



**Mt. Martha**  
Primary School

Mt Martha Primary School

**Principal**

Mrs Karen Walker

**Assistant Principal**

Mr Nick Orchard

**Mt Martha Primary  
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**BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 8th December 2022**

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

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Christmas Choir Concert-** Yesterday our Years 2-6 Choirs performed Christmas Carols in the amphitheatre. There were lots of families and friends in attendance to hear beautiful singing by the choirs and students who performed solo parts. The students looked wonderful in the Christmas attire and certain brought some Christmas spirit to all those in attendance. I would like to thank Leanne Rault our Performing Arts Specialist, Alyssah Armstrong (Year Two Teacher) and Victoria Rafeld (Year Five Teacher) for preparing the students for the performance, conducting the choir, and playing the piano to accompany the students. I unfortunately missed the last couple of songs due to yard supervision at the front gate. Mr Orchard thanked everyone at the end of the concert. I also would like to congratulate all the students on their wonderful performance and how proud we were of them.



**School Crossing** - Robyn our regular school crossing supervisor is currently on leave after the death of her husband Rob. He passed away after a short battle with cancer. We have sent flowers and the love and thoughts of our school community to Robyn and her family. She has had a long association with the school as her twin sons both attended MMPS. Robyn dropped into school today to thank the school community for the flowers and to decorate the crossing for the students that she knows many students enjoy. Robyn will return to the crossing during Term One next year.

**SEC Disco Tomorrow** - On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December we are having our End of Year School Disco. The Junior Disco for students in Prep - Year Three is from 5.00 - 6.15pm and the Senior Disco (Year Four - Year Six) runs from 6.30 - 8.00pm. Please note that students must be collected at the end of both discos from **inside** the Gym by a parent/carer.

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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

**SRC Salvos Wishing Tree** - Thank you to everyone for supporting the Sausage Sizzle and Free Dress Day. We raised \$1820 for the Salvation Army Christmas Wishing Tree. The students picked gifts that I purchased for our school community to donate. It has been a wonderful learning experience for our students who put so much thought into what they thought other children might like and for them to understand supporting others in times of need. We can appreciate that one of the most valuable lessons we can teach and pass onto our children is compassion, kindness, and thoughtfulness towards others. Even a small gesture can bring a smile to someone else's face. There will be lots of happy faces of children over Christmas due to the generosity of our school community. Thank you.

**Parents and Community Volunteers Morning Tea** - Last Friday we had our Thank You Morning Tea with a small number of parents who were able to attend. We are grateful for the support we received during 2022 from parent and community volunteers in our school programs! 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, Working Bees, Lost Property and on sporting and theme days etc. For those who attended I reinforced that it certainly does take a village to raise a child and that working together provides all our students with the best opportunity to grow academically and supports growth in their social and emotional wellbeing. Next year we will review the timing of our Parents and Community Volunteers Morning Tea to potentially find another time or event that would allow more volunteers to attend.

**Staffing 2023** - We will be welcoming new teachers to Mount Martha Primary School for 2023: Tayla Proietti, Abbie Mantle, Caitlyn Burchell and Britt Hoyle. Danielle Adcock, Karen Hodgkins, Lea Henderson, and Jason Cech will be on leave for 2023. Lyndal Gunn will be taking leave from Mount Martha Primary School to experience working in another school. We will farewell Shane O'Donohue, Ashleigh Voutier and Tai Rodwell and we thank them for their contribution to the students, staff, parents, and Mount Martha Primary School Community. We wish them well for the future. Martin Page will continue to be on leave from Mount Martha Primary School for Semester One of 2023. The Department of Education has confirmed that I will continue in this role for Martin's absence.

### RECAP OF PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

**Student Reports** - Semester 2 Reports for students will be available via Compass on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The reports provide both students and parents with information on their achievements, areas for improvement and how parents can assist with their learning at home. Congratulations students for your achievements this year!

**Step Up Day** - On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 11.45am - 12.45pm students will have a transition session with their 2023 class. It is an opportunity for students to meet their teacher/teachers and to spend time in their new room and with a new mix of students.

**Library Books and Take Home Readers** - The school has excellent literacy resources for our students including Library Books and Take-home Readers. Keeping our collection of resources for students to use year to year is important. Can parents have a look at home for any school books and return them to the classroom or Library as soon as possible? Thank you for your help.

**Final Assembly for 2022** - Our Final Assembly will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am** in the Gymnasium. We hope to see our school community attend the farewell assembly for the 2022 school year. School finishes for 2022 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December with a 1.30pm dismissal time.

**Start of School 2023** - Students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2023 on Tuesday 31st January. The 2023 Prep students will have interviews scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week and begin school on Friday 3rd February. Teachers return to school on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January undertaking important Professional Development and Planning to ensure a successful start to the year.

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### DECEMBER



**Friday 9th**

#### **Junior Disco**

5.00 - 6.15pm in Gym

#### **Senior Disco**

6.30 - 8.00pm in Gym



**Monday 12th**

#### **Step Up Session & New Student Orientation**

11.45am - 12.45pm

Students move to their 2023 classes

**Tuesday 13th**

#### **Year 6 Orientation Day**

Secondary Schools host an Orientation Day for all Year 6 students

#### **Year 6 Graduation Evening**

6.00 - 9.00pm in Gym

#### **Year 1 End of Year Celebration**

9.15 - 3.30pm

**Wednesday 14th**

#### **Year 6 Gumbuya World Excursion**

8.30am - 3.30pm



**Thursday 15th**

#### **Year 5 End of Year Celebration**

9.00am - 3.30pm

#### **Prep Enchanted Maze**

9.15am - 2.30pm

#### **Year 2 Enchanted Maze Adventure Garden**

9.15am - 2.30pm

**Friday 16th**

#### **Final Assembly in Gym**

9.15am - 10.30am

#### **Year 4 End of Year Celebration**

10.30am - 3.00pm

#### **Year 3 Max The Magician**

11.30am - 12.30pm

### 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.**

2023 EVENTS	COST	CLOSING DATE
Year 6A & 6B Beach Program	\$24	30/1/2023
Year 6C & 6D Beach Program	\$24	31/1/2023
Year 5A & 5B Beach Program	\$16.20	1/2/2023
Year 5C & 5D Beach Program	\$16.20	2/2/2023
Year 3A & 4B Beach Program	\$16.20	5/2/2023
Year 3B & 4A Beach Program	\$16.20	6/2/2023
Year 3C & 4C Beach Program	\$16.20	7/2/2023

#### **TERM DATES: 2022**



**Term 4** 3rd October to 20th December  
**(1.30pm dismissal)**

#### **TERM DATES: 2023**

**Term 1** 27th January to 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

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## LUNCH ORDER REMINDER



**Please note:** The last day to place a LUNCH ORDER will be Friday 16th December.



## 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 2023, 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 seven days.

Non-chemical: Use conditioner and comb with a head lice comb to remove the head lice and eggs and repeat every two days until no live lice have been found for ten 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 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.

First Aid

## LIBRARY NEWS



To assist with our end of year Library Stocktake we are asking parents to check at home for any Mt Martha Primary School Library books. Our records show many, many books have yet to be returned.

We thank you for your assistance.

Maria Harvey  
Library



## 2023 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>YEAR 1 - 6:</b>	<b>Commence 9.00am Tuesday 31st January 2023</b>
<b>PREP INTERVIEWS:</b>	<b>Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February and Thursday 2nd February</b> Parents please attend with your child
<b>PREPS START SCHOOL:</b>	<b>Friday 3rd February 9.00am - 2.15pm</b>
<b>PREPS START FULL DAYS:</b>	<b>Monday 27th February 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 1800 337 396 Trading Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm & Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm Online orders: <a href="http://www.psw.com.au">www.psw.com.au</a>
<b>BANKSIA BULLETIN:</b>	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 2nd February 2023



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## Christmas Crafts at Our Library

### HASTINGS LIBRARY

**Make your own Christmas Stocking**

Monday 5 December, 4-5pm

### SOMERVILLE LIBRARY

**Make your own Santa Decoration**

Friday 9 December, 4-5pm

### ROSEBUD LIBRARY

**Make your own Christmas Gnome**

Tuesday 13 December, 4-5pm

**Limited Places available - Bookings Essential**

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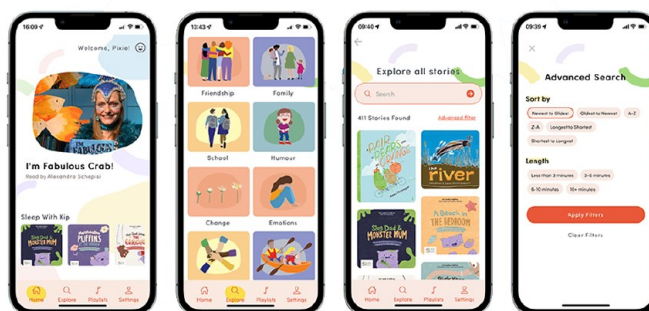
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### Summer 2023 School Holiday Program Dates:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 children | 9:00am start - 2:00pm finish

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## FAMILY FUN – Summer 2022/23

Sun filled days and the warm nights of summer at the Briars encourage us to slow down to a quieter, more relaxed pace. Make the most of summer celebrations and extend that summer holiday feeling by exploring the Briars and taking part in the activities on offer.

### Snakes – face your fear, embrace your fascination!\*

Snakes are sensitive creatures, very often misunderstood and therefore feared. They play a very important part in maintaining the health of our environment. Join us for a close-up encounter with these gentle creatures to help you better manage your fear or fascination! Empower yourself, learn how to identify Australian snakes, what snakes you might see at the Briars and what snakes live in your neighbourhood.

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
2pm – 2.45pm and 3.15 – 4.00pm | \$15 adult/child/concession

### Briars Junior Ranger – Who lives in my area?\*

Have you ever explored your backyard or local park to find out who lives there? A live animal encounter will introduce you to different native animals and will enable you to identify and differentiate between them. You will then be able to identify and classify what you find in your own backyard. Using your new Junior Ranger skills, we then play “Who Belongs Where?”, a custom-designed game for classifying reptiles, birds, mammals, amphibians, and invertebrates.

Suitable for kids 6 to 10 years old. Parents can take some time to relax as this program is for kids only.

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
10.30 – 12.00noon | \$29.90 per child

### We prefer the night!\*

#### Twilight trek and animal encounter

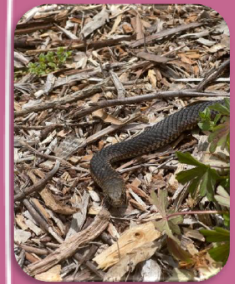
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Suitable for all ages. Children must bring an adult. If you require assistance or have accessibility questions, please give us a call on 5974 3686

Tuesday 10, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 January 2023  
8.00 – 9.30pm  
\$32 adult, \$25.90 concession/child

\*Bookings are essential for programs/walks and can be made by visiting [https://the\\_briars.eventbrite.com.au](https://the_briars.eventbrite.com.au)  
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