



**Mt. Martha**  
Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 29 April 2021

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**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 Dylan, Scarlett and Thomas who represented the Mount Martha Primary School community, showing dignity and respect, as they laid a wreath at the ANZAC Day Service at Mornington.



**MMPS Twilight Family Picnic** - Last Thursday was the Twilight Family Picnic. This was a terrific opportunity for both the students and parents for a catch up with friends or to make new ones. Even though it was little cool, some games, great conversation and a picnic made it fun for everyone. This year the SEC have many events planned that continue to build community as well as raising funds for projects to benefit our students. Helpers are always appreciated and your children love seeing you involved.



**Mother's Day Stall** - Next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. The SEC have also organised a Mother's Day Raffle with some terrific prizes. Thank you SEC for organising this event. Helpers are still required. Thanks for your assistance.

**School Cross Country** - A reminder that next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 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 Glen Isla Drive. All our students have the opportunity to 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.

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 REPORT CONTINUED

**Hats** - From next Monday, 3rd May, the students are no longer required to wear hats as part of the SunSmart Policy. The school resumes compulsory hat wearing from the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**Assembly** - Our first assembly for Term 2 is Friday 7th May commencing at 9.10am. Our assemblies are always a great chance to hear what is happening in the school and a way to see the talents of our students. Once again this event is to be livestreamed to parents. DET COVID-19 restrictions of 1 person per 2 square metres when visitors attend an event still require this assembly to be onsite for students and staff only. More information will be coming on how to access the livestream.

**Prep 2022 Enrolment** - On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May will be the 2022 Prep Information Evening. A school tour will commence at 6.30pm with the Information Evening to start at 7.15pm. 2022 Prep Enrolment Week is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May with school tours on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Summer Lightning Premiership** - Good luck to our students who are participating in the Summer Lightning Premiership at venues around Mt Martha and Mornington tomorrow. Our students always have a lot of fun, display terrific sportsmanship and are great ambassadors for our school.

Kind regards

Martin Page

## FIRST AID NEWS

Just a reminder that one of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms. Therefore if a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home. If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school as soon as possible.

If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice: call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398

Kind regards,

Lorraine Stuart  
**First Aid Officer**





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## Victorian Chief Health Officer message

### Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities



I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, teachers, parents and carers for ensuring a safe and successful start to the 2021 school year and to thank you

for your cooperation during the short period of remote learning in February during the circuit breaker restrictions.

As Term 2 commences, schools continue to be able to operate with a largely normal program of activity, enabling important on-site activities to return, such as school open days and working bees, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly and successfully adapted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, embedding COVIDSafe principles by reinforcing good behaviours, creating safe spaces, adapting activities, and responding quickly to COVID-19 risk.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge in Victoria, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks.

**Given the current very low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing and wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured to continue to safely work and learn on school sites, and enjoy the benefits of doing so.**

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant by staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, wearing a mask when required and maintaining physical distancing from others when practical.

Should cases of COVID-19 increase again in the community, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases, schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

**The school community continues to have an important role to promote COVID-19 testing when a student or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and ensuring they remain home until they are well. Getting tested and staying home until results are known is critical to limiting community transmission.**

Adj. Clinical Prof. Brett Sutton  
Victorian Chief Health Officer



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events

#### APRIL

Friday 30th

Summer Lightning Premiership

9.00am - 1.30pm

Kanga 8's, Teeball, Lawn Balls, Basketball, Hot Shots, Kickball.



Year 4 Drains to the Bay Walk

9.30am - 1pm

#### MAY

Wednesday 5th

SEC Mother's Day Stall



Thursday 6th

Whole School Cross Country



Friday 7th

Whole School Virtual Assembly

9.10am Students & staff only

Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th

Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing

Wednesday 12th - 14th

Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp

Students to arrive at 7.30am for an 8.00am Departure. Students return to MMPS on Friday at approximately 3.00pm parents will receive an SMS.

Wednesday 12th

2022 Prep Information Night at 7.15pm

A tour will commence at 6.30pm from the office. No bookings required. Please sign in at the Kiosk upon arrival.

Thursday 13th

School Council Meeting 6.45pm in Staff Centre

Saturday 15th

Working Bee 9.00am - 12noon



Wednesday 19th

GOLD FOR GREEN DAY

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### 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.

EVENTS 2021	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 5 Balcombe Estuary Environmental Day	NIL	12/5/2021
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$21.00	25/5/2021
Year 5 & 6 Body Education	\$11.00	26/5/2021

MORE 2021 EVENTS  
TO COME

#### TERM DATES: 2021

Term 2	19th April to 25th June
Term 3	12th July to 17th September
Term 4	4th October to 17th December



## MMPS MOTHER'S DAY 2021

### WED 5TH MAY - MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day Stall is back!! Fear not Dad, all you need for Mum, Grandma, Carers and for their other special someone's will be available. Due to Coronavirus restrictions we are unable to accept cash at the Mother's Day Stall. We have arranged a pre-purchased pack of 10 tokens for the cost of \$10. These can be purchased on Compass under Course Confirmations/Payments. Children are not limited to 10 tokens but tokens can only be purchased in packs of 10. Tokens are non refundable however any leftover tokens can be used to purchase tickets in the Mother's Day Raffle. Gifts are priced from \$1 (1 token) to \$4 (4 tokens). Tokens will be delivered to Classrooms prior to the Mother's Day Stall on 5th May. Gifts are on display in the foyer, as well as the usual fun gifts we have included some upcycled and recycled gifts this year!

### MON 3RD - FRI 7TH MAY – RAFFLE TICKET SALES AT SCHOOL (DRAWN FRI 7TH MAY)

We are delighted to again offer the Mother's Day Raffle, tickets will be on sale next week both before and after school with cash or EFTPOS payment available. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We have an incredible range of prizes including hampers, gift vouchers and individual prizes!

The raffle will be drawn and winners will be notified on the afternoon of Friday 7th May - Good luck!

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Excitement is building around the school for the Mother's Day! This is always an enjoyable event for the helpers, watching the children put in so much effort to buy their Special Someone. If you can spare any time to assist on the 5th May or Mon-Fri next week selling raffle tickets before/after school, please help!

Please sign up on the link:- <https://signup.zoone/kKqAEH3d5ewnL9hBr>

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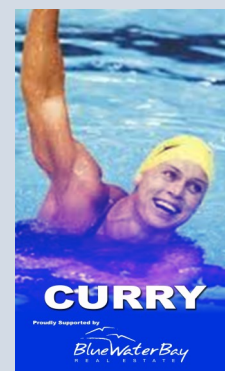
## SPORTS NEWS - WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, we are holding our School House Cross Country event at School. Students will be running in their age group race (the age is what age they are on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021). I would also like to encourage all students to wear their house colors 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

9:15 – 9:30	<b>Prep</b>	*1km*
9:45 – 10:30	<b>Year 5 (11yr olds)</b>	*3km & 1km Fun Run*
<b>RECESS</b>		
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Year 1</b>	*1km*
12:10 – 12:45	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 (9/10yr olds)</b>	*2 km & 1km Fun Run*
<b>LUNCH</b>		
2:00 – 2:45	<b>Year 6 (12/13yr olds)</b>	* 3km & 1km Fun Run*
2:50 – 3:20	<b>Year 2 (8yr olds)</b>	*1km*



We will be holding 2 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.

**2 - FUN RUN:** This race is a modified race, it is a 1km event which allows students to complete the number of laps they are capable of. This is a non-competitive race and will cater for students who wish to walk the track.

The top 10 students from Yr 2 - 6 in each event will represent our school at the District level at Penbank School on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. The runners then continue along Normanby onto Glenisla Drive. Finally they run up the hill and into the staff carpark back onto the oval to finish or start 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> lap.

Parents are encouraged to attend and support the children. The sports leaders and students from Mornington Secondary College will act as 'Hares' for each race so the children have something to follow if they are not sure of the route. The track will also be supervised by our teachers and Secondary College Students.

Cameron Sweatman

**PE Teacher**

# WORKING BEE at MMPS!



Dear Parents - we are asking for your help at our  
Term 2 Working Bee!



**Date: Saturday May 15**

**Time: 9am - 12pm.**

If you can bring along useful tools like a broom, wheelbarrow, spade, pitchfork (for mulch) etc that would be very helpful.

Make sure you wear footwear that is appropriate for outdoor tasks.

We do have some equipment ie gloves, protective glasses but it would be helpful if you bring some too!

Thanks.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Morning tea will be provided.**



**Register for the free webinar, eSafety's guide to parental controls, for parents and carers from the eSafety Commissioner.**

The webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice.

To register, visit: [esafety.gov.au/parents](https://esafety.gov.au/parents).

### **Dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)**

Tuesday 4 May 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 5 May 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Thursday 6 May 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Tuesday 8 June 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 16 June 7.30 to 8.30 pm

**Sarah Forward**

**Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher**



## 2022 PREP INFORMATION EVENING

### 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

## 2022 Prep Information Evening Wednesday 12th May 2021 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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## 2022 PREP ENROLMENT NEWS

### SCHOOL TOURS

MAY 2021

9.30am

Tuesday 18th

Wednesday 19th

Thursday 20th

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 2022 will be taken at school during the week of 17th - 21st May.*

*Enrolment forms need to be lodged at the school office by Friday 28th May 4.00pm.*

*Confirmation letters will be mailed by Friday 25th June.*

## 2022 PREP ENROLMENT WEEK

**Mt Martha Primary School  
Monday 17th to Friday 21st May**

*Please consider taking the opportunity to visit our school for a tour on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, or Thursday 20th where you will see our current Prep students in their learning environment.*

*Children being enrolled must reach five years of age by April 30th 2022.*

*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,*

*Martin Page  
Principal*

**Tours take  
approximately  
45 minutes**

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## 2021 NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2021 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 11 May, Wednesday 12 May and Thursday 13 May 2021. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 14 May 2021.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability, has an exemption or you have any concerns about your child participating you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the school. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/prep10/naplan/parents/index.aspx> at or the NAP website at <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests>

Karen Walker

**Assistant Principal**



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NEWS



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - May, Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st** Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time on Monday and Tuesday during school hours.

From Wednesday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what's on offer during the following times:

**Wednesday 19th 8.15 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm**

**Thursday 20th 8.15 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm**

**Friday 21st 8.15 - 9.30am only**  
**(there is no afternoon session)**

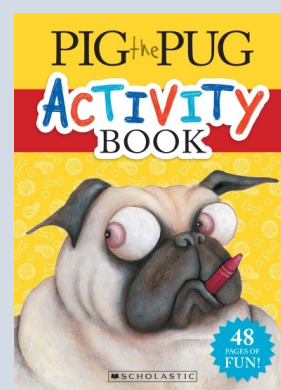
A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children's literacy pleasure. This is a great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

**COVID-19 Mask Update** - Following the easing of restrictions, at school face masks are now recommended, but not mandatory, for use by staff, students and visitors when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained. People aged 12 years and over must carry a face mask unless they have a lawful exemption. Masks are still required in limited indoor settings, such as public transport, commercial passenger vehicles and large retail settings. Thank you for your assistance.

We thank you once again for supporting our Book Fair.

Karen Walker

**Assistant Principal**





# Gold For Green Day.

19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Hello everyone,

Here is a little background information about this whole school activity.

**We hold this day every year to raise awareness of how we can make a difference by changing our actions in relation to the environment.**

This event is affiliated with **Planet Ark's Schools Tree Day**. Schools are able to hold events on any day in the year. Planting in May has enabled us to have more success in survival rates of plants. Our day's results are recorded and count towards the national tally.

Here are some of the things we plan to do:

## Whole school activities.

- *Everyone to bring a Gold coin donation.* (This goes towards the purchase of plants for our grounds).
- *Everyone to wear green and bring a rubbish free lunch.*
- *Try to go without heating, lighting for the day.* (Could be tricky in May)
- *Students to write pledges to help the environment.*
- *Reading Last Tree in the City. Story Box Library*

## Some of the Year Level Activities.

- Preps: Planting in the school grounds with their Year Four Buddies
- Year One: Insect Hotels
- Year Two and Three: Cardboard Cubbies
- Year Four: Assisting Preps
- Year Five: Environmental Collages and footpath environmental messages.
- Year Six: Planting along the Glen Isla fence line.

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