



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - 5 December 2019

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

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Parents and Community Volunteers Morning Tea** - The support we have received during 2019 from parent and community volunteers in our school programs has been fantastic! Our programs simply would not be the same without the generous support we receive from our wonderful volunteers. They plan, organise and help at School Council and SEC events, assist in classrooms, help with special events such as camps, excursions and incursions and on sporting and theme days to name just a few.

As a small gesture of our appreciation we are holding a special helpers morning tea next Friday 13th December at 11.00 a.m. in the staff centre. All volunteers are welcome.

Please see the invitation included in this newsletter.

**2020 Instrumental Music** - The instrumental music program is a feature of our school and we are very fortunate to be able to offer this tuition and develop our students' music skills and interests. The students' performances at assemblies during the year and at end of year concerts are always very entertaining. If you are interested in having your child participate in 2020 please contact the school office.

**Lions Club Raffle Tickets** - A reminder that Lions Club Raffle tickets are due back **tomorrow Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Library Books and Take Home Readers** - All library books and take home reading material should be returned to the classroom or library. We have a terrific collection of books that need to be maintained for use by our current and future students. Thank you for your help.

**Lunch Orders - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** is the last lunch order day for 2019. Bakery Made, the company that supply lunch orders for our students, will not be providing their usual service on the last day of school **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Lost Property** - A reminder to please check our Lost Property section near the Art Room before the end of the year. Thank you.

**"Public Holidays"** - Congratulations to our very talented Year 5 and 6 students who appeared in their film shown at the Rosebud Cinema on Monday and Tuesday evening this week. It was a really entertaining night and fantastic to see our students (and staff) on the big screen. This unit provided many learning opportunities in the creative and technical elements of film making. Great work everyone!

**Proposed Eco Park Redevelopment** - Mornington Peninsula Shire are seeking community feedback to draft Eco Park Active Recreation and Skate Hub Concept Plans. The opportunity to provide feedback closes at **5pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Please follow the link:

<https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Have-your-say/Have-Your-Say-Eco-Park-Mount-Martha-Active-Recreation-and-Skate-Hub>

**Final Assembly for 2019** - Our final assembly will be held on **Thursday 19th December at 9.10 am** in the gymnasium. We hope to see many of our school community attend the farewell assembly for the 2019 school year. School finishes for 2019 on **Friday 20th December with a 1.30pm dismissal time**.

**Start of School 2020** - A reminder that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2020 on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. 2020 Prep students will have interviews scheduled this week and the next Monday and then start in classes on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**.

Kind regards, Martin Page, Principal.

Our Mission is to ensure high quality and engaging learning program that builds on the capability of every student.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events

#### DECEMBER



**Monday 9th**

**Regional Cricket - Mixed Finals**

King George Oval, East Boundary Rd, East Bentleigh, 9.30am - 3.30pm

**Senior Choir Nursing Home Visits**

Craigcare (Mt Martha) & Country Club Lodge (Safety Beach) 10.30am - 2.15pm

**Thursday 12th**

**School Council Meeting**

7.00pm in Staff Centre

**Friday 13th**

Parent Volunteers Morning Tea  
11.00 - 11.30am in Staff Centre

**Monday 16th**

Step Up - New Rooms & Teachers for 2020  
11.45 - 12.45pm

**Tuesday 17th**

Year 6 Graduation 6 - 9pm in Gym

**Wednesday 18th**

Year 6 Luna Park 8.30am - 3.30pm  
Prep Enchanted Maze 9.15am - 3.30pm  
Year 3 Max The Magician Incursion  
Year 4 South Beach 11.00am - 3.00pm  
Year 2 End of Year Celebration 12 - 1pm

**Thursday 19th**

**Whole School Assembly 9.10am in Gym**

Year 5 South Beach 9.00am - 3.30pm

#### JANUARY 2020

**Thursday 30th**

**Students in Years 1-6 commence today**

30th January to Monday 4th February 2020 Prep interviews

#### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 4th**

Preps start 9am - 2.15pm

#### MARCH

**Monday 2nd**

Preps start full time 9am - 3.30pm

### 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	COST	SING
<div style="background-color: #90ee90; border: 2px solid #ffff00; border-radius: 50%; padding: 20px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;">2020 EVENTS TO COME</p> </div>		

#### TERM DATES: 2019

**Term 4** 7th October to 20th December  
(student dismissed at 1.30pm on last day of term)



#### TERM DATES: 2020

**Term 1** 28th January to 27th March  
**Students in Years 1 - 6 Start  
30th January 2020**  
(2020 Prep Interviews 30th & 31st January, Monday 3rd February)  
**Preps starts Tuesday 4th February  
9.00am - 2.15pm**

**Preps start full days Monday 2nd March**  
**Term 2** 14th April to 26th June

**Term 3** 13th July to 18th September

**Term 4** 5th October to 18th December

#### BANKING EVERY TUESDAY

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## Working Bee – November 30 2019

We held our third and final Working Bee for 2019 last Saturday it was great to have our “regular” families assist with some minor works in our grounds. This small group of hardworking parents, students and teachers tackled a range of tasks including spreading gravel on the path in the new garden on the far side of the oval and filling the planter boxes in the sensory garden with some good quality mulch. Other jobs included pruning, weeding and the usual sweeping, raking etc. The weather was great and this helped make for a really enjoyable and productive morning.



We had a special group of assistants at this Working Bee. Members of For-um (volunteer lecturers, Masters of Architecture students and community members) constructed an outdoor shop in the Sensory garden during (and after) our Working Bee. The job took much longer than expected and a big thanks to Jenny Spiridis who stayed on site all day to make sure the students were supported and that the job got finished. You can see from the photos how good this new structure looks. The children were very excited to play in the “shop” this week.

We finished off with some light refreshments which were enjoyed by all after a couple of hours of toil in our school gardens. A very big thank you to everybody (parents, teachers and children) from our school community who came along and helped out at our Working Bee. It really is good fun and a great chance to meet other parents and assist in maintaining our beautiful gardens.



## LUNCH ORDER REMINDER



Please note: There will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS** on **FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER** which is our last day of school.

The last day to place a Lunch Order will be Monday 16th December.

Thank you.



## FIRST AID NEWS

As we approach the end of the school year, just a couple of reminders from the First Aid Room.

If your child is leaving Mt Martha Primary School, on their last day, please collect any medication that is stored at school.

To ensure that we can provide accurate medical care for your child/ren as we head into 2020, could you please take some time over the holidays to obtain an updated Medical Action Plan (ie Asthma / Anaphylaxis / Allergy etc). It is a requirement that Medical Action Plans are updated annually and must be signed by a Doctor. Please return these at the beginning of the school year together with any required medication.

Prior to returning to school please also check your children's hair for head lice and/or eggs. Should you find any there are two choices of treatment:

Chemical: Treat and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs; and repeat in 7 days.

Non-chemical: Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every 2 days until no live lice have been found for 10 days. The conditioner and comb method has been found to be very effective when the above procedure is followed.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the First Aid room from 10.45am to 2.15pm on 5974 2800. Thanks for your co-operation.

Wishing you a happy and safe festive season.

Lorraine Stuart  
First Aid Officer

## 2019 PARENT VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

*Mount Martha Primary School Staff  
invites  
all Parent volunteers who have assisted with  
school programs and events during 2019  
to a special celebration morning tea.*



*Please come along and join the fun and festivity in appreciation for your  
invaluable assistance and support throughout the year.*

*When*     *Friday 13th December*

*Time*     *11.00am*

*Where*    *MMPS Staff Centre*

## LIONS CLUB ANNUAL TRAILER RAFFLE



Mt Martha Primary School will again be supporting the **Mt Martha Lion's Club** with their **Annual Trailer Raffle**. I am sure you have seen the wonderful contribution they make to our community. You should have now received a book of five Lion's Club Raffle Tickets.

The tickets are **\$2.00 each** and the school receives **80c** out of every **\$1.00** they receive.

**As a further incentive to sell all your raffle tickets**  
**Mt Martha Lion's Club sponsors have kindly donated the following prizes:**

**3 McDonald's vouchers**

**1 Domino's voucher**

If you require any extra books of tickets please call at the School Office.

All tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to the school by

***Friday 6th December to be eligible for the draw on December 23rd***



**2020 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>YEAR 1 - 6:</b>	<b>Commence 9.00am Thursday 30th January 2020</b>
<b>PREP INTERVIEWS:</b>	Thursday 30th January, Friday 31st and Monday 3rd February Parents please attend with your child
<b>PREPS START SCHOOL:</b>	<b>Tuesday 4th February 9.00am - 2.15pm</b>
<b>PREPS START FULL DAYS:</b>	<b>Monday 2nd March 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 Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm
<b>BANKSIA BULLETIN:</b>	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 6th February 2020

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## LOCAL MONEY SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Saver Plus is running a series of two Financial Education workshops exclusively for our local participants in the ***Rosebud, Dromana and surrounding areas***. The workshops will be at Dromana Secondary College in February and March 2020

### INTERESTED?

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- a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card ***and***
- some regular income from work (you or your partner, formal or informal) ***and***
- a child at school or studying yourself ***and***
- Be receiving an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment (many payments are eligible eg Family Tax Benefit A and B)

***If you would like to join 50,000 other Australian families who have benefited from our program, now is a great time to start Saver Plus***

We would love to hear from you. Call us to start saving with Saver Plus today!

***Angie and Kate***

*Your local Saver Plus Coordinators*





The message

The White Bike Foundation exists to educate and drive respect for EVERY person on the road.  
They believe the next generation holds the keys to the future of road culture in Australia.

The belief

In 2015, Joel Hawkins was hit by a car while cycling on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, Australia.  
Joel was 17 years old and pursuing a dream when his journey was cut short.  
The White Bike Foundation believes that everybody has the right to **use the road safely** and **complete their journey**.

The message

There are 84,600 seconds in every day. Take two to make the most important decision of your life; again and again. **#THINK2**

Contact

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@whitebikefoundation

## How can I Think 2 and support the School Road Safety Program?

Being aware of people using bicycles and making an effort to **role model great behaviour** to your child by slowing down, passing when safe and showing respect on the roads AT ALL TIMES. This is particularly important when dropping off or collecting from school, as that same person could be one of your child's friends, or the relative of a friend.

Change habits – use the “**Dutch Reach**” EVERY single time you exit your vehicle and encourage others to do the same. Dooring continues to be a major incident which is completely avoidable.

<https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/tips-resources/know-how/dutch-reach/>

Change your mobile phone settings to enable “**Do Not Disturb While Driving**” so you don't receive notifications and text messages when driving your vehicle and therefore not tempted to be distracted.

### SLOW DOWN – SHOW RESPECT

## How do I support my child's learning?

**Ask questions** about what your child learnt at bike education that require answers.

We have covered:

- Road users
- Types of vehicles on the road
- Scanning
- Blind spots
- Distractions
- Equipment
- Bike Maintenance

Encourage your child to ride to school with a sibling, friend or small group – this will enable the momentum to continue.

**Part way is OK:** meet at a suitable point that allows the children to travel to the school gate together within a suitable distance. You may feel that this requires parent involvement depending on personal circumstances. Use bike infrastructure where possible.

*“Studies continually demonstrate that a 30-minute walk or bike ride to school greatly increases a child's ability to focus in the classroom.”*

<https://momentummag.com/an-education-on-riding-a-bike-to-school/>

Encourage a group bike ride after school, weekends or school holidays, it is always easier to ride bikes with friends, so try and organise this with at least a

couple – children respond well to a group mentality. This is an adventure which creates memories to talk about for years.

Think about the destination, but particularly the journey – we have a massive labyrinth of interconnected bike paths in Melbourne, with bridges, tunnels, good swimming beaches and playgrounds. Think about whether you will include food or stops along the way. Remember **FUN AND SAFETY FIRST** and it will happen again.

### Where do I go for support?

A good local bike shop will happily assist you with any questions and advice regarding maintenance, carrying of bicycle and correct sized equipment. We have a number of willing bike shops available to assist you in your local area and would like to put you in touch with one that suits your needs.

Do you know about RACV Bike Assist? A yearly insurance premium offered by RACV which allows you to get a call out if you cannot fix an issue yourself. If they cannot fix it, they will deliver you back to where you need to get to, either the parked car you came by or home in a taxi with your bicycle.

Laws  
regarding  
Bicycles

See the attached link for a full understanding of Vic Roads Rules regarding Bicycles.

#### BE PART OF THE SOLUTION – NOT THE PROBLEM

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/bicycles>

Riding on  
the  
Footpath

#### Riding on a footpath or shared path

You can ride on a footpath if you:

- are a child under the age of 13
- are a person 13 and over who is accompanying a child under the age of 13
- are an adult 18 or over who is cycling with a young child in a child seat attached to their bicycle, or with a child pedalling on a bike attachment at the back of an adult bicycle
- have been given and are following the conditions on a medical certificate that says you have a disability that makes it difficult for you to ride on the road. You need to follow the conditions on your medical certificate and show it to a police officer or authorised person when asked are an adult accompanying someone with a medical certificate cycling on a footpath.



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Program	Dates	Time	Cost
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