

Mt Martha Primary School Principal

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### BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 3rd August 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

Martin Page - Retirement - With nearly 40 years with the Department of Education and 8 years as Principal of Mount Martha Primary School, Martin has advised that he will be retiring in Term 4. This announcement enables the Department and School Council to initiate the process to select a substantive principal. We will have the opportunity to farewell Martin later in the year and wish him well for his retirement plans.

**Staffing News** - This Friday we will farewell Alex Keates (Classroom Teacher of Prep B) who will begin her Parental Leave. We all wish Alex and her husband Todd the very best as they begin this new and exciting chapter in their lives as parents. We will look forward to Alex returning to teach at Mount Martha Primary School at the end of her leave. We welcome the new Prep B teacher - Ms Sarah Johnson. Sarah started at the school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July in the class with Alex to support a smooth transition for the students in Prep B.

Modes of Communication Survey Feedback - Next Tuesday we are meeting with school website designers to make improvements to our school website. We have used feedback received from the survey, discussions with staff and the School Council to make modifications and improvements. We are also reducing Compass Posts in relation to termly events to avoid the barrage of notifications during the last weeks of term. Instead, one post referring parents to events will be uploaded to your Compass portal rather than one for each event. We understand parents of multiple children receive a significant number of notifications in a very short period and therefore it is easy to miss information.

Winter Lightening Premiership Girls AFL - Congratulations to our Girls AFL team who played in the Regional Finals on Tuesday. We are all very proud of the way that you played. The girls won three matches taking them through to the Grand Final that they unfortunately lost. Fantastic effort, thank you to all the families that supported our team and to Year 6 Teacher Sheridan Cant. Thank you to Jessica Manning for the photo.



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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'S REPORT continued

2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey - Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional to encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones. You will receive additional information and your unique link prior to the survey opening.

**Fathers' Day Breakfast** - On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be celebrating Fathers' Day with our traditional Father's Day Breakfast. More information is to come about ordering your Breakfast Packs. It is a wonderful morning; all families are invited. We need lots of helpers to run the day so any help you can give is appreciated. The SEC will provide more information about signing up to help.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

#### SCHOOL NOTICES

## Dates to Remember Coming Events



### **AUGUST**

#### Friday 4th

Prep YAWA Swimming Program (Five Sessions) Session 2 YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

#### Monday 7th

Year 5 & 6 Film Festival

#### **Tuesday 8th**

Year 5 Melbourne Zoo Melbourne 7.30am - 3.30pm

#### Wednesday 9th

Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Program Dromana Secondary College Visit 8.45am - 12.00pm

#### **Thursday 10th**

School Council Meeting 6.45pm in Staff Centre



#### Friday 11th

Prep YAWA Swimming Program (Five Sessions) Session 3 YAWA Rosebud, Boneo Rd, Rosebud

#### Monday 14th

Year 2 Craft Power Incursion 2A 9.15am - 10.45am 2B 11.30am - 1.00pm

Year 5 & 6 Film Festival

#### **Tuesday 15th**

Year 2 Craft Power Incursion 2C 9.15am - 10.45am 2D 11.30am - 1.00pm



#### Wednesday 16th

Parent Information Session Year 5 & 6 Body Education 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Please confirm your attendance in Compass

#### Thursday 17th

Whole School Assembly 9.15am - 10.00am in Gym

# 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.

#### Thank you.

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 2 Craft Power	\$13	9/8/2023
Year 5 & 6 Body Education	NA	15/8/2023
Year 5 & 6 Body Education (Two Sessions) STUDENTS ONLY	\$18	16/8/2023
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$29	21/8/2023

#### **TERM DATES: 2023**

Term 3 10th July (Student Free Day)
11th July to 15th September
Term 4 2nd October to 20th December



#### **STUDENT FREE DAYS: 2023**

Term 3 Monday 10th July Term 4 Monday 20th November

#### **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

#### **BOOK WEEK - TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST**



# Get ready for some fun—dress up as your favourite book or movie character!

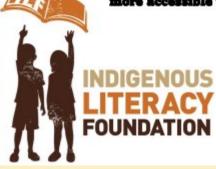
Tuesday 22nd August 2023
9.10 Parade in the Gym
Families welcome!
Part of our Book Week Celebrations.







Gold Coin Donation—helping to make literacy resources more accessible to remote Indigenous communities.





Jane Doye, Literacy Coordinator.



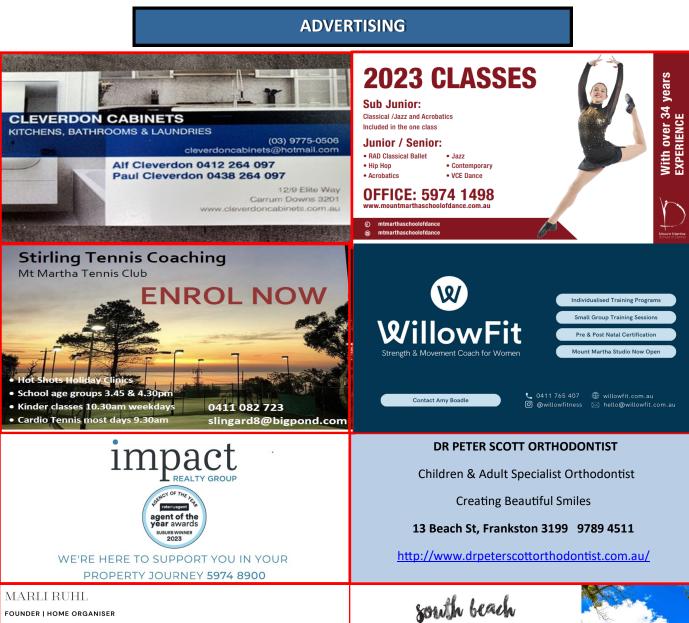
### **BOOK HERE**

Doors Open @ 7pm Trivia Starts @ 7:30pm

\$35 Entry or \$300 Table (10 pax) Raffle & Prizes to be won Bring a Team of family & friends or Join a Table







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