



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 5 August 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

COVID-19 Update - Thank you again parents for your ongoing assistance to limit transference of COVID-19 at school. Students and staff are continuing with a range of strategies including enhanced cleaning and hygiene. Recent outbreaks across the country and subsequent containment measures remind us all of how important these strategies are.

Following the advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, DET continues to provide schools with updated information and strategies for implementation. The next review of restrictions is due early next week and we will see how this translates to actions at school. As we know some settings can change quickly! It is likely that some events will be able to run unchanged while others will need to be modified or postponed. We will communicate any changes to you so please keep a look out.

We are currently running under the same conditions as last week. The "Updated COVID-19 Information 29th July 2021" is still current and is again in the newsletter. This will be updated as we receive new information. For more information about schools and coronavirus (COVID-19) please access the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Olympic Free Dress Day - Please refer to the information in the newsletter regarding the "Olympic Free Dress Friday" this **Friday 6th August**. Not a fundraiser - just a bit of fun!

Leave - I will be on Long Service Leave next week. Karen Walker will be Acting Principal in my absence.

Parent Opinion Survey - We are keen to hear what parents and carers think about our school. This year all our families have received a link to the survey. Feedback from parents who have done the survey is that it does not take long to complete. Please access the link and complete the survey as it does provide us with another important source of feedback in such areas as our teaching, curriculum, organisation and management. All surveys are anonymous. It is now open until 3rd September but always a great idea to do it early so it is off the "to do" list. Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

Working Bee - Our next Working Bee will be on **Saturday 14th August from 9am to 12 noon**. All are welcome to attend but in our working bees throughout the year. We will be particularly inviting a couple of year levels to attend. This time it is Prep and Year One. We are looking forward to a Winter tidy up of our grounds with a morning tea including sausage in bread to finish! More information is in the newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Uniform - A reminder that while non uniform jumpers/hoodies may be worn to and from school they are not part of the school uniform and so should not be worn while the students are at school. A reminder also to check that items are named and that the name is still legible. Named items can be quickly returned to their owners. SEC has an ongoing fundraiser with "That's Mine Labels" at www.thatsmine.com.au and enter MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY in the order comments box. More information is included in the newsletter. Thank you for your assistance.

Thank you once again for your support.

Kind regards

Martin

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.



UPDATE COVID INFORMATION 29th July 2021

Face Masks:

- Primary school students do not have to wear a mask while at school or attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program but may choose to do so.
- All staff must wear a face mask at all times indoors and outdoors when at school (except when engaged in teaching or if a lawful exemption applies), including in staffrooms.
- School staff and students must abide by face mask requirements when attending public venues.
- School staff (primary and secondary) and secondary school students **aged 12 or older**:
 - *Face masks must be worn at school, by anyone aged 12 years and over unless a lawful exception applies,
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.
- **Parents, carers, and visitors must observe indoor and outdoor face mask requirements.**
- You do not need to wear a mask in your own home, or if a lawful exception applies.
- Parents are allowed to visit on site however social distancing (1.5 metre distance) between adults remains a **key** control measure and **must** continue to be practiced including when dropping off or picking up students. Visits should be for essential business. Please also avoid congregating at school gates to avoid congestion at entry and exit points.

QR Codes/ Compass Kiosk Check In:

- If you are required to enter buildings on school grounds, for whatever purpose, parents and visitors are required to use the provided QR code check-in at building entrances. The Compass kiosk is also available in the Office foyer.

Health Measures:

- Unwell students should **not** be sent to school or remain at school if symptoms (even mild 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. Parents should follow the latest DHHS and medical practitioner advice as to testing and quarantining.
- The school will continue to practise strict hygiene protocols and enhanced school cleaning procedures are also in place.
- Drinking fountains are available but students may choose to bring their own named water bottle.

Density Limits:

- Density limits do not apply in classrooms and other spaces students use. In this context a combination of health and safety measures should be utilised.
- Density limits of 1 person per 4 square metres apply to all staff areas eg staffroom and areas accessed by the public such as reception areas and the gymnasium.
- Staff and parents/carers and visitors must practise physical distancing of 1.5m between themselves and others.

School Activities:

- School playgrounds are open for use during and out of school hours.
- Staff professional development and staff meetings will be conducted online.
- All school gatherings such as assemblies and school events should be deferred or held remotely.
- Incursions are not permitted.
- Excursions are permitted for students from single schools only. When occurring they must comply with record keeping obligations and appropriate density limits.
- Interschool sport can proceed throughout Victoria and is limited to the minimum number of people required to participate in and facilitate the activity. Record keeping and density limits of 1 person per 4 square metres apply. No spectators are permitted. Other interschool activities can proceed with the same restrictions as interschool sport.

UPDATE COVID INFORMATION 29th July 2021

- Outdoor and indoor contact and non contact physical activity is permitted.
- Indoor and outdoor pools can be used. Restrictions apply if more than a single school is using the facility.
- School Camps are permitted. School groups from different schools must not mix if attending the same camp at the same time.
- Kinder to Prep and Year 6 to Year 7 Transition programs are not permitted.

Travel advice:

- There are no restrictions on the reasons to leave home or the distance you can travel, but staying COVIDSafe remains important.
- Travel restrictions between states and territories and in some remote areas of Australia are currently in place. These restrictions are implemented by individual state and territory governments and are subject to change at very short notice.
- Please refer to Department of Health advice for permit, testing and quarantine requirements.

Student absence due to border restrictions:

- We acknowledge that due to the current situation nationally, some students may be returning from a restricted zone (red or extreme risk) and be required to undertake self-quarantine and testing on return. In such instances, these students will be provided with learning materials until they are able to return to school.
- If your family is in this situation, please contact the COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 338 663 or the school as soon as possible to advise if your child or children will be absent due to border restrictions or quarantine requirements.

In the event of an outbreak:

- In the event of another outbreak, each family should regularly check the list of public exposure sites in Victoria (where a person with COVID-19 has attended), and if anyone in the family has attended a site at the times listed, follow the instructions given.

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SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



AUGUST

Friday 6th

SEC Olympic Dress Up Day

Come dressed in Olympic colours or as your favourite Olympian



Monday 9th

Boys Division Soccer

Wednesday 11th & 18 August

Year 2 Cartooning Incursion 9.15am - 1.00pm

Thursday 12th

School Council Meeting

6.45pm

Prep Kingswim

11.00am - 1.30pm, Each Thursday for 5 weeks
12, 19, 26 August & 2, 9 September

Friday 13th

2022 Prep Story Time Session 1

9.30am - 10.30am in Staff Centre

Bookings essential

Parent please sign in at office and collect student name badge

Subject to Lockdown restrictions easing!

Girls Division Netball



Saturday 14th

WORKING BEE - Prep & Year 1

9.00am - 12.00pm

Tuesday 17th

2022 Prep Story Time Session 2

2.00pm - 3.00pm in Staff Centre

Bookings essential

Parent please sign in at office and collect student name badge

Friday 20th

2022 Prep Story Time Session 3

9.30am - 10.30am in Staff Centre

Bookings essential

Parent please sign in at office and collect student name badge



Tuesday 24th

Assembly 9.15am in Gym staff and student only

Webex details to follow

2022 Prep Story Time Session 4

2.00pm - 3.00pm in Staff Centre

Bookings essential

Parent please sign in at office and collect student name badge

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

9.00am - 3.30pm

Gold coin donation for Indigenous Literacy Foundation
Dress up as your favourite book character



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.

EVENTS 2021	COST	CLOSING DATE
Prep Kingswim	\$65	9/8/2021
Year 3 Dandenong Market	\$13	10/8/2021
Division Netball	Nil	10/8/2021
Year 5 Billy Tea Bush Band	\$10	11/8/2021
Prep Craft Power	\$13	9/9/2021
Division Teeball	Nil	24/8/2021
Year 4 Willum Warrain	\$20	25/8/2021

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 3 12th July to 17th September

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

Olympic Free-Dress Friday



Students from the SRC invite our school community to join them in a celebration of Australia's success at the 2020/21 Tokyo Olympics. We are so proud of our athletes, many of whom have provided inspiration for our next generation of Olympians. Who knows how many of our budding MMPS athletes we will see in Brisbane in 2032?

We are also really excited about the upcoming Paralympics and look forward to seeing more inspirational sporting moments over the next few weeks from our Aussie sportspeople.

This Friday, 6th of August, we want you to celebrate with us. Please come dressed in your favourite Olympic colours or as your favourite Olympic sport. This is a great opportunity to join together for a bit of fun, acknowledge our awesome athletes and to spread some positive cheer.

Go Aussie Go!

From the Student Representative Council

WORKING BEE at MMPS!



Dear Parents in Prep & Year 1– we are asking for your help at our Term 3 Working Bee!



Date: Saturday August 14

Time: 9am – 12pm.

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

Make sure you wear footwear that is appropriate for outdoor tasks.

We do have some equipment ie gloves, protective glasses but it would be helpful if you bring some too!

Thanks.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea (including Sausage & bread) will be provided.

SPORT NEWS

VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE



This year Mt Martha PS has been offered the chance to enter the Interschool Mountain Bike Challenge at Dromana Secondary College. This is a great chance for those students keen on mountain bike riding to take part in such an event. The 3.2km course will take riders through a combination of paved pathways between the school buildings, through parkland and around the sports oval.

It is suggested that students in Years 5 and 6 can enter this event but also understand that there is a level of riding ability needed. Dromana Secondary is open to the public on the weekends for those wishing to check it out. There is a 'race' and a 'novice' category for each age group.

The event is this Sunday 8th August at Dromana Secondary College. The cost of the event is \$25 - \$30.

Good Luck to anyone who has entered the event.

Details and entry here: <https://entryboss.cc/calendar/vics>

TEAM VIC SOCCER & FOOTBALL

It's been a massive week for the round ball game in Australia with the Matildas & Olyroos at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Tilly B a past student of Mt Martha Primary School has just be named in the Team Vic Soccer & Football Victoria TIDC (Talent Identification and Development Centre) squads for 2021.

This is huge news for Tilly, who plays for Bayside United in the National Premier League. We know that her talent, passion and dedication will take her a long way, and who knows, we might be watching Tilly carve up the pitch in Brisbane in 2032.



SOUTHERN PENINSULA DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Latest Advice from SSV regarding Interschool sports and the next level of competition for our winter sports is as followed:
Interschool Sport can resume from Thursday 29 July, in line with community sport.

Spectators are not permitted at School Sport Victoria events at this time and this needs to be strongly enforced at all SSV events. This excludes people necessary for events such as teachers, and supervising staff or parents required to transport/care for participating students.

Good luck to our teams at this competitive level:

- Boys Soccer – Monday 9th August
- Girls Netball – Friday 13th August
- Boys & Girls Teeball – Friday 27th August
- Girls AFL – Tuesday 31st August

Cameron Sweatman
PE Teacher



Book Week Celebration



Tuesday 24th August

Come along dressed as your favourite book character!

Gold coin donations to the Indigenous Literacy

We continue our goal at MMPS to make connections to Indigenous Culture and learn more about Indigenous Literature with new resources recently purchased for our Library and on-going connections planned as part of inquiry units across the school.

All money raised from the Dress Up day will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to support literacy development in indigenous communities. For more information about the ILF go to:

<https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/>



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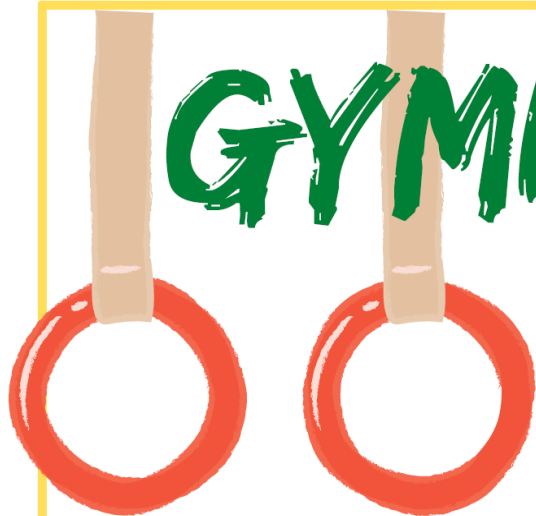
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