



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 4th May 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

**Mother's Day Stall Reminder** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May is the Mother's Day Stall. All students will have the chance to visit the stall to purchase a fantastic and very reasonably priced gift. Information has been sent out to families on Compass and in the newsletter. We very much appreciate the work of members of the SEC, for organising this event. Helpers are still required. Thanks for your assistance.

**Tomorrow School Cross Country** - Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> is the School Cross Country. The course starts and finishes on the school oval and runs down Melrose Avenue, along Normanby Terrace and returns up Glenisla Drive. All our students can participate. More details are included in this newsletter.

**Year 4 Camp** - Our Year 4's will be attending Arrabri Lodge Camp at Warburton for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next week. They are sure to enjoy the wide range of activities on offer including challenging outdoor activities as well as all the other experiences of being on camp. Thank you to staff and helpers for attending.

**Prep 2024 Enrolment Evening Reminder** - On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May will be the 2024 Prep Information Evening. A school tour will commence at 6.30pm with the Information Evening to start at 7.15pm. 2024 Prep Enrolment Week is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May; Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9.30am. Tours usually take about 45 minutes. Please meet at the School Office. No bookings are required. Enrolment information will be available from the Office.

**Lunch Time Activities** - During lunchtimes we have a variety of programs students can participate in:

- \*Gardening Club
- \*Digital Technologies Lab
- \*Library
- \*Japanese Club
- \*Games with Gaiser
- \*Activity Room
- \*Games run by Year Six Peer Support Leaders
- \*Choir
- \*Prep Peer support
- \*Little Book Lovers

We are in the process of setting up our lunchtime activity room. This room is one of the classrooms used by Balcombe Pre School in Term One. This room is supervised by staff at lunchtimes and provides an inside space for students to play. If you have any boards games, puzzles, constructions kits, books, or toys that you no longer require and are happy to donate these to the activity room it would be appreciated. Any donations that you have can be left at the front office. Thank you.

*Continued .....*

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.

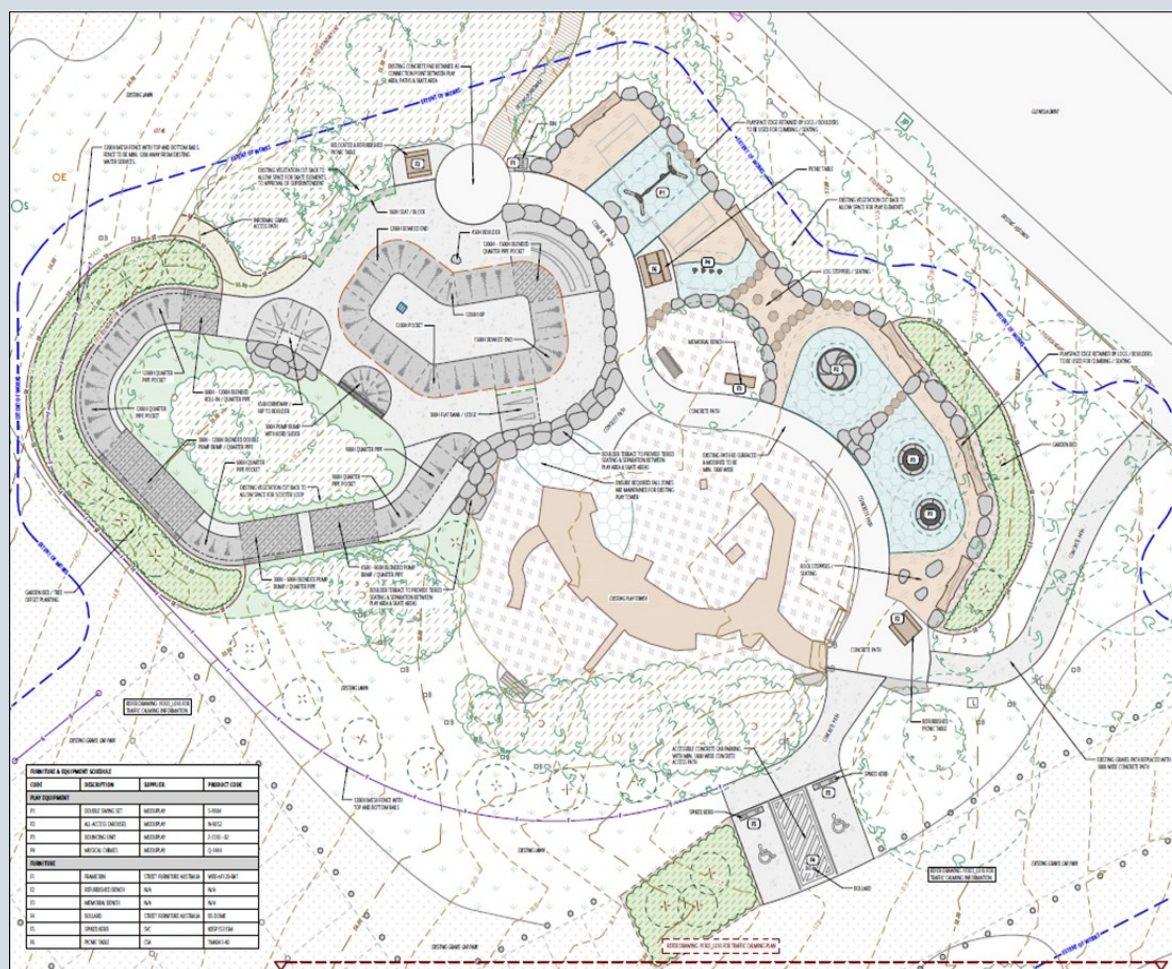


## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

**Smile Squad School Dental Program 2023** - Your child (ren) in the next few days will receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It is full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life. Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students. Smile Squad offers free oral health packs, free annual oral health examinations and free follow-up treatment for all students attending Victorian Government schools. Smile Squad will be available to all students for free, even if they do not have a healthcare card or Medicare card, or if they are ineligible for the Commonwealth Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). There are no out-of-pocket expenses for families. We have been allocated access to this program this year. At this stage we are anticipating **late term three or early term four**. Until Smile Squad visits our school, you can access free dental for students by calling your local community dental clinic - Peninsula Health 9784 8184 - and asking for a Smile Squad appointment. Visit the Smile Squad website at: [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au) to learn more.

**Pupil Free Days** - For your diaries. This term Semester One Reports are prepared by teachers and distributed via Compass to parents. On **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** we hold our Student Led Conferences. At these conferences students reflect on and present their learning to their parents and their teacher. Times are booked like our "Meet the Teacher Evening." **This is a Pupil Free Day** with students only required to attend at the time they are doing their presentation. More details to come on booking a time.

**Ecco Park Redevelopment** - We mentioned the redevelopment in the newsletter at the end of last term. We have had a few questions at the front gate about the work being done. This is a little difficult to read but will give you some idea. Further information is available on the Mornington Peninsula Shire website <https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/mount-martha-eco-park-active-hub>



Warm regards

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### MAY



**Friday 5th**

**Whole School Cross Country**

(Refer Sports New for Year Level running times).

**Monday 8th**

**Year 1 Hersonswood Gardens**

9.15am - 12.15pm

Hersonswood Gardens, Dromana.

**Prep Responsible Pet Ownership**

11.30am - 1.00pm

Mt Martha



**Tuesday 9th**

**Mother's Day Stall**

Staff Centre orders via Compass & close Friday 5th May

**Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th**

**Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp**

**Departure:** Student to arrive at 7.30am for a 8.00am departure

**Expected return: 3.00pm MMPS**



**2024 Prep Parent Information Evening**

7.15pm in Staff Centre

**A school tour will commence at 6.30pm from the school office. No bookings required.**

**Thursday 11th**

**School Council Meeting**

6.45pm - 8.15pm

in Staff Centre

**All welcome**



**Tuesday 16th**

**2024 Prep Tours**

9.30am

*No bookings required*

**Wednesday 17th**

**2024 Prep Tours**

9.30am

*No bookings required*

**Thursday 18th**

**2024 Prep Tours**

9.30am

*No bookings required*

### 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
Mother's Day Packs	\$15	5/5/2023
Cheese Toastie	\$3	18/5/2023
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$26	25/5/2023
Year 5 Billy Tea Bush Band	\$11	06/06/2023

#### TERM DATES: 2023

**Term 1** 27th January to Thursday 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

#### TERM DATES: 2024

**Term 1** 29th January to 28th March

**Year 1 - 6 students commence**  
**Wednesday 31st January**

**Term 2** 15th April to 28th June

**Term 3** 15th July to 20th September

**Term 4** 7th October to 20th December



# THIS YEAR'S WINTER WARMER IS A CHEESE TOASTIE DAY!

Thursday, 1 June 2023



Toasties are \$3.00 each and can be ordered on Compass now. Gluten-free and dairy-free options will be available.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will need some help on the day.

If you're free, please click on the link below to select a time that suits.

<https://signup.zone/yrY6wLLnCY52t3uji>

DRESS CODE: PYJAMAS!





## Semester One

### WORKING BEE at MMPS!



– we are asking for your help at our  
Semester One Working Bee!

**Date: Saturday 20 May**

**Time: 9am – 12pm.**

If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, pitchfork (for mulch), shovel, gloves etc that would be very helpful.

**Purpose: Getting grounds ready for Gold for Green Day.**

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 May 20 at the school Working Bee.

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

Please return to the office as soon as possible.

## Welcome to Winter



## Gold For Green Day Donation Requests.

Our yearly Sustainability event, **Gold for Green Day** will take place on **Thursday 25 May**.

All classes will participate in activities across the day.

**This year we will be welcoming Winter with a parade of Scarecrows.**

Each class will be constructing one.

The community are invited to come and participate in the activities on the day.

**We would appreciate donations of the following:**

- **Large Cardboard Boxes (packing or fridge or TV) Year 2.**
- **Large glass jars (Large pickle or jars) Year 3.**
- **Small succulent cuttings. Year 3.**

**We now have enough frames for the Scarecrows. Thanks to Selekt Constructions who have donated timber for this task. Thanks to Cam and Sheree from Selekt Constructions (0423 269 733), parents of Ella and Fletcher.**

**Bunnings and the Shire Nursery have also donated a number of items for the day to planning is going well!**

Please hand into your classroom teacher or contact Jenny Spiridis [spiridis.jennifer@mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au](mailto:spiridis.jennifer@mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au) if you have any queries.

**Prep** - Planting with their Year 4 Buddies.

**Year One** - Minibeasts

**Year Two** - Recycled Cardboard Cupboards.

**Year Three** - Glass Gardens

**Year Four** - Buddy Planting.

**Year Five** - Environmental Pavement Messages.

**Year Six** - Refurbishing the Sensory and 5/6 Gardens.

Jenny Spiridis

**Year 2 Classroom Teacher.**



## RECYCLING NEWS



Mount Martha Primary School is once again collecting all brands of bread bags (including wraps) and tags for "Wonder Recycling Rewards".

Wonder Recycling Rewards is a fun and easy program created for Aussie schools to collect bread bags and tags. Once collected, Wonder are going to turn the plastic into wonderful things like school play equipment! We will be able to redeem our plastic for sports equipment for the school.

We will have our collection point at the Front Office – look out for the big pink box outside the First Aid Room.

It doesn't matter what brand the bread or wraps are, we accept them all, including bread tags which you can put in the small box found at the same location.

Many thanks for your support  
Mrs. Giles and the Year 6 Nude Food Leaders.

## SCHOOL TOURS

MAY 2023

9.30am

Tuesday 16th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

Please meet at the  
school office.  
No bookings required.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child may soon be joining our learning community. 'Applications to Enrol' for Prep 2024 open from Monday 24th April 2023. 'Applications to Enrol' need to be lodged at the school office by 4.00pm on **Friday 28th July 2023**.

We will provide parents with written notification of the Prep Enrolment outcomes as per the 'Priority Order of Placement' by **Friday 11th August**.

Parents sent a 'Letter of Offer' should return the completed School Enrolment Form by **Friday 25th August**, to indicate acceptance of their child's placement offer.

## 2024 PREP ENROLMENT WEEK

**Mt Martha Primary School**  
**Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2023**

Tours take  
approximately  
45 minutes

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Please consider taking the opportunity to visit our school for an official tour on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, or Thursday 18th where you will see our current Prep students in their learning environment.

Children being enrolled must reach five years of age by April 30th 2024.

When you come to enrol you will need to provide the school with

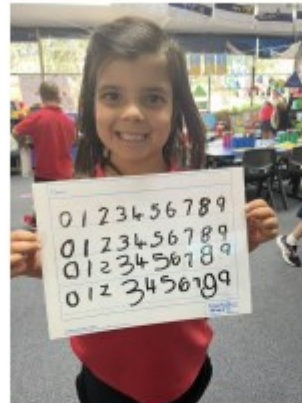
- proof of age - a copy of a birth certificate or extract of birth
- an Immunisation History Statement indicating your child's immunisation status
- Proof of residency

All the enrolment information you require will be provided at the school office. Further information can also be found at Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) government website [www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](http://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep). We hope to meet you on one of our school tours.

Yours faithfully,  
Karen Walker, Principal.



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**2024 Prep Information Evening**  
**Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.15pm**  
**in Staff Centre**

**A school tour will commence at 6.30pm from the school office.**  
**Please note no bookings are required.**

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## Enrolling in primary school for 2024

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers. We want to help make the enrolment process as easy as possible for you.

In Victoria, your child has the right to attend their designated neighbourhood school (your 'local school') under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*.

You can also apply for a place at a school that is not your local school. The school will consider your application in line with the Placement Policy. For more information on the Placement Policy, visit the [Enrolling in school](#) page.



### New statewide timeline for Foundation (Prep)

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep. We have released a new Foundation enrolment timeline for all Victorian government primary schools to follow (see page 3). The timeline aims to help you understand when and how to enrol your child into Foundation for the 2024 school year.

### When should I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

Your child must be 5 years old by 30 April in the year that they start school.

Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.

To enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school for the 2024 school year, submit an enrolment application to the school by 28 July 2023.

### How do I enrol my child in their first year of primary school?

Take these steps to enrol your child in their first year of primary school:

1. Find your local school on the Find my School website (see below).
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) (available from 24 April 2023).
4. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation **by Friday 28 July 2023**.
5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application **by Friday 11 August 2023**. If you receive an offer of placement, you should accept the offer **by Friday 25 August 2023**.
6. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions **during Term 4 2023**.
7. Your child will start Foundation **from Tuesday 30 January 2024**.

### How do I find my local school?

Find your local school on the Find my School website by following the steps below:

1. Enter [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au) into your browser.
2. Enter your permanent residential address under 'Enter your address to get started'.
3. Select 2024 under 'Enrolment year'. **Note:** 2024 school zones will be available late Term 1, 2023.
4. Select Primary under 'School type'.

The map will then show your address, your local school, and on the left the contact details for the school. If you scroll down, it will also show you the five closest schools to your address.

You can also search by school name under 'Search for school'.

### Can my child apply to a government primary school that is not our local school?

Yes, you can apply to schools other than your local school. The school will consider your application in line with the Placement Policy and available space. You can find information on how applications are prioritised on the [Enrolling in school](#) page.

### What happens if I receive a letter saying my enrolment application was unsuccessful?

You should apply to enrol your child in another school. Your child is guaranteed a place at their local school. Your child's local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit [Find my School](#) to locate your child's local school. The [Enrolling in school](#) page can also help you to confirm your child's address for enrolment.

You can also appeal the decision. The [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) page has information on the process to appeal an enrolment application outcome.

### What happens if I miss the enrolment timeframes?

You can apply to enrol your child into Foundation for the 2024 school year at any time from Term 2, 2023.

While you are asked to submit an enrolment application by Friday 28 July 2023, applications after this date will still be accepted from those families who miss enrolment timelines, move permanent residence or newly arrive to Victoria.

Enrolment applications submitted after 28 July 2023 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the department's Placement Policy.

### Where can I find further information on enrolling in primary school?

You can ask your local primary school for further information on the Foundation enrolment process.

At the start of Term 2, 2023 you can also find an information pack on the Foundation enrolment process on the [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#) page of the Starting School webpage.

If you require help translating the information pack, please talk to your local primary school for assistance.

### Who do I contact for help?

The Transition Coordinator, Enrolment Officer or Principal of the primary school you want to apply to can help you with any questions you may have about the enrolment process.

### Useful links

Please find some useful links below that may be helpful for you as your child starts primary school in 2024:

Find my School – [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au)

Information on school zones – [vic.gov.au/school-zones](https://vic.gov.au/school-zones)

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) – [vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](https://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep)

Enrolling in school – [vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol](https://vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol)

Disability and inclusive education – [vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education](https://vic.gov.au/disability-and-inclusive-education)

Regional office contacts – [vic.gov.au/office-locations-department-education-and-training](https://vic.gov.au/office-locations-department-education-and-training)



## Timeline for 2023-24

2023 Dates	Activity
<b>Term 2: Monday 24 April 2023 – Friday 23 June 2023</b>	
<b>Terms 1 and 2, 2023</b>	Primary schools conduct tours, information sessions and other activities for families seeking Foundation (Prep) enrolment for their child for 2024.
<b>By the start of Term 2, 2023</b>	School zones for the 2024 school year go live on <a href="https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au">findmyschool.vic.gov.au</a> Parents/carers should go to <a href="https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au">findmyschool.vic.gov.au</a> to locate their designated neighbourhood school for 2024. The Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers is available to download from <a href="#">Enrolling in Foundation (Prep)</a> .
<b>From Week 1, Term 2 2023</b>	Primary schools may distribute the Enrolment Information Packs to prospective families and their school community.
<b>From Week 1, Term 2, 2023</b>	<b>Enrolment applications open</b> – parents/carers may submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school from this date.
<b>Term 3: Monday 10 July 2023 – Friday 15 September 2023</b>	
<b>By Friday 28 July 2023</b>	<b>Enrolment applications due</b> – parents/carers submit their completed enrolment application to a government primary school by this date.
<b>By Friday 11 August 2023</b>	Primary schools notify parents/carers in writing of Foundation (Prep) enrolment outcomes, as per the 'Priority Order of Placement' under the department's Placement Policy. This may include a letter confirming enrolment, a letter of offer, or an unsuccessful application letter. Parents/carers sent an unsuccessful application letter may start submitting written non-placement appeals to their preferred primary school.
<b>By Friday 25 August 2023</b>	Parents/carers sent a letter of offer indicate acceptance of their child's place by this date.
<b>By Friday 25 August 2023</b>	<b>Closing date</b> for parents/carers to submit a written non-placement appeal with their preferred primary school.
<b>By Friday 15 September 2023</b>	Primary schools notify all parents/carers, in writing, of the outcome of their non-placement appeal by this date.
<b>Term 4: Monday 2 October 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023</b>	
<b>During Term 4, 2023</b>	Primary schools host transition sessions.
<b>By Friday 20 October 2023</b>	<b>Closing date</b> for parents/carers to submit a written non-placement appeal with the relevant Regional Director, where they have been unsuccessful with their appeal to their preferred primary school.
<b>By Friday 17 November 2023</b>	Regions notify all parents/carers in writing of the outcome of Regional Director non-placement appeals by this date. This only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Friday 20 October 2023.



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