



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 30th November 2023

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parents and Community Volunteers Morning Tea - The support we have received during 2023 from parent and community volunteers in our school programs has been fantastic! Our programs simply would not be the same without the generous support we receive from our wonderful volunteers. They plan, organise, and help at School Council and SEC events, assist in classrooms, help with special events such as camps, excursions, and incursions, working bees and on sporting and theme days to name just a few.

As a small gesture of our appreciation, we are holding a Special Helpers Morning Tea on **Friday 1st December from 10.30am** in the Staff Centre. All volunteers are welcome.

SEC Disco - Next **Wednesday 6th December** we are having our end of year school disco. The Junior Disco for students in Prep-Year Three is from 5.00 - 6.00pm and the Senior Disco Year Four – Year Six runs from 6.30 - 7.30pm. Please note that students must be collected at the end of both discos from **inside the Gym** by a parent/carer.

Student Reports - Semester 2 Reports for students will be available via Compass on Monday 11th December. The reports provide both students and parents with information on their achievements, areas for improvement and how parents can assist with their learning at home. Congratulations students for your achievements this year!

Step Up Day - On Monday 11th December 11.45-12.45 students will have a transition session with their 2024 class. It is an opportunity for students to meet their teacher/teachers and to spend time in their new room and with a new mix of students.

End of Year Events - Lots of events are planned over the next two weeks. They are listed in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin to assist us all at this busy time of year, along with 2024 dates.

Christmas in The Amphitheatre - Next Tuesday **5th December at 8.30am** we are looking forward to our Year Two and Senior Choirs performing. More details in the newsletter.

Final Assembly for 2023 - Our Final Assembly will be held on **Tuesday 19th December at 9.10am** in the Gymnasium. We hope to see many of our school community attend the farewell assembly for the 2023 school year. School finishes for 2023 on **Wednesday 20th December** with a **1.30pm** dismissal time.

School Review - All schools must participate in a School Review every 4 years. Our School Review will take place in Term One 2024. There will be opportunities for parent, students, and staff to provide feedback to assist in this process. The School Review informs the development of the school's four-year School Strategic Plan (SSP). The School Review also provides assurance of ongoing compliance with the Minimum Standard related to curriculum and student learning.

The first component of the review is the Pre-Review Self-Evaluation (PRSE) where Schools Review their data and other evidence to form a collective view of current practice and areas for improvement. This is followed by a review conducted by a panel, utilising the expertise of challenge partners, and convened by an independent school reviewer.

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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

Concurrent with this panel process, the school reviewer undertakes an assessment of the school's compliance with the Minimum Standards for Curriculum and Student Learning.

This term we have been assessed through the Minimum Standards Compliance Assessment undertaken by the department's Operational Policy, School Engagement and Compliance Division. Part of this process, the school will review all policies and procedures.

Policy Feedback from Community - In Term Three after feedback from students, Education Sub Committee of School Council, and staff a new Bully Prevention Policy and Student Engagement and wellbeing was developed. Copies of these policies are available at [MMPS Website Policy Page](#). We are requesting further consultation with our school community on these two policies. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email the school at mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au or drop in to have a chat.

Child Safety Standards - We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures, and practices. The current policies and procedures are available at [MMPS Website Policy Page](#). If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Karen Walker mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au or drop in to have a chat.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT - PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

Principal Appointment Announcement - It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Karen Walker has been provisionally appointed as Principal of Mount Martha Primary School. The appointment is subject to a 14-day appeal process. If there are no appeals, Karen will be the Substantive Principal from Monday 29th January 2024.

Jeanette Phillips
School Council President
Mt Martha Primary School



SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



DECEMBER

Friday 1st

Year 6 Bike Education
Parent Thank you Morning Tea
10:30am in Staff Centre



Tuesday 5th

Choir Christmas Concert
In the Amphitheatre 8:30am

Wednesday 6th

School Disco in Gym
Years Prep to 3 - 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Years 4 to 6 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm



Thursday 7th

Prep Transition Session 3
9:15am - 10:30am
Meet in the School Gym
Parent Session in Staff Centre Respectful Relationships
Year 2 Minibeasts Picnic

Friday 8th

Prep to Year 2 Sports Day

Monday 11th

Step Up Morning. Existing and new students move to their 2024 class
11.30am - 12.45pm

Tuesday 12th

School Council Meeting
6.45pm and SEC/School Council Supper to follow
In Staff Centre
State Wide Year 6 -7 Orientation Day

Thursday 14th

Year 6 Graduation Evening in Gym
6.00pm - 9.00pm

Friday 15th

Year 6 Gumbuya World
2705 Princes Hwy, Tynong North
8.15am arrival for a 8.30am departure
Approximate time of return 3.30pm

Year 5 End of Year Celebration
9.00am - 3.30pm enjoy sausage sizzle and other activities
Prep End of Year Celebrations
11.30am - 3.30pm

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.

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
2024 Curriculum Contributions & Agreements	Refer Compass	30/11/2023
Year 6 Gumbuya World	\$50	1/12/2023
Year 5 End of Year Celebration	Nil	1/12/2023
2024 Student Supply Orders direct to Paperchase	Refer Compass	3/12/2023
Year 4 South Beach End of Year Celebration	\$16	4/12/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 4 2nd October to 20th December
(1.30pm dismissal)

STUDENT FREE DAYS: (2024 to be advised)

TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March
Year 1 - 6 students commence
Wednesday

31st January

9.00am - 3.30pm

Prep Interviews

Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February
or Friday 2nd February

Preps Start Part Time - Monday 5th February
9.30am - 2.15pm

Preps Start Full Time - Tuesday 12th March
9.00am - 3.30pm

Term 2 15th April to 28th June
Term 3 15th July to 20th September
Term 4 7th October to 20th December



School Disco!

Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Preps - Grade 3:	5:00pm - 6:00pm
Grades 4 - 6:	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Entry fee: \$5:00
Lots of fun prizes on the night!

Ticket sales now open on Compass

*Mount Martha Primary School Staff
invites all
Parent volunteers
who have assisted with school programs
and events during 2023 to a
special celebration morning tea.*

*Please come along and join the fun and
festivity in appreciation for your invaluable
assistance and support throughout the year.*

*When: **Friday 1st December***

*Time : **10:30am—11:30am***

*Where : **MMPS Staff Centre***



CHRISTMAS IN THE AMPHITHEATRE NEWS

Our students in the Year 2 and Senior Choirs have been excitedly rehearsing for the annual MMPS "Christmas in the Amphitheatre" concert to be held next Tuesday 5th December in the MMPS Amphitheatre.

Students in the choir may add a Christmas item to their uniforms, such as a Santa hat, Christmas headband, earrings, tinsel, etc.

Choir students should arrive at 8.20am and meet in the amphitheatre.

The concert will commence at 8.30am and conclude at 8.55am.

We look forward to bringing some Christmas cheer to the MMPS community.

**Christmas in the
Amphitheatre**

Come and join the Year 2 & Senior
Choirs as they sing some of your
favourite Christmas carols!



Date: Tuesday 5th of December
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
Venue: MMPS Amphitheatre

Hope to see you there!

SPORTS NEWS

JOGGING CLUB

Jogging club has finished up for 2023. We will now start to collate all the cards to see how everyone has gone across the whole school. Your cards that you have had this year will automatically be moved to your 2024 class. You don't start with a new card unless you need one or you are one of our 2024 preps. Year 6 students will take their cards home as a memory.

Well done to everyone who has done laps of our jogging club track. It is a great way to start the day and get the brain awake and ready for learning. Thank you to the sports leaders who assist every morning.

AFL NATIONAL DRAFT

Another past student of Mt Martha Primary School was selected in the AFL national draft last week. **Cooper Simpson** was selected by the **Fremantle Dockers** at pick 35.

Cooper won the Stingrays' best and fairest award in 2022 and was named co-captain this year. He is a graduate of the NAB AFL Academy who is a clean and quick inside midfielder and wing who hits the scoreboard and has terrific leadership qualities.

I'd like to wish Cooper all the best for the 2024 season. Hopefully he can drop back to Mt Martha Primary School for our footy day.



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 Team Rebel, 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.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Can everyone who has represented our school in cross country, athletics or our senior summer/winter sports, - **please check if you have any singlets, shirts, jumpers and return them to school so we can have them ready for our teams in 2024.**

Year 6 students – can you please have a double check as this is your final year at Mt Martha Primary School and would hate to have a top missing next year.

Cameron Sweatman, PE Teacher.

2024 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 1 - 6:	Commence 9.00am Wednesday 31st January 2024
PREP INTERVIEWS:	Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February and Friday 2nd February Parents please attend with your child
PREPS START SCHOOL:	Monday 5th February 9.00am - 2.15pm
PREPS START FULL DAYS:	Tuesday 12th March 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.
UNIFORM SHOP:	PSW School Uniform Shop Located at 1/22 Watt Rd, Mornington Vic 3931 1800 337 396 Trading Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm & Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm Online orders: www.psw.com.au
BANKSIA BULLETIN:	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 1st February 2024



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Summer 2024 School Holiday Program Dates:

8:45am sign in – 9:00am start, 2:00pm finish

JANUARY DATES

Week 1: Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th

Week 2: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th

Week 3: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 | 9:00 am start - 2:00pm finish

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