblings to meet if required for the walk home.
- Designated play equipment and areas already exist for our students and oval use is timetabled. This together with a large play area will mean that recess and lunchtimes will remain at their usual times.
- If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 the school will contact the Department of Health who will advise the next steps. It is likely the school will be shut and reopen after a deep clean has occurred. This takes usually between 1 and 3 days.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

COVID-19 Information - In these times a reminder that using trusted and accurate sources of information is so important. For example <https://www.vic.gov.au/>, <https://www.australia.gov.au/>, and <https://www.health.gov.au> continue to provide comprehensive and accurate information.

Welcome - A huge welcome to Liam N (Prep) and Oliver N (Year 2) and their family who joined our school community this week.

"Shelter in Place" Works - The school has been designated by DET as being in an area of potential bushfire risk. As such works have started to establish a building at the school to the DET standard of a "Shelter In Place" (SIP) and include modifications that make the SIP more resistant to bushfire ember attack and associated consequential fires. The Admin building and Gym have been designated as the SIP which will act as a last resort temporary shelter option until either an emergency has passed or a more suitable alternative is available. In the case of a bushfire, a SIP may be used as a central assembly point prior to evacuation, or as a last resort when evacuation from the site is no longer a viable option. The improvements will be incorporated into our DISPLAN.

Kind regards

Martin Page

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember

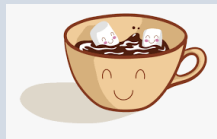
Coming Events



JUNE

Monday 1st

Hot Chocolate Day at your house!



Monday 8th

QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Students do not attend school



Tuesday 9th

**Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
recommence learning onsite at school**

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.

EVENTS 2020	COST	CLOSING DATE
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TERM DATES: 2020

Term 2 14th April to 26th June

Term 3 13th July to 18th September

Term 4 5th October to 18th December

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HOT CHOCOLATE NEWS



Hot Chocolate Day Is Back...at Your House!

Join us on **Monday June 1st** for a Hot Chocolate at home!

It's choccie tradition at Mt Martha Primary to celebrate the first day of Winter with a yummy hot chocolate.

Since we can't all be together this year, we are inviting everyone to warm up Winter with a mug or two of your favourite winter drink at home.

Then, for some yummy fun, send us a picture of your Hot Chocolate Day to show us how you celebrated the first day of winter.

If you have a favourite hot chocolate recipe, share that too!

Upload your pics here <https://padlet.com/despi/hotchocolate>

Or

scan the code below

Or

via your class blog

The Padlet will appear on your class blog so that you can keep an eye on what your friends are making right across the school! Enjoy :-)



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BE YOU NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Below is the link to a report presented by Dr Michael Carr Gregg, about helping children to deal with the uncertainty and transitions we have been faced with due to the Coronavirus. The information covers both the Primary and Secondary school settings and there are some helpful tips for parents in talking to their children about the 'new normal' in each setting.

This report has been made available to us by SchoolTV:

"Although the reality of the Coronavirus is ongoing, we are all experiencing various levels of transition across Australia and New Zealand. Whilst many children may be excited at the prospect of lockdown restrictions being lifted, others may feel mixed emotions.

As we adjust to new routines, keeping a check on our young people's mental health and wellbeing will be vitally important. In this Special Report, we share a few ideas to help ease this time of transition and adjustment."

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-...

Thank you to all of our families for the amazing effort you have sustained in supporting your children with their home learning throughout this time.

Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.

Caring for our Community during Coronavirus



Care packages for those in need



Mornington Peninsula Shire, in partnership with local Community Support Centres, is offering care packages for our most vulnerable and isolated community members who are impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic on the Peninsula. Care packages will be sent to eligible households through contactless delivery.

Care packages will include non-perishable food and essential hygiene items.

You are eligible to receive a care package if you:

- are being impacted by Covid-19 due to self-isolation
- are considered 'at risk' of getting COVID-19
- have no support locally to access supplies
- are experiencing significant hardship due the current situation.

How do I register to receive a care package?

Phone the Shire on ☎ 1300 850 600

If you need the assistance of an interpreter phone ☎ 131 450

TTY/voice calls: ☎ 133 677

Speak and listen: ☎ 1300 555 727

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your local Saver Plus
Coordinator

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*many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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