



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 29 July 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

COVID-19 Update - The Victorian Government announced an end to the circuit breaker actions that came into effect a fortnight ago. This meant that we were delighted to be able to welcome our students back to on-site learning at school yesterday. We still have restrictions in place but hopefully they will ease over time. We will continually review our activities in light of the current restrictions to see what activities can continue and in what form and provide updated information.

It is important that we all follow the advice listed in the "Update COVID information" section of this newsletter to limit infection possibilities, keeping the community safe and reduce the chances of further lockdowns.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or contact the school if you have any concerns.

Thank you so much for supporting your children and our school staff over the period of remote learning.

For more information about schools and coronavirus (COVID-19) please access the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

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

Semester One Reports and Student Led Conference - Semester One student reports were made available on Compass from **Monday 26th July**. With our current COVID settings in place on site parent teacher interviews and student led conferences are not possible. Please make contact with your child's teacher should you wish to discuss the report and a mutually convenient time and method can be arranged.

Parent Opinion Survey - We are keen to hear what parents and carers think about our school. The office has distributed access information for the annual DET Parent Opinion Survey to all our families via Compass. The survey is completed online and provides another important source of feedback in such areas as our teaching, curriculum, organisation and management. All surveys are anonymous. It is now open until 3rd September. Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

Welcome - Welcome Hunter F in Prep and his family back to Mount Martha Primary School.

Thank you once again for your understanding and support as we continue to implement COVIDSafe practices.

Kind regards

Martin Page

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.



UPDATE COVID INFORMATION 29th July 2021

Face Masks:

- Primary school students do not have to wear a mask while at school or attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program but may choose to do so.
- All staff must wear a face mask at all times indoors and outdoors when at school (except when engaged in teaching or if a lawful exemption applies), including in staffrooms.
- School staff and students must abide by face mask requirements when attending public venues.
- School staff (primary and secondary) and secondary school students **aged 12 or older**:
 - *Face masks must be worn at school, by anyone aged 12 years and over unless a lawful exception applies,
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.
- **Parents, carers, and visitors must observe indoor and outdoor face mask requirements.**
- You do not need to wear a mask in your own home, or if a lawful exception applies.
- Parents are allowed to visit on site however social distancing (1.5 metre distance) between adults remains a **key** control measure and **must** continue to be practiced including when dropping off or picking up students. Visits should be for essential business. Please also avoid congregating at school gates to avoid congestion at entry and exit points.

QR Codes/ Compass Kiosk Check In:

- If you are required to enter buildings on school grounds, for whatever purpose, parents and visitors are required to use the provided QR code check-in at building entrances. The Compass kiosk is also available in the Office foyer.

Health Measures:

- Unwell students should **not** be sent to school or remain at school if symptoms (even mild 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. Parents should follow the latest DHHS and medical practitioner advice as to testing and quarantining.
- The school will continue to practise strict hygiene protocols and enhanced school cleaning procedures are also in place.
- Drinking fountains are available but students may choose to bring their own named water bottle.

Density Limits:

- Density limits do not apply in classrooms and other spaces students use. In this context a combination of health and safety measures should be utilised.
- Density limits of 1 person per 4 square metres apply to all staff areas eg staffroom and areas accessed by the public such as reception areas and the gymnasium.
- Staff and parents/carers and visitors must practise physical distancing of 1.5m between themselves and others.

School Activities:

- School playgrounds are open for use during and out of school hours.
- Staff professional development and staff meetings will be conducted online.
- All school gatherings such as assemblies and school events should be deferred or held remotely.
- Incursions are not permitted.
- Excursions are permitted for students from single schools only. When occurring they must comply with record keeping obligations and appropriate density limits.
- Interschool sport can proceed throughout Victoria and is limited to the minimum number of people required to participate in and facilitate the activity. Record keeping and density limits of 1 person per 4 square metres apply. No spectators are permitted. Other interschool activities can proceed with the same restrictions as interschool sport.

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- Outdoor and indoor contact and non contact physical activity is permitted.
- Indoor and outdoor pools can be used. Restrictions apply if more than a single school is using the facility.
- School Camps are permitted. School groups from different schools must not mix if attending the same camp at the same time.
- Kinder to Prep and Year 6 to Year 7 Transition programs are not permitted.

Travel advice:

- There are no restrictions on the reasons to leave home or the distance you can travel, but staying COVIDSafe remains important.
- Travel restrictions between states and territories and in some remote areas of Australia are currently in place. These restrictions are implemented by individual state and territory governments and are subject to change at very short notice.
- Please refer to Department of Health advice for permit, testing and quarantine requirements.

Student absence due to border restrictions:

- We acknowledge that due to the current situation nationally, some students may be returning from a restricted zone (red or extreme risk) and be required to undertake self-quarantine and testing on return. In such instances, these students will be provided with learning materials until they are able to return to school.
- If your family is in this situation, please contact the COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 338 663 or the school as soon as possible to advise if your child or children will be absent due to border restrictions or quarantine requirements.

In the event of an outbreak:

- In the event of another outbreak, each family should regularly check the list of public exposure sites in Victoria (where a person with COVID-19 has attended), and if anyone in the family has attended a site at the times listed, follow the instructions given.

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SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events

JULY

Friday 30th

Prep Community Walk

Weather permitting

9.00am - 1.00pm



AUGUST

Tuesday 3rd

2022 Prep Story Time bookings open in Compass 8.00am & close 2pm 11 August

Thursday 12th

School Council Meeting

6.45pm

Friday 13th

2022 Prep Story Time Session 1

9.30am - 10.30am in Staff Centre

Bookings essential

Parent please sign in at office and collect student name badge

Subject to Lockdown restrictions easing!



Saturday 14th

WORKING BEE - Prep & Year 1

9.00am - 12.00pm



Tuesday 17th

2022 Prep Story Time Session 2

2.00pm - 3.00pm in Staff Centre

Bookings essential

Parent please sign in at office and collect student name badge

Subject to Lockdown restrictions easing!



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 6 Queen Vic Market	\$7	3/8/2021
Prep Kingswim	\$65	9/8/2021
Year 3 Dandenong Market	\$13	10/8/2021
Year 5 Billy Tea Bush Band	\$10	11/8/2021
Prep Craft Power	\$13	9/9/2021
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$20	25/8/2021

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 3 12th July to 17th September

Term 4 4th October to 17th December

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1 28th January to 8th April
Students in Years 1-6 commence
1st February 2022

*(Prep Interviews 1-3 February
to be confirmed)*

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

SPORT NEWS



VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

This year Mt Martha PS has been offered the chance to enter the Interschool Mountain Bike Challenge at Dromana Secondary College. This is a great chance for those students keen on mountain bike riding to take part in such an event. The 3.2km course will take riders through a combination of paved pathways between the school buildings, through parkland and around the sports oval.

It is suggested that students in Years 5 and 6 can enter this event but also understand that there is a level of riding ability needed. Dromana Secondary is open to the public on the weekends for those wishing to check it out. There is a 'race' and a 'novice' category for each age group.

The date of the event is Sunday 8th August at Dromana Secondary College. The cost of the event is \$25 - \$30.

Details and entry here: <https://entryboss.cc/calendar/vics>

SWIMMING SPORTS - POSTPONED



Unfortunately the House Swimming Sports has been **postponed** until later this term due the restrictions we have had in place over the last week. This will also give us more time to learn a 'House Chant' and also get some inspiration from the Olympic swimmers. It is not too late to enter in events and if needed change events with your classroom teacher.

As soon as we have a date locked in – we'll let you know.



WINTER SPORTS

At the start of this term we were lucky enough to get our Winter Lightning Premiership games played just before restrictions caused us to go into lockdown.

Congratulations to the following teams who are continuing onto the Southern Peninsula Division Winter Sports Competition which has been postponed due to restrictions also. But fingers crossed our teams can represent Mt Martha with distinction and progress onto the Regional Level.

Girls AFL, Boys Soccer, Girls Netball, Boys Teeball and Girls Teeball

We will have a full report from our Winter Lightning Premiership in the upcoming BB.

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher

WORKING BEE at MMPS!



Dear Parents in Prep & Year 1– we are asking for your help at our Term 3 Working Bee!



Date: Saturday August 14

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 (including Sausage & bread) will be provided.

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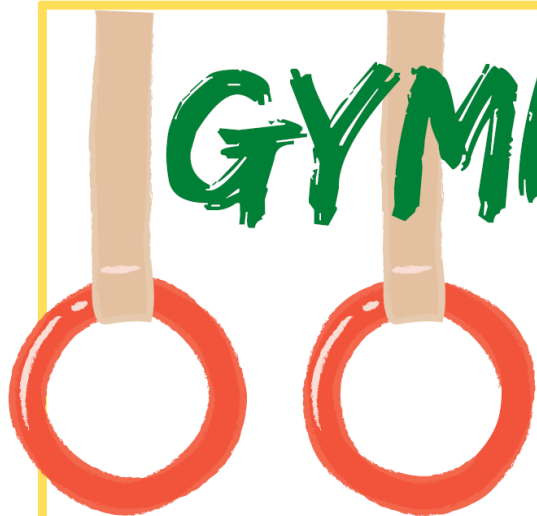
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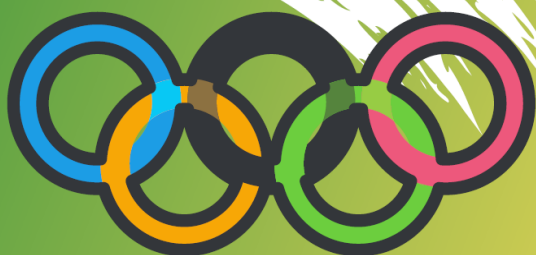
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