



Mt. Martha Primary School

Mt Martha Primary
Principal
Mr Martin Page

Assistant Principals
Mr Hugh O'Brien
Mrs Karen Walker

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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 9 December 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

Next week will be the last week of term and, once again, it has been building to be a very busy time of the year. Students have many activities planned next week. Please check the "Coming Events" and notifications.

Final Assembly for 2021 - Our final assembly will be held on **Thursday 16th December at 9.10am** once again via WeBex. In the lead up to Christmas we are once again very conscious of strategies to minimise the impact on our families' Christmas celebrations and vacation should we be unfortunate enough to experience another COVID transmission event. We hope to see many of our school community attend the farewell assembly for the 2021 school year as online guests. We will send the link for WebEx access in the near future.

Last Day of Term - A reminder that school finishes for 2021 on **Friday 17th December** with a **1.30pm dismissal time**. Please note the early pick up time. On this day we will not be running a lunch break. Our middle "block" after recess will run from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Parents should consider if their child requires a slightly larger snack to get them through the additional class time.

Student Reports - Semester 2 reports for students will be available via Compass on **Monday 13th December** after 3pm. Congratulations to all our students for your achievements this year!

Lunch Orders - Tomorrow **Friday 10th December** is the last lunch order day for 2021. 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 17th December**.

Urgent - Library Books and Take Home Readers - All library books and take home reading material should be returned to the classroom as soon as possible. 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.

Lost Property - We have accumulated an amount of Lost Property this term (mainly jumpers). If your child has lost anything please check our Lost Property section near the Art Room before the end of the year. QR code and proof of vaccination required. Thank you.

Bikes - We usually have some bikes that have been parked in the bike shed for an extended time. With the opportunity for some bike riding over the holidays, it is now time for the bikes to return home. The bike shed will be locked for the holidays. Thank you for your assistance.

Start of School 2022 - A note for your calendar that students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence school for 2022 on **Tuesday 1st February**. 2022 Prep students will have individual interviews scheduled for Tuesday 1st February to Thursday 3rd February inclusive. 2022 Preps start in classes on Friday 4th February from 9am to 2.15pm.

COVID Information - Thank you everyone for your ongoing assistance, understanding and patience this year as we have worked through a variety of strategies to limit transmission of COVID-19. We are still implementing strategies to limit both the risk of COVID transmission events and, if there is an event, the number of potential school based contacts. This is particularly important as we move to the Christmas season and vacation. Our usual set of COVID information is included in case quick reference is required.

Kind regards, Martin Page.

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.



Information for students and staff identified as School Based Contacts

If you are contacted and advised that you or your child is a school based contact the following DET/DH actions are required:

- Contacts will be required to complete a standard (PCR) test within 24 hours from when they are identified by the school as a contact.
- If the PCR test returns a negative result, the student can immediately return to school. Evidence of the negative result must be provided to the school. This can be a screen shot of the PCR result emailed to mount.martha.ps@education.vic.gov.au or viewed at the school office.
- It is strongly recommended that contacts complete 5 days of rapid antigen tests in the morning before they attend school.
- You will be able to obtain these testing kits from testing centres from Monday 22nd November if your child is required to complete a standard PCR test.
- During the recommended 5 day period of rapid antigen testing, any student or staff member who return a positive rapid antigen test result must notify the school and immediately get a standard PCR test.
- You must report positive PCR results to the school as soon as possible as this may trigger additional contact tracing to limit transmission.

In exceptional circumstances the Department of Health may determine that contacts in significant school outbreaks are still required to quarantine for seven days. In this scenario, students will be notified directly of any additional quarantine arrangements.

Please note also:

- Confirmed cases are required to complete 10 days of isolation rather than 14.
- Vaccinated household contacts will complete 7 days rather than 14 days of quarantine. This includes unvaccinated children under 12 years, if all members of their household are vaccinated. Other unvaccinated household contacts are required to complete 14 days of quarantine.
- The Department of Health has advised that if a person has recently recovered from a COVID infection, there is a 12 week period following symptom onset (or positive test if asymptomatic) that quarantine is not required therefore are not included as a primary close contact/school based contact.

If you or anyone in your family develops even the mildest of symptoms, please get tested.

If you have questions about what this means for our school, please call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663**, available 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday, and 10:00am to 3:00pm Saturday and Sunday.

If you are concerned you have COVID-19 you can call the DH COVID-19 hotline on **1800 675 398**, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION - ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONSITE LEARNING

Some important points to note:

1. A critical measure in control of COVID-19 in schools is that unwell students should not be sent to school or remain at school if 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.
2. Face masks must be worn by students in Years 3 to 6 when indoors at school and recommended for students in Prep to Year 2.
3. If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 the school will contact the Department of Education and Training (DET) who will direct the school in the next steps including provision of timelines and communication templates. The Regional Director determines whether the school will be shut to allow time for contact tracing and cleaning. Schools are required to follow the direction of DET in for action required, communication and timelines. Department of Health provides health advice to families. Testing and isolation of primary close contacts for a period of time is usually required.
4. The school day will commence at 9am as usual with students usually arriving at different times from about 8.30am. Please follow the "Kiss and Go" rules. This staggered arrival allows for a flow of students entering and easier physical distancing. **At the end of the day, students in Prep to Year 1 will finish at 3.30pm. Year 2 will also finish at 3.30pm when back onsite. Years 3 to Year 6 will finish school at 3.20pm.** A slightly earlier finish will allow an improved flow of students off site while still allowing siblings to meet if required for the walk home.
5. Siblings should have a pre-arranged and clearly understood outside meeting place if travelling home together.
6. Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if a parent/carer chooses to keep their child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, the remote learning program does not continue. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health, medical reasons or exceptional circumstances. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.
7. Students may choose to bring their own named water bottle. Drinking bottles can be refilled from taps during the day. Food is not to be shared.
8. A rigorous approach will be used by teachers to ensure all students wash/sanitise their hands each time upon entry and exit of rooms, before and after eating, after using the toilet and after coughing or sneezing. Students will be reminded of the need to cough or sneeze into their elbow and use tissues. All classrooms have handwashing and/or sanitiser available, tissues and antiseptic wipes. Parents may choose to supply their own child with sanitiser and tissues. Increased ventilation strategies are applied.
9. Enhanced cleaning of the school particularly including high touch points and toilets will be undertaken.
10. The Chief Health Officer has highlighted the importance of social distancing between adults as a key control measure and must continue to be practiced. Social distancing is not required amongst students onsite. Parents are encouraged to only be onsite for essential business. Parents must not enter classrooms or corridors. Communication with teachers will continue to be via gmail and telephone. The Office is open but social distancing is required. Early pick ups or late arrivals will be organised from the Office. Parents must not congregate at the school gates and must practice social distancing. Parents are encouraged to wait offsite at drop off and pick up. We recognise that in the initial days of returning to school some students, particularly Preps, may require a parent to walk them in to school or a pick up but over time we should all be working to minimise this.

IMPORTANT COVID INFORMATION - ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONSITE LEARNING

11. Essential visitors to school grounds must comply with density limits, face mask requirements, QR code/Compass Kiosk/manual check ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.
12. Parent volunteers must show proof of being double vaccinated prior to their assistance in school events.
13. We have also made changes to the way our staff work and have breaks to ensure social distancing as well.
14. Designated play equipment and areas already exist for our students and oval use is timetabled. This together with a large play area will mean that recess and lunchtimes will remain at their usual times. Close contacts are also now defined as accumulated close contact of greater than 2 hours

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

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

The COVID Hotlines remain another important source of information:

Dept of Health- 1800 1800 675 398

DET- 1800 338 663

(available 8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and 10am-3pm Saturday to Sunday, excluding public holidays).

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



DECEMBER



Friday 10th

Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary

9.00am - 1.30pm, Pearcedale

Tuesday 14th

Year 6 Graduation

4.45pm - Students arrive with family and friends

5.15pm - Students only gather for light meal

6.30pm - Award Ceremony. Students move to gym where they will be presented with their graduation certificates.

Two different ways family and friends can share in the ceremony

Option 1 - invited in person must be double vaccinated and be wearing a mask

Or Option 2 - Live stream at home via WebEx. (link will be forwarded later)

Wednesday 15th

Year 6 Gumbuya World

8.45am - 3.30pm, Tynong

Year 1 Dinosaur World

9.00am - 12.45pm, Somerville

Year 4 South Beach Lunch

10.30am - 3.00pm, Mount Martha

Year 5 Sausage Sizzle

10.45am - 1.00pm, Mount Martha

Thursday 16th

Year 3 Max The Magician

11.45am - 12.30pm, Mount Martha

Whole School Assembly Live Streaming via WebEx

9.10am

Friday 17th

Last day of Term 4 early dismissal

1.30pm



2022 FEBRUARY

Tuesday 1st

Students in Years 1-6 commence today

2022 Prep Interviews 1-3 February

Friday 4th

Preps start 9am - 2.15pm

Monday 28th

Preps commence **full time** 9am - 3.30pm

COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



With restrictions permitting, the below Events will be published to Compass once confirmed.

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.

SCHEDULED EVENTS (TO BE CONFIRMED)	PROPOSED DATE	COST
Year 3 Professor Bunsen	30th Nov	\$12
Years 5 & 6 Swim Sports Years 3 & 4 Swim Sports	Cancelled	\$6 payments will be credited to
Prep Enchanted Garden	8th Dec	\$28
Year 2 Reptile Encounters	8th Dec	\$15
Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary	10th Dec	\$21
Year 6 Gumbuya World	15th Dec	TBC
Year 1 Dinosaur World	15th Dec	\$28
Year 4 South Beach Lunch	15th Dec	\$10
Year 5 Sausage Sizzle	15th Dec	\$2
Year 3 Max The Magician	16th Dec	\$3

TERM DATES: 2021

Term 4 4th October to 17th December

TERM DATES: 2022

Term 1 28th January to 8th April
Tuesday 1st February 2022
Students in Years 1-6 commence
(Prep Interviews 1-3 February)

Term 2 26th April to 24th June

Term 3 11th July to 16th September

Term 4 3rd October to 20th December

The Year 6 Market

Last Thursday the Year 6 students hosted the Year 6 Market. This learning experience was a huge success!

Thank you to all the staff that did an amazing job to help on the day and thank you to all the families that supported the event through the purchase of a Market Pack.

From

The Year 6 Students



Special thanks to all the teachers that got dunked :-)

LUNCH ORDER REMINDER



Please note: There will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS on FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER** which is our last day of school.

The last day to place a Lunch Order will be Friday 10th 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 2022, 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.

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



2022 TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 1 - 6:	Commence 9.00am Tuesday 1st February 2022
PREP INTERVIEWS:	Tuesday 1st February, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd February Parents please attend with your child
PREPS START SCHOOL:	Friday 4th February 9.00am - 2.15pm
PREPS START FULL DAYS:	Monday 28th February 9.00am - 3.30pm
FEBRUARY OSHCP:	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.
SUNSMART POLICY:	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.
UNIFORM SHOP:	PSW School Uniform Shop 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: www.psw.com.au
BANKSIA BULLETIN:	The next publication of the Banksia Bulletin will be on Thursday 3rd February 2022

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Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, feeding animals and food prep, and animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment.
For ages 7-14 years.

Summer 2022 School Holiday Dates:

Thursday 6th
Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th
Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Thursday 20th, Friday 21st

Cost: \$99.00 per day
Small groups of 16 children

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

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HOLIDAY NEWS



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6:00PM END

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EXCURSION

3 rd JAN · MON	4 th JAN · TUE	5 th JAN · WED	6 th JAN · THU	7 th JAN · FRI
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	THE MYSTERY OF MAGNETS	ENDLESS SUMMER	ENCHANTED ADVENTURE GARDEN	DRAMA TIME: WHO DID IT?
	+ LITTLE NINJAS	+ ZAP! SPIRAL ART	+ BEAT THE CLOCK RELAYS	+ BALLOON MAKING KITS
	You'll want to stick with TeamKids for The Mystery of Magnets! We're exploring the magnificent magnetic field through a series of games & challenges. Will you be able to make something levitate like magic?	The skies are no longer grey & we're ready to play in Endless Summer. At TeamKids, we love the smell of the ocean & the sound of the waves. Together, we'll make Shell Mandalas, create Crab Hats & more.	Today, TeamKids has it made in the shade because we're exploring the Enchanted Adventure Garden! We'll make our way through the Turf Maze, stroll across the Canopy Walk & complete the Brain Teaser Puzzles.	We're keeping our eyes peeled at TeamKids as we become secret detectives for a day in Drama Time: Who Did It? Will we be able to put all the clues together to solve the mystery in this drama-based workshop?
	Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total \$94.50	Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee** \$8.00 Daily Total \$85.50	Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee** \$35.00 Daily Total \$112.50	Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee** \$16.00 Daily Total \$93.50
	After Max CCS* \$14.18	After Max CCS* \$12.83	After Max CCS* \$20.95	After Max CCS* \$14.03

10 th JAN · MON	11 th JAN · TUE	12 th JAN · WED	13 th JAN · THU	14 th JAN · FRI
ESCAPE TO SPACE	BOWLING	MĀORI WELCOME CEREMONY	MOVIE - CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG	ROBO BLOCKS
+ FIZZ ROCKETS	+ SWAP BEFORE THEY HOP	+ CRAZY 3D FISH	+ SHARKS 'N' MINNOWS	+ SPEED BOUNCE GAME
It's time to blast off because this day will be out of this world! Today, TeamKids is making an Escape to Space. We'll make Jupiter Orbiter Craft, create Erupting Moon Rocks & play Saturn Ring Toss.	There's no time to spare! TeamKids is hosting our very own bowling tournament & we need your help to knock down as many pins as possible! Are you & your friends up for the challenge? *Socks required.	Did you know that the Māori culture of New Zealand is over 1000 years old?! We'll learn all about a traditional New Zealand Māori welcome through song and the Haka in this fun, high-energy interactive showcase.	TeamKids is off to the movies to see this season's blockbuster, Clifford the Big Red Dog! We'll get to see our tiny puppy friend grow to a mind-boggling size. *Allergy alert, packet popcorn provided.	What's a robot's favourite type of music? Heavy metal! We're stretching our imaginations as we construct & play with mechanical LEGO robot figures. We'll use smart bricks, motors & sensors to get the job done.
Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee** \$7.00 Daily Total \$84.50	Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee** \$32.00 Daily Total \$109.50	Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee** \$14.00 Daily Total \$91.50	Base Fee \$68.50 Exp Fee** \$30.00 Daily Total \$107.50	Base Fee \$77.50 Exp Fee** \$17.00 Daily Total \$94.50
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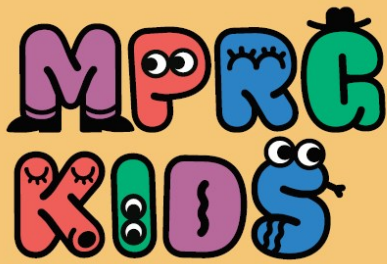
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- * Free activity book
- * Mini MP - a miniature art trail by Seaford artist Tinky

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