

Mt Martha Primary **Principal** Mr Martin Page

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#### **BANKSIA BULLETIN** - Thursday 2 December 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

The last 2 weeks of school for 2021 are shaping as being very busy. Some important information is included in the newsletter and other information will be sent out in Compass posts. Please keep a "look out" to stay informed.

We are still implementing strategies to limit both the risk of COVID transmission events and, if there is an event, the number of potential school based contacts. This means that some activities run unchanged, some have been modified and some have unfortunately been cancelled. Information on what to do if your child or a staff member is identified as a school based contact is again included in this newsletter in case you need to refer to it at short notice. Thank you everyone for your assistance and understanding.

**Reminder: Final Pupil Free Day 2021** - A reminder that <u>tomorrow</u> **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** is a Pupil Free Day for Mount Martha Primary School. No students are required to attend.

Year 6 Market - Congratulations to our Year 6 students for their fantastic work planning and running the Year 6 Market today. The market bought a real life experience to their unit on business and economics as well as important skills in working with teams. Once again thank you parents, family members and staff for your assistance and support. Students in the other year levels really loved the market - there was a real "buzz" in the school.

Semester Two Reports and learning Conversations - Teachers are currently completing assessments and writing semester 2 reports. Reports will be available via Compass on Monday 13 December after 3pm. We appreciate that some parents/carers may like a "catch up" conversation with the teacher prior to reports being published. Teachers may also contact parents to arrange a "catch up". Conversations should be made at mutually convenient time, use WebEx or telephone and should be around 10 minutes duration.

**Library Books and Take Home Readers** - All library books and take home reading material should be returned to the classroom or library. We have a fantastic collection of books that need to be maintained for use by our current and future students. Thank you for your help.

**2022 Instrumental Music** - The instrumental music program is a feature of our school and we are very fortunate to be able to offer this tuition and develop our students' music skills and interests. The students' performances at assemblies during the year and at end of year concerts are always very entertaining. COVID restrictions have impacted on the onsite tuition program this year and also student performances but we have been able to resume lessons this term. If your child is <u>new</u> to the instrumental music program in 2022 and not already on the waiting list please complete the form sent via Compass last Tuesday. Students currently having lessons with an MMPS music tutor, should contact their tutor directly to arrange lessons for 2022.

**Lunch Orders - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** is the last Lunch Order Day for 2021. There will be <u>no lunch</u> orders on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

End of 2021 School Year - A reminder that school finishes for 2021 on Friday 17th December with a 1.30pm dismissal time.

**Start of School 2022** - A note for your calendar that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2022 on **Tuesday 1**<sup>st</sup> **February**. 2022 Prep students will have individual interviews scheduled for Tuesday  $1^{st}$  February to Thursday  $3^{rd}$  February inclusive. 2022 Preps start in classes on Friday  $4^{th}$  February from 9am to 2.15pm.

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.



#### Information for students and staff identified as School Based Contacts

If you are contacted and advised that you or your child is a school based contact the following DET/DH actions are required:

- Contacts will be required to complete a standard (PCR) test within 24 hours from when they are identified by the school
  as a contact.
- If the PCR test returns a negative result, the student can immediately return to school. Evidence of the negative result must be provided to the school. This can be a screen shot of the PCR result emailed to mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au or viewed at the school office.
- It is strongly recommended that contacts complete 5 days of rapid antigen tests in the morning before they attend school.
- You will be able to obtain these testing kits from testing centres from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November if your child is required to complete a standard PCR test.
- During the recommended 5 day period of rapid antigen testing, any student or staff member who return a positive rapid antigen test result must notify the school and immediately get a standard PCR test.
- You must report positive PCR results to the school as soon as possible as this may trigger additional contact tracing to limit transmission.

In exceptional circumstances the Department of Health may determine that contacts in significant school outbreaks are still required to quarantine for seven days. In this scenario, students will be notified directly of any additional quarantine arrangements.

#### Please note also:

- Confirmed cases are required to complete 10 days of isolation rather than 14.
- Vaccinated household contacts will complete 7 days rather than 14 days of quarantine. This includes unvaccinated children under 12 years, if all members of their household are vaccinated. Other unvaccinated household contacts are required to complete 14 days of quarantine.
- The Department of Health has advised that if a person has recently recovered from a COVID infection, there is a 12 week period following symptom onset (or positive test if asymptomatic) that quarantine is not required therefore are not included as a primary close contact/school based contact.

If you or anyone in your family develops even the mildest of symptoms, please get tested.

If you have questions about what this means for our school, please call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663**, available 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday, and 10:00am to 3:00pm Saturday and Sunday.

If you are concerned you have COVID-19 you can call the DH COVID-19 hotline on **1800 675 398**, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION - ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONSITE LEARNING

#### Some important points to note:

- 1. A critical measure in control of COVID-19 in schools is that unwell students should <u>not</u> 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.
- 2. Face masks must be worn by students in Years 3 to 6 when indoors at school and recommended for students in Prep to Year 2.
- 3. If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 the school will contact the Department of Education and Training (DET) who will direct the school in the next steps including provision of timelines and communication templates. The Regional Director determines whether the school will be shut to allow time for contact tracing and cleaning. Schools are required to follow the direction of DET in for action required, communication and timelines. Department of Health provides health advice to families. Testing and isolation of primary close contacts for a period of time is usually required.
- 4. The school day will commence at 9am as usual with students usually arriving at different times from about 8.30am. Please follow the "Kiss and Go" rules. 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 1 will finish at 3.30pm. Year 2 will also finish at 3.30pm when back onsite. Years 3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm. 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.
- 5. Siblings should have a pre-arranged and clearly understood outside meeting place if travelling home together.
- 6. 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, the remote learning program does not continue. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health, medical reasons or exceptional circumstances. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.
- 7. Students may choose to bring their own named water bottle. Drinking bottles can be refilled from taps during the day. Food is not to be shared.
- 8. 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. All classrooms have handwashing and/or sanitiser available, tissues and antiseptic wipes. Parents may choose to supply their own child with sanitiser and tissues. Increased ventilation strategies are applied.
- 9. Enhanced cleaning of the school particularly including high touch points and toilets will be undertaken.
- 10. The Chief Health Officer has highlighted the importance of social distancing between adults as a key control measure and must continue to be practiced. 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 must practice social distancing. Parents are encouraged to wait offsite at drop off and pick up. 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.

#### IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION - ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONSITE LEARNING

- 11. Essential visitors to school grounds must comply with density limits, face mask requirements, QR code/Compass Kiosk/manual check ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- 12. Parent volunteers must show proof of being double vaccinated prior to their assistance in school events.
- 13. We have also made changes to the way our staff work and have breaks to ensure social distancing as well.
- 14. 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. Close contacts are also now defined as accumulated close contact of greater than 2 hours

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

The COVID Hotlines remain another important source of information:

Dept of Health- 1800 1800 675 398

**DET-1800 338 663** 

(available 8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and 10am-3pm Saturday to Sunday, excluding public holidays).

#### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

# Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### **DECEMBER**



#### Friday 3rd



#### Wednesday 8th

#### **Prep Echanted Garden**

9.00am - 3.00pm, Arthurs Seat

#### **Year 2 Reptile Encounters Excursion**

9.00am - 12.30pm

#### Friday 10th

#### **Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary**

9.00am - 1.30pm, Pearcedale

#### Wednesday 15th

#### Year 6 Gumbuya World

8.45am - 3.30pm, Tynong

#### **Year 1 Dinosaur World**

9.00am - 12.45pm, Somerville

#### **Year 4 South Beach Lunch**

10.30am - 3.00pm, Mount Martha

#### **Year 5 Sausage Sizzle**

10.45am - 1.00pm, Mount Martha

#### **Thursday 16th**

#### **Year 3 Max The Magician**

11.45am - 12.30pm, Mount Martha

### Whole School Assembly Live Streaming via WebEx

9.10am

#### Friday 17th

Last day of Term 4 early dismissal 1.30pm

# Pon't FORGET!

#### **2022 FEBRUARY**

#### Tuesday 1st

Students in Years 1-6 commence today 2022 Prep Interviews 1-3 February

#### Friday 4th

Preps start 9am - 2.15pm

Monday 28th

# COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



### With restrictions permitting, the below Events will be published to Compass once confirmed.

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. Thank you.

SCHEDULED EVENTS (TO BE CONFIRMED)	PROPOSED DATE	COST
Year 3 Professor Bunsen	30th Nov	\$12
Years 5 & 6 Swim Sports Years 3 & 4 Swim Sports	Cancelled	\$6 payments will be credited to
Prep Enchanted Garden	8th Dec	\$28
Year 2 Reptile Encounters	8th Dec	\$15
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	10th Dec	\$21
Year 6 Gumbuya World	15th Dec	ТВС
Year 1 Dinosaur World	15th Dec	\$28
Year 4 South Beach Lunch	15th Dec	\$10
Year 5 Sausage Sizzle	15th Dec	\$2
Year 3 Max The Magician	16th Dec	\$3

TERM DATES: 2021

**Term 4** 4th October to 17th December

**TERM DATES: 2022** 

Term 1 28th January to 8th April

Tuesday 1st February 2022 Students in Years 1-6 commence

(Prep Interviews 1-3 February)

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

#### **SPORT NEWS**



#### **SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA - TEAM VICTORIA**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Jack B will be representing Victoria in the SSV Victorian Under 12's Football State team competing in an interstate competition in Sydney.

It has been a great performance by Jack, going through a long trial process but the rewards for his efforts have paid off. Jack has been selected as the Goal Keeper for Victoria. We hope that Jack can achieve personal goals and we might just see his name playing for Australia in the future.

#### Good luck Jack at this very high level of Primary Competition.

Tilly Boadle who is a past student and now in Year 7 has also made it into this competition in the Girls Under 12's team. Tilly was nominated by me as she is the perfect age to still be able to take on the trials and just like Jack did – she has come out and shown her true talents. Good Luck to Tilly as well at this Interstate competition.

I'm sure we will hear all about it in the next newsletter.



#### **SPORTS UNIFORMS**

Can everyone who has represented our school in cross country or our senior summer/winter sports, - please check if you have any singlets, shirts, jumpers and return them to school ASAP

#### REBEL COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

With Christmas only a few weeks away – a simple reminder that Mt Martha Primary School has a Rebel Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sports Mornington as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join <u>Team Rebel</u>, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sport Mornington. You'll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend. Thanks for your ongoing support.

PE Teacher

#### **LUNCH ORDER REMINDER**



Please note: There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER which is our last day of school.

The last day to place a Lunch Order will be Friday 10th December.



#### **FIRST AID NEWS**

As we approach the end of the school year, just a couple of reminders from the First Aid Room.

If your child is leaving Mt Martha Primary School, on their last day, please collect any medication that is stored at school.

To ensure that we can provide accurate medical care for your child/ren as we head into 2022, could you please take some time over the holidays to obtain an updated Medical Action Plan (ie Asthma / Anaphylaxis / Allergy etc). It is a requirement that Medical Action Plans are updated annually and must be signed by a Doctor. Please return these at the beginning of the school year together with any required medication.

Prior to returning to school please also check your children's hair for head lice and/or eggs. Should you find any there are two choices of treatment:

Chemical: Treat and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in 7 days.

<u>Non-chemical</u>: Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days. The conditioner and comb method has been found to be very effective when the above procedure is followed.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the First Aid room from 10.45am to 2.15pm on 5974 2800. Thanks for your co-operation.

Wishing you a happy and safe festive season.

Lorraine Stuart, First Aid Officer.

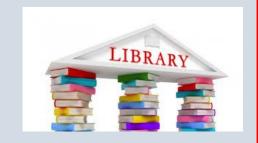
#### LIBRARY NEWS



To assist with our end of year Library Stocktake we are asking parents to check at home for any Mt Martha Primary School Library books. Our records show many, many books have yet to be returned.

We thank you for your assistance.

Maria Harvey Library





#### 2022 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 1 - 6: Commence 9.00am Tuesday 1st February 2022

PREP INTERVIEWS: Tuesday 1st February, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd February

Parents please attend with your child

PREPS START SCHOOL: Friday 4th February 9.00am - 2.15pm

PREPS START FULL DAYS: Monday 28th February 9.00am - 3.30pm

FEBRUARY OSHCP: OSHCP offers a service for parents requiring care for their

Prep children during these 4 weeks of early finish times. To

register for this service please contact Gillian Reid

on 0407 438 858.

**SUNSMART POLICY:** Everyone is encouraged to be SUNSMART and the wearing of hats

is compulsory until May 1st. Parents should supply their child with

sunscreen to be kept in their school bag.

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BANKSIA BULLETIN: The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 3rd

February 2022

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#### Summer 2022 School Holiday Dates:

Thursday 6th

Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Thursday 20th, Friday 21st

**Cost:** \$99.00 per day Small groups of 16 children

#### Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

#### **Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Park**

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale Phone 5978 7935 www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au Open daily between 10am and 4pm. Keeper Club runs from 10am-3pm.



#### **HOLIDAY NEWS**

### **OSBORNE PRIMARY**





PLEASE **ARRIVE BY 9AM** ON EXCURSION DAYS









3rd JAN · MON





+ ZAP! SPIRAL ART







You'll want to stick with TeamKids for The Mystery of Magnets! We're exploring the magnificent magnetic field through a series of games & challenges. Will you be able to make something levitate like magic?

+ LITTLE NINIAS

The skies are no longer grey & we're ready to play in Endless Summer, At TeamKids, we love the smell of the ocean & the sound of the waves. Together, we'll make Shell Mandalas, create Crab Hats & more.

Today, TeamKids has it made in the shade because we're exploring the Enchanted Adventure Garden! We'll make our way through the Turf Maze, stroll across the Canopy Walk & complete the Brain Teaser Puzzles.

BEAT THE CLOCK RELAYS

We're keeping our eyes peeled at TeamKids as we become secret detectives for a day in Drama Time: Who Did It? Will we be able to put all the clues together to solve the mystery in this drama-based workshop?



Base Fee \$77.50 \$17.00 Exp Fee\*\* Daily Total \$94.50

Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee\*\* \$8.00 Daily Total \$85.50

Base Fee \$77.50 \$35.00 Exp Fee\*\* Daily Total \$112.50

Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee\*\* \$16.00 Daily Total \$93.50



10th JAN · MON

# 11th JAN · TUE





Did you know that the Māori

culture of New Zealand is

over 1000 years old?! We'll

learn all about a traditional

New Zealand Māori welcome

through song and the Haka





**ESCAPE TO SPACE** 

It's time to blast off because this day will be out of this world! Today, TeamKids is making an Escape to Space. We'll make Jupiter Orbiter

Craft, create Erupting Moon Rocks & play Saturn Ring Toss

\$77.50 Base Fee \$7.00 Exp Fee\*\* **Daily Total** \$84.50

+ SWAP BEFORE THEY HOP

There's no time to spare! TeamKids is hosting our very own bowling tournament & we need your help to knock down as many pins as possible! Are you & your friends up for the challenge? \*Socks required.

\$77.50 Base Fee Exp Fee\*\* \$32.00 **Daily Total** 

in this fun, high-energy \$109.50

interactive showcase. Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee\*\* \$14.00 **Daily Total** \$91.50

BIG RED DOG TeamKids is off to the

movies to see this season's blockbuster, Clifford the Big Red Dog! We'll get to see our tiny puppy friend grow to a mind-boggling size.

\*Allergy alert, packet popcorn provided. Base Fee \$68.50 Exp Fee\*\* \$30.00

**Daily Total** \$107.50

What's a robot's favourite type of music? Heavy metal! We're stretching our imaginations as we construct & play with mechanical LEGO robot figures. We'll use smart bricks, motors & sensors to get the job done.

Base Fee

Exp Fee\*\*

**Daily Total** 

\$77.50

\$17.00

\$94.50

+ SPEED BOUNCE GAME

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#### **HOLIDAY NEWS**



This summer at Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery:

- \* School holiday workshops
- \* VCE Art & Studio Arts Folio Development workshops
- \* Free activity book
- \* Mini MP a miniature art trail by Seaford artist Tinky

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