



Mt. Martha Primary School

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 6 May 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

Mother's Day Stall - A huge thank you to our SEC members and helpers for organising and running the Mother's Day Stall yesterday and the Mother's Day Raffle selling tickets for the last week. Raffle sales finish off this week. Good Luck! We had so many excited students taking time to choose that special gift from the wide range on offer! Thanks again!

Assembly - A reminder that our first assembly for Term 2 is tomorrow **Friday 7th May** commencing at 9.15am. 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. Once again DET COVID restrictions require this event to be livestreamed to parents. More information will be sent out today via a Compass Newsfeed on how to access the livestream on WebEx.

2020 Annual Report - Our 2020 School Annual Report has been ratified by School Council. A copy is posted on the Mount Martha Primary School website <https://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au> under the "Information" tab. The report provides information on the school for the 2020 school year.

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. With no camps running last year, this will be the Year 4's first school camp. Always very exciting! Thank you to staff and helpers for attending.

School Cross Country - Congratulations to all our students for their participation in the School Cross Country today. The course can be fairly challenging with the long hill up Glenisla Drive to test the runners. The students all gave their best and there were some great examples of sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Sweatman, staff, student sports leaders and students from Mornington Secondary College for your organisation and assistance on the day. Results from the cross country assist in the selection of our cross country team that will participate in the interschool competition.

Summer Lightning Premiership - Congratulations to our students who participated in the Summer Lightning Premiership on Friday. Our students are always such great ambassadors for our school! We had a number of our teams progressing through to the next round. Well done everyone!

NAPLAN - NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 is on **Tuesday 11th May, Wednesday 12th May and Thursday 13th May**. Please see the additional important information later in this issue.

Prep 2022 Enrolment - A reminder that next **Wednesday 12th May** will be the 2022 Prep Information Evening. A school tour will commence at 6.30pm with the Information Evening to start at 7.15pm. 2022 Prep Enrolment Week is **Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May** with school tours on **Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th 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.

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 REPORT CONTINUED

Working Bee - A reminder that **Saturday 15th May** 9am to noon is our Term 2 Working Bee at the school. Jobs are mainly gardening and tidying and our school always looks so much better on the Monday after a Working Bee. Hope to see you there!

Pupil Free Day - For your diaries. This term Semester One reports are prepared by teachers and distributed to parents. On **Tuesday 22nd 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.

Kind regards

Martin Page

FIRST AID NEWS

Just a reminder that one of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms. Therefore if a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home. If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school as soon as possible.

If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice: call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398

Kind regards,

Lorraine Stuart

First Aid Officer

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events

MAY

Friday 7th

Whole School Virtual Assembly

9.15am Students & staff only streamed via Compass

Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th

Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing

Tuesday 11th

SEC Meeting in Staff Centre 7.00pm

Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th

Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp

Students to arrive at 7.30am for an 8.00am Departure. **Students return to MMPS on Friday at approximately 3.00pm** parents will receive an SMS.

Wednesday 12th

2022 Prep Information Night at 7.15pm

A tour will commence at 6.30pm from the office. No bookings required. Please sign in at the Kiosk upon arrival.

Thursday 13th

School Council Meeting 6.45pm in Staff Centre

Saturday 15th

Working Bee 9.00am - 12noon

Tuesday 18th

2022 Prep Tours 9.30am no bookings required

Wednesday 19th

GOLD FOR GREEN DAY

**Dress in green & bring gold coin
Donation to help green our world**

2022 Prep Tours 9.30am no bookings required

Thursday 20th

2022 Prep Tours 9.30am no bookings required

5A & 5B Balcombe Estuary Environmental Day
9.00am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 19th - 21st Friday

Book Fair in Staff Centre

Wednesday 8.15am - 9.30am & 3 - 4pm

Thursday 8.15am - 9.30am & 3 - 4pm

Friday 8.15am - 9.30am **Morning only**



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
Year 5 Balcombe Estuary Environmental Day	NIL	12/5/2021
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	\$21.00	25/5/2021
Year 5 & 6 Body Education	\$11.00	26/5/2021
Year 2 Balcombe Estuary Walk	NIL	2/6/2021
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TERM DATES: 2021

Term 2	19th April to 25th June
Term 3	12th July to 17th September
Term 4	4th October to 17th December

SPORT NEWS

SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

HOT SHOTS

Hot shots is basically tennis but on smaller courts and it was held at Balcombe Grammar. We had 4 hours of hot shots with and by the end a lot of students had won all of their games and victory was looking likely. Both boys and girls competed really well and we ended up coming 1st in both the boys and girls competition.

By Ted (Captain)



KANGA 8'S

What a great day at the cricket! Well done to both the Girls and Boys Kanga 8 teams for their well earned victories! Every player showed great sportsmanship and cheered loudly for their teammates. A big thanks to our parent helper EJ Hassan, who umpired the boys games, and the parents who came to cheer us on.

Mrs V

TEEBALL

The sun shone down on our boys' Teeball team as they competed against Balcombe and Benton Junior College with each team helping each other with rules and techniques. There was lots of encouragement and healthy competition between the boys. Mt Martha finished at the top of the pool and competed in the Grand Final match for first place. The scores were even going into the last innings. Fortunately for our team we managed to win by two runs. District Champions. Thank you to Anna and Ingrid who assisted with scoring and umpiring throughout the day, it was very much appreciated.

Mrs Spiridis



The girls' teeball was an great experience! We worked so well together as a group. I am so amazed on how well we played as a team. We tried our best and had the best teamwork and we won every match giving us the Championship! We are now in the next round and can't wait to work as a team again. Our team not only has great teamwork and amazing skills but we also have the best spirit and encouragement!

By Zara (Captain)

KICKBALL

21 students were excited to represent the school and participate in the inaugural kickball tournament. The students played really well and the excitement of the competition brought out some amazing sporting skills. As well as learning a new sport, the students were able to give feedback to the coaches about how the game can be improved for next year. In the end both Boys and Girls teams were overjoyed to bring home a championship flag. Great work everyone!

Mr Gaiser



BASKETBALL



The Mount Martha 2021 basketball teams competed against other schools from the area, showing brilliant sportsmanship and respect for the other teams, referees and spectators.

The girls' team performed admirably and won every game in their pool, which led to a playoff against Balcombe in the final. The start of the game was a hard slog with no team getting an advantage. Mt Martha's defense stood up to Balcombe's attack and eventually forced some turnovers and broke the game open, leading to a well-earned win. Thank you to April Whiston who volunteered to coach the team. It was great to have someone of her experience to guide the team.

The boys' team fought valiantly in their pool, winning two of their three games, only losing to St Macartan's Primary School who went on to win the competition. We were proud to see their perseverance and determination during each game. Their comradery, encouragement and support for each other was wonderful to witness. The boys were led by their super coach, Kieran, who is recovering from a recent injury, stepped up to the challenge of coaching. We really appreciated all the support we received from the parents who came, it was fantastic to be able to have you all there.

Lawn Bowls

The 2021 Mount Martha Lawn Bowls Team was very excited to arrive at Civic Bowls Club to compete in the Summer Lightning Premiership. Mount Martha Primary School had 4 teams competing; 2 boys' and 2 girls' teams. All teams played fantastically and really embraced the fun and sportsmanship of the day. The girls teams just missed out on the finals. Both boys teams reached the Preliminary Finals undefeated (apart from when they played each other), however were narrowly defeated in the final series. Great work to all the teams for their effort and sportsmanship on the day.





Free live webinar

eSafety's guide to
parental controls

Register for the free webinar, eSafety's guide to parental controls, for parents and carers from the eSafety Commissioner.

The webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice.

To register, visit: esafety.gov.au/parents.

Dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Thursday 6 May 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Tuesday 8 June 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 16 June 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Sarah Forward

Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher

2021 NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2021 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 11 May, Wednesday 12 May and Thursday 13 May 2021. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 14 May 2021.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability, has an exemption or you have any concerns about your child participating you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the school. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/prep10/naplan/parents/index.aspx> at or the NAP website at <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests>

Karen Walker

Assistant Principal

WORKING BEE at MMPS!



Dear Parents - we are asking for your help at our
Term 2 Working Bee!



Date: Saturday May 15

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 will be provided.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NEWS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - May, Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time on Monday and Tuesday during school hours.

From Wednesday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what's on offer during the following times:

Wednesday 19th 8.15 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm

Thursday 20th 8.15 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm

Friday 21st 8.15 - 9.30am only
(there is no afternoon session)

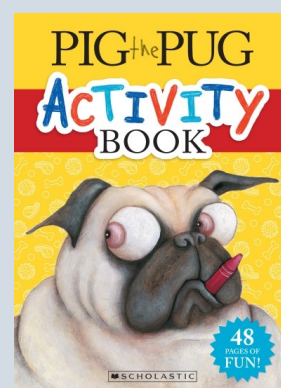
A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children's literacy pleasure. This is a great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

COVID-19 Mask Update - Following the easing of restrictions, at school face masks are now recommended, but not mandatory, for use by staff, students and visitors when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained. People aged 12 years and over must carry a face mask unless they have a lawful exemption. Masks are still required in limited indoor settings, such as public transport, commercial passenger vehicles and large retail settings. Thank you for your assistance.

We thank you once again for supporting our Book Fair.

Karen Walker

Assistant Principal



Gold For Green Day.

Wednesday 19th May

Wear Green. Bring a Gold Coin.

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Activities will include:

- Reading Last Tree in the City. Story Box Library
- Pledges to the environment by all our students.
- Preps: Planting in the school grounds with their Year Four Buddies
- Year One: Insect Hotels
- Year Two and Three: Cardboard Cubbies
- Year Four: Assisting Preps
- Year Five: Environmental Collages and footpath environmental messages.
- Year Six: Planting along the Glen Isla fence line.

2022 PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Play Based, Child Centred Learning



Hands-on Maths

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School-wide Multimedia

2022 Prep Information Evening Wednesday 12th May 2021 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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2022 PREP ENROLMENT NEWS

SCHOOL TOURS

MAY 2021

9.30am

Tuesday 18th

Wednesday 19th

Thursday 20th

Please meet at the
school office.
No bookings required.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are most welcome to visit our school. Your child may soon be joining our learning community. Enrolments for Prep 2022 will be taken at school during the week of 17th - 21st May.

Enrolment forms need to be lodged at the school office by Friday 28th May 4.00pm.

Confirmation letters will be mailed by Friday 25th June.

2022 PREP ENROLMENT WEEK

**Mt Martha Primary School
Monday 17th to Friday 21st May**

Please consider taking the opportunity to visit our school for a tour on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, or Thursday 20th where you will see our current Prep students in their learning environment.

Children being enrolled must reach five years of age by April 30th 2022.

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. We hope to meet you on one of our school tours.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Page
Principal

**Tours take
approximately
45 minutes**

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Hey Mt Martha PS families, parents and students

We want to hear your voice to help us shape the future.

What do you want life to look like on the Mornington Peninsula in 2040?

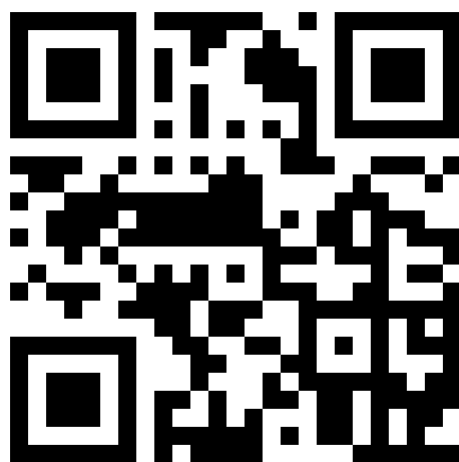
What do you love about living on the Mornington Peninsula?

What would you like to see change?

What opportunities would you like for your children growing up on the Peninsula?

Help shape the future ... we are listening.

Please head to mornpen.vic.gov.au/2040 or scan the QR code to complete the survey.





HAVE YOUR SAY!



Recreational MTB and BMX Facilities Strategy

- Where should dirt jumps, skills parks and pump tracks be located?
- How can we work with riders to manage jumps?
- Are skill development programs needed?
- What should a community education plan include?

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