



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 4 November 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

Congratulations to our students for a successful return to onsite learning. Students were glad to be back at school seeing their teachers and friends and engaging in learning back at school. They have quickly settled in and re-established routines. Teachers have been prioritising activities to assist in the transition back to school and re-establishing relationships as part of a focus on our students' wellbeing. The staged return earlier this term has assisted greatly with this.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our Year 2 students back onsite after a period of quarantine. This was yet another challenge to face. Our thoughts have been with the students, parents and other family members and staff particularly those where family members have been ill.

The recent experience of the COVID outbreak has reinforced the importance for all to adhere to COVID restrictions and requirements. All members of the school community should monitor for COVID symptoms and get tested as soon as symptoms are present. Isolation is required until results are known. Please also follow advice from medical professionals and the Department of Health. We have seen how this can really limit the spread of COVID.

Storm Last Friday - Like most of Mount Martha the school was without power, internet or telephones last Friday. We were fortunate to have services restored and so could resume usual operations on Monday. Thanks everyone for your patience when we were "off line".

Choc Top Day - Next **Friday 12th November** is Choc Top Day. It is a Free Dress Day as well with a spring colours theme. No gold coin donation is required. Thanks to the SEC for organising this fun event! More information is included in the newsletter.

Welcome - A huge welcome to Patrick O (Year 2) who has joined our school community.

Advance Notice - Final Pupil Free Day 2021. Friday 3rd December is a Pupil Free Day for Mount Martha Primary School. No students are required to attend. Out of School Hours Care are running a program on the day. Teachers will be focussing on an audit of curriculum to determine which areas were impacted by remote learning. This information will then be made available to the next year level as a focus for teaching and learning in Term 1 2022 and when those units are covered in the year.

Student Groupings 2022 - Reminder - A reminder that information for consideration by teachers when they are considering class groupings for 2022 was due last Friday. Certain information is helpful in this process and parents, who believe that exceptional educational circumstances exist for their child/ren that should be considered in placement for next year, need to forward the information in writing to the principal as soon as possible. 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 or when grades are announced in the last week of term it is extremely difficult to facilitate changes to 2022 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 2022.

Assembly - Our first assembly for Term 4 is **Thursday 11th November** commencing at 2.15pm. Once again COVID restrictions have required us to run this assembly via WebEx with students viewing it from their classrooms. The link will be shared with parents and carers. As always our assemblies are always a great chance to hear what is happening in the school and a way to see the talents of our students.

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.



ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONSITE LEARNING (UPDATED)

Some important points to note:

1. A critical measure in control of COVID-19 in schools is that unwell students should not 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 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.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONSITE LEARNING (UPDATED)

Continued

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. We have also made changes to the way our staff work and have breaks to ensure social distancing as well.
13. 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.
14. To return to our normal teaching program borrowed computer equipment must be returned. Please return to the Office.

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



NOVEMBER



Monday 8th

SEC Choc Top orders close today!

Thursday 11th

School Council Meeting via WebEx 6.45pm

**Virtual Whole School Assembly
2.15pm**



Friday 12th November

**SEC Choc Top Day
Pre-orders ONLY
SPRING FREE DRESS DAY
no gold coin required!**



Free Dress

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 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.

SCHEDULED EVENTS (TO BE CONFIRMED)	PROPOSED DATE	COST
Year 3 Somers Day Camp 3C & 3D 3A & 3B	10th Nov 11th Nov	
Year 3 Professor Bunsen	19th Nov	\$12
Years 5 & 6 Swim Sports Years 3 & 4 Swim Sports	30th Nov 1st Dec	\$6
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	TBC
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
Students in Years 1-6 commence
1st February 2022
(Prep Interviews 1-3 February
to be confirmed)

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

Orders Closing Monday



CHOC TOP & FREE DRESS DAY!! FRIDAY 12TH NOV

As the weather warms up
the chocolate cools down.
And to make Hot Chocolate
we need parents around.

As parents can't stay
let's **dress in favourite spring colours**
and have
CHOC TOP DAY!

IF YOU ORDERED A HOT CHOC,
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO A THING

IF YOU DIDN'T ORDER A HOT CHOCOLATE
AND WOULD NOW LIKE TO ORDER A CHOC
TOP, PLEASE GO TO COMPASS COURSE
CONFIRMATIONS BEFORE MONDAY

Things to know

Vanilla Choc Tops are supplied by the Choc Top Ice
Cream Co and contain dairy, soy & gluten.

A Yoconut choc coated vanilla coconut ice cream or
equivalent will be the dairy, soy & gluten free option.

BE YOU NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look forward to our transition back to onsite learning, supporting student mental health and wellbeing remains a major priority for Term Four. We understand that all students will need time and assistance to readjust to being back at school, and we will monitor their progress closely to ensure they are feeling safe and supported.

Our Social and Emotional Learning program - **You Can Do It** – will continue to provide students with the opportunities to build their coping skills and resilience, as well as teaching mindfulness, gratitude, having a calm brain, positive self-talk and a growth mindset.

The **Protective Behaviours Program** will continue to support students in developing the awareness, knowledge and strategies to help keep themselves safe in a range of situations

The following link was forwarded from **Be You** to assist parents with supporting students in the transition back to school.

[Back to school anxiety during COVID](#)

These links also provide helpful information and may assist in answering any questions or concerns that you have:

Will my child bounce back from the Coronavirus crisis?

<https://childmind.org/article/coping-with-social-anxiety-during-social-distancing/>

Coping with Social Anxiety During Social Distancing.

<https://childmind.org/article/coping-with-social-anxiety-during-social-distancing/>

The Beyond Blue Healthy Families website also provides a great range of resources for supporting children through challenging times such as these.

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/>

Please take the time to explore the information through these links, in preparation for our return to school.

We are all looking forward to being back in the classroom with our students and hope all goes to plan for our return. Thank you for your incredible support during the remote learning period. Whilst your children may not always appreciate your help, we certainly do!

Kind regards,

Karen Hodgkins and the Be You Team.



Nippers starts Sun 28th Nov 10-12

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morningtonlsc.com.au



Mornington LSC is a fun family club that offers the U6 - U13 age groups in the nippers program.

Nippers helps develop surf awareness in a safe positive environment.

Our nippers participate in swimming, running on the sand, board paddling and wading while learning through fun activities and play.

MLSC is holding their Open Day 'Online' this year.

This session will be a great opportunity to see what nippers is all about; and find answers to your questions about nipper sessions, fees, uniform, training, carnivals and how you can get involved as a family.

Find out about our wonderful Starfish Nippers program with dedicated coaches who will adapt the program to suit your child's needs.

Please register your details to join our virtual-open-day which will be held on Thursday 4th Nov @ 8pm

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