

Mt Martha Primary **Principal**Mr Martin Page

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#### **Office Hours**

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#### BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 29 October 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

#### Student Groupings 2021 - Reminder

A reminder that very shortly teachers will be considering class groupings for 2021. Certain information is helpful in this process and parents, who believe that <u>exceptional educational circumstances</u> exist for their child/ren that should be considered in placement for next year, need to forward the information in writing to the principal by <u>tomorrow Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</u>. Whilst parents are assured that this information will be considered, no guarantee for individuals is possible as the decisions made are the best for all students collectively.

Parents are also reminded that once the process is underway it is extremely difficult to facilitate changes to 2021 class lists.

To assist with class groupings, staffing and furniture needs please contact the office if your child is not returning to Mt Martha PS in 2021.

**Lunch Orders** - Lunch Orders will be available next Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. A reminder the online ordering is available each Monday and Friday at www.bakerymade.com.au.

#### **Return to On Site Learning**

Congratulations again to all our students for their return to onsite learning. They are quickly settling back into our onsite routines and establishing a positive learning environment. Thank you families and staff for all your assistance and support this term as we have already had to continue to respond to significant challenges to many aspects of life. COVID-19 infection numbers are continuing to decline which is contributing to a very welcome easing of restrictions.

Thank you again parents also for your assistance to limit transference of COVID-19 at school. Students and staff are continuing with a range of strategies including enhanced cleaning and hygiene. Recent localised outbreaks in other suburbs and subsequent containment measures including school closures remind us all of how important these strategies are.

Following the advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, DET continues to provide schools with updated information and strategies for implementation including running activities and programs. This advice is important as we continue our Term 4 operations and begin to look at planning for the remainder of this term and into 2021.

More information about coronavirus (COVID-19) as it pertains to schools 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

**Parent Opinion Survey** - If you were one of the families randomly selected to complete the Parent Opinion Survey a reminder that they are to be completed by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you to those parents that have already completed the survey. We value the feedback and appreciate the time taken to complete the survey.

Kind regards

Martin Page

#### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

#### Dates to Remember

#### **Coming Events**



#### **OCTOBER**

#### **Until further notice:**

Year 3 to 6 finish at 3.20pm Prep to Year 2 finish at 3.30pm

#### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Tuesday 3rd**

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Students do not attend school

#### Friday 6th

2021 Student Supplies & Rugby Top Order <u>Second</u> Payment Plan debit of 25% today



Just a friendly

#### **Thursday 12th**

School Council Meeting 6.45pm

#### Friday 20th

2021 Student Supplies & Rugby
Top Order <u>Third and final</u> Payment Plan debit of 25% today

#### Monday 23 - Friday 27

#### **Planning Week**

Monday Years 3 & 4

Tuesday Prep & Year 1

Wednesday Year 5 & 6

Thursday Year 2

Friday Specialists

## COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



Parents are reminded to log into the Compass Parent Portal to <u>consent and/or pay</u> by the due date.

Please let the office know if your child will be away and/or will not be attending the event.

EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
2020		
2020 EVENTS		
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TERM DATES: 2020

Term 4 5th October to 18th December Students dismissed at 1.30pm

**TERM DATES: 2021** 

**Term 1** 27th January to 1st April

Students in Years 1-6 start Friday 29th January

2021 Prep Interviews Friday 29th January, Monday 1st and Tuesday

2nd February 2021

2021 Prep Students commence Wednesday 3rd February 2021

9.00am - 2.15pm

#### PLANNING WEEK - TERM 4 2020

During the week November 23 - 27 our staff will participate in Planning meetings in preparation for Term 1 2021. During Planning Week our usual timetable for Specialists Programs is suspended. Students still enjoy a Specialist program that week but these sessions all occur on one day of the week (see below) rather than being timetabled throughout the week.

Please take note of which day your child/ren have their Planning Day as this may require you to consider the proper footwear for Physical Education. Not all classes do every Specialist class as a number of Casual Relief (CRT) are used to support Planning days as well.

Mon 23 November - Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 24 November - Prep & Year 1
Wed 25 November - Year 5 & 6
Thursday 26 November - Year 2
Friday 27 November - Specialists

Hoping this information proves to be useful in selecting footwear on these particular days.

Thanks for your cooperation.

**Kids Matter Team** 

#### SPORT NEWS - FOOTY DAY OCTOBER 2020



Footy day at MMPS last Thursday was very exciting! Like every Footy Day there was lots of colourful jumpers, scarves, beanies, chanting and cheering! Although the event had to be modified due to COVID restrictions the children and teachers still had a great time.

We planned two smaller parades (Prep - Year 3 and Year 4 - 6) on the oval with both parades allowing every student to run a lap or two, in front of the cheering masses, to fly the colours for their team or code! It was a shame the entire school community could not be there but hopefully we can all get together next year for Footy day!

The first parade (Prep – Year 3) allowed our Preps to participate in a big school event for the first time in a long time. It was great to see the Prep children running around the oval in their team colours in their first MMPS Footy Day parade. Hopefully they told you all about it at the dinner table on Thursday night. After recess our Year 4 to Year 6 classes took to the field in another exciting parade with plenty of support for most clubs. We then had a goal kicking competition by all our teachers with some remarkable efforts (and some very average looking kicks too).

Thank you so much for making the effort to wear your sporting team colours and having fun.



#### JOGGING CLUB

Unfortunately until we are notified of any change to the COVID restrictions we will be holding off on Jogging Club. This is such a shame for those keen on a morning jog or trying to reach milestones but hopefully we can be back up and running soon.

Cameron Sweatman
PE Teacher

#### YOU CAN DO IT - WELLBEING NEWS





### Teaching kids to have confidence in themselves

We've all been there. Lost opportunities, last minute rethinks, lack of belief in our abilities and skills...and all because we lacked the confidence to take a risk, or be assertive, or tackle something new. In social-emotional development, self-confidence is a "biggy". A healthy self-confidence means we'll give something a try, believe we can give it our best shot, and come out the other end still feeling good about ourselves, despite any setbacks along the way. So how can we teach our kids to have confidence in themselves?

#### A daily dose of confidence

When you look at little kids, it's amazing just how much innate confidence most of them seem to have. They're programmed with natural resilience, perseverance, and an inbuilt capacity to thrive. But as they get older and especially when they enter the education system, they learn to doubt themselves. They learn to give up. They learn that they're not 'good enough'. Unfortunately, some kids also learn that they can't measure up when it comes to parental expectations.

Confidence is built through experiencing failure and success. A child's confidence is also built through age-appropriate independence, responsibilities, choices, healthy risk taking, and encouragement to make their own decisions. Parental role modelling means we are best placed to give our kids the opportunities and experiences to teach and build their confidence. This doesn't mean that we micro-manage their risk taking, or their problem solving, or that we take responsibility

for their decisions or curb their independence in any way. Confidence is gained if we take a supervisory back seat and let our kids connect with their world.

#### Ways we can help build confidence in our kids

- Daily doses of love, security and encouragement.
   This also helps build self-esteem.
- Appropriate praise for a job well done.
- Resist rescuing. Kids need to know it's OK to fail, feel disappointment, frustration and anger.
- Role model perseverance, commitment, working through tough situations and the self-talk needed when chores or schoolwork is boring.
- Resist stepping in too early to help solve the problem. Stay tuned, listen and encourage, but also give your child time to work it out for themselves.
- Talk about optimism and resilience. Talk about how disappointment can often translate to defeat unless we think about the situation differently.
- Monitor perfectionism and the fear of failure. Talk about times in your life when you didn't get it right first go.
- Encourage kids to make their own decisions and choices to gain confidence in their judgment.
- Nurture interests and hobbies. Give kids opportunities for success and socialisation.

On a daily basis, we can dole out big doses of confidence building by believing in our kids - their abilities, quirks, qualities and strengths. Confident kids are kids who are comfortable in their own skin...and more likely to take on the world.

#### **WALK TO SCHOOL NEWS**



#### **WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM 2020**



The Mornington Peninsula Shire and Peninsula Health are excited to update you on this year's VicHealth Walk to School Program to run from November 2 - 27!

See the flyer below for details of the competition being run by the shire to share our stories!

See you on the journey to and from school.

#### Mrs O'Connor

#### Year 2 Teacher & Travel Smart Coordinator

## Explore your Mornington Peninsula this Walk to School Month!

#### Join the fun!

Mornington Peninsula Shire is partnering with Peninsula Health and Belgravia Leisure to launch a local photo competition and treasure hunt as part of VicHealth's 'Walk to School' program.

Check out

mornpen.vic.gov/walktoschool



#### **Find Out More**

Check out the Shire website and follow us on social media for more information about the weekly treasure hunt themes and a list of fabulous local prizes to be won.



@ourpeninsula | @WalkToSchool Mornington Peninsula Shire sara.barnes@mornpen.vic.gov.au









#### Upload to win

Share photos of the treasures you find when walking in your local area to go into the running to win amazing prizes! Upload your photo to Instagram with the hashtags

#### #walkmornpen #walktoschool

Remember to set your account to public so that we can see it.

Weekly Treasure Hunt Themes:

Week 1: Something Living

Week 2: Look Up

Week 3: Shapes in Nature

Week 4: Tessellations

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