



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 3rd November 2022

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Prep 2023 Transition** - Next Thursday 10th November we will be having a 2023 Prep Families Afternoon Tea from 4pm - 5.30pm. The event will take place in the amphitheatre and oval. The focus of this event is to assist in familiarising our new Prep students with the school and an opportunity for parents and staff to connect. A group of our Year Six Student Leaders run lots of exciting activities for the children. Afternoon tea is provided by the school. All 2023 Prep Families are welcome!

**Victorian Water Safety Certificate** - Next week Year 6 students will be commencing a five-day swimming program designed to build skills as outlined in the Victorian Water Safety Certificate. These skills are extremely valuable for our students to develop and refine as well as meet the prescribed skill requirements to receive the Victorian Water Safety Certificate.

**National Assessment Program Science Literacy Field Trial** - Around 3,200 Year 6 and Year 10 students from approximately 128 Government, Catholic and independent schools in metropolitan, rural and remote locations will participate in the NAP - Science Literacy field trial. A random sample of schools was drawn from across each state and territory in Australia. A sample of students within each of these schools was selected to complete the field trial. Students in 6C were selected for the sample, today they participated in a world-class online assessment designed by education experts in science literacy. The online assessment is intended to test student's level of science knowledge, understanding and skills. There are separate tests for Year 6 and Year 10 students. The purpose of the field trial is to evaluate potential questions for use in the 2023 NAP - Science Literacy main study. The field trial is about testing the questions, not about testing individual students, or their ability.

#### Recap of Previous Newsletter Articles

**Changes to COVID Settings in School** - You may be aware that the Victorian Government has announced changes to the COVID-19 isolation requirements. This means that from yesterday at 11.59pm on Wednesday 12 October, the mandatory orders around isolation for people with COVID-19 have ended and instead we move to health advice and recommendations for people with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health.

*Continue over .....*

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

We will, however, no longer report occurrences of positive cases to the school community. We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases. Free Rapid Antigen Tests are available at the school for those who need them. Parents and carers will be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school. Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so. To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures. Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well.

**Student Free Day** - We have scheduled our Professional Practice Day for Term Four on **Friday November 18th** for all staff. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day. Our OHSCP will be available on this day. More information is available in the Banksia Bulletin. Bookings close on **Friday 11th November** at 6pm.

**Working Bee** - Our Term Four Working Bee is planned for **this** Saturday 5th November. Further details are in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin. It is a great opportunity to get some jobs done around the school and meet other members of our school community.

**Japanese Day** - Is on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Our whole school will be participating in Japanese themed activities, and it is always a lot of fun. Students will be allocated to a red or white team which will be used for some of the events on the day. Students can dress in the colours of their team on the day. Students will make Japanese art and crafts in their classrooms and get outside for sports activities to help 'aka' (red) and 'shiro' (white) take home the Japanese Day Cup. Last year, Shiro were the champions!

**Leaving Mount Martha Primary School in 2022** - A reminder to please let the Office know if you are leaving Mount Martha Primary School at the end of this year. This assists with our planning for 2023. Thank you.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### NOVEMBER

**Saturday 5th**  
**Working Bee**  
9.00am - 12noon



**Monday 7th - Friday 11th**  
**Year 6 PARC Swim Program**  
9.40am - 12.45pm  
PARC Frankston

**Wednesday 9th**  
**Year 5 Science Discovery Dome Incursion**  
9.00am - 3.00pm

**Year 4 Bike Education - Bike Checks**



**Year 2 Minibeast Incursion**  
9.00am - 12.30pm

**Thursday 10th**  
**School Council Meeting**  
6.45pm - 8.00pm



**2023 Preps Family Afternoon Tea**  
4.00pm - 5.30pm  
Amphitheatre & Oval



**Year 4 Bike Education**

**Friday 11th**  
**Year 4 Bike Education**

**Wednesday 16th**  
**Japanese Day**  
Sushi Lunches pre orders only

**Regional Boys Hot Shots**  
Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre  
9.00am - 3.30pm

**Thursday 17th**  
**2023 Prep Transition**  
9.15am - 10.30am  
Please meet in the Gym  
**Parent Literacy Session in Staff Centre**



**Friday 18th**  
**Teachers Professional Practise Day**  
**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY**  
*OSHCP available - bookings are essential*



### 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.**

2022 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Yr2 Minibeasts	\$10	6/11/2022
Yr 5 Science Discovery Dome	\$9	6/11/2022
Regional Boys Hot Shots	Nil	9/11/2022
Yr 6 Gumbuya World	\$40	30/11/2022
Yr 5 End of Year Celebration	\$3	30/11/2022
Yr 2 Enchanted Maze	\$26	30/11/2022
Prep Enchanted Maze	\$29	30/11/2022
Yr 4 End of Year Celebration	\$14	30/11/2022
Yr 3 Max The Magician	\$5	30/11/2022

#### TERM DATES: 2022

**Term 4** 3rd October to 20th December  
(1.30pm dismissal)



#### TERM DATES: 2023

**Term 1** 27th January to 6th April  
**Year 1 - 6 students commence**  
**Tuesday 31st January**  
**Prep Interviews**  
**31st January, 1st February & 2nd February**  
**Preps commence Friday 3rd February**  
**9.00am - 2.15pm**  
**Preps start full time Monday 27th February**

**Term 2** 24th April to 23rd June  
**Term 3** 10th July to 15th September  
**Term 4** 2nd October to 20th December

## Announcing your 2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant

We're excited to announce that Mount Martha Primary School is one of 110 childcare centres, schools, Scouts and Girl Guides groups, and youth groups to receive a 2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant.

Delivered through Landcare Australia's Junior Landcare program, the grants provide young people with the opportunity to engage in outdoor, hands-on biodiversity focused projects or learning activities that encourage them to value and actively care for Victoria's biodiversity and natural environment.

We are using our grant funding for our Rebuild and Reinvigorate project where we will buy plants, crushed rock and tools so we can continue to build the path that runs behind the oval. By planting new plants in this area, we hope increase plant and animal biodiversity

The Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are funded by the Victorian Government through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. They contribute to the targets of *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037*, the Victorian Government's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment.



**Exciting news!**

**We've just received  
a 2022 Victorian Junior  
Landcare and  
Biodiversity Grant!**



Environment,  
Land, Water  
and Planning

Alice Matthews

**Year 1 Classroom Teacher**



# *Celebrate Summer with Choc Top Day!*

*Thursday  
1st December*



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FROM 10 NOVEMBER  
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## FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

Prep - 3's: 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm  
4 - 6's: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

\$5:00 entry  
Small gift on arrival



**DON'T MISS OUT!**

Ticket sales open on Compass  
Thursday 10 November  
(Close Thursday 24 November)

# TERM 4 WORKING BEE

## at MMPS!



- we are asking for your help at our  
Term 4 Working Bee!

**Date: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**Time: 9am - 12pm.**

If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, secateurs, shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful.

**Purpose: Getting grounds ready for the upcoming summer season.**

Some jobs required for the day:

- Building temporary fencing.
- Re-establishing garden edging in Sensory Garden
- Preparing garden beds for Prep planting.
- Moving heavy garden furniture(round garden pots)
- Pruning and mulching

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea is provided.

Please complete this attached slip and return to the office so we can plan and organise the tasks on the day.

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Yes, I am able to help out on Saturday November at the school Working Bee.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my child/ren's names are \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the office as soon as possible.





MT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM



PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

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**CONTACT: GILLIAN ON 0407 438858 FOR BOOKINGS**

**CHILDREN ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MORNING TEA AND LUNCH**

**BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA ARE SUPPLIED**



**FREE DRESS 😊**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER @ 6PM!!!!**



## 2023 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>YEAR 1 - 6:</b>	<b>Commence 9.00am Tuesday 31st January 2023</b>
<b>PREP INTERVIEWS:</b>	<b>Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February</b> Parents please attend with your child
<b>PREPS START SCHOOL:</b>	<b>Friday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm</b>
<b>PREPS START FULL DAYS:</b>	<b>Monday 27th February 9.00am - 3.30pm</b>
<b>FEBRUARY OSHCP:</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>SUNSMART POLICY:</b>	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.
<b>UNIFORM SHOP:</b>	<b>PSW School Uniform Shop</b> 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: <a href="http://www.psw.com.au">www.psw.com.au</a>
<b>BANKSIA BULLETIN:</b>	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 2nd February 2023

## The Big Summer Read is back!



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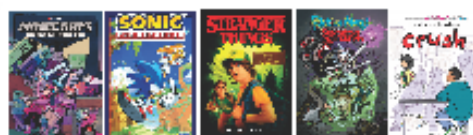
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