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BANKSIA BULLETIN - Thursday 9th March 2023

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Council -We were delighted to have six parents nominate for School Council. Having the opportunity to have additional parents interested in taking on this important role within our school community is very much appreciated. Having additional parent input allows the school to have increased parent voice in our continuous improvement journey. It certainly does take a village to raise a child and working together provides all our students with the best opportunity to grow academically and supports growth in their social and emotional wellbeing. The school currently has a diverse range of rich curriculum and co curricular activities. Our School Council is committed to:

- The continuous improvement of an environment in which the student and parent/ carer voice is genuinely recognised, fostered, celebrated and one that influences positive change within the learning community.
- Working with students, staff, parents, School Council, and our local community to educate the whole child for every student in our school.
- Evaluating our practises to ensure we are preparing students for the ever-changing world in line with community values and expectations.
- Supporting positive relationships, planning event, and developing strong school community connections.

At the close of the election process the elected as members of the parent member category of Mount Martha Primary School Council are

- Liana Cope
- Tara Moore
- Clement Murphy

We can offer co-option onto School Council in the three unfilled community positions to

- Jacqueline Hanley
- Belinda Hengel
- Suzanne Thomas

Reminder Whole of School Photos - School photos will be on **Thursday 16th March**. Further information in this addition of the Banksia Bulletin on how to order photos. Please if parents would like a 'family photo, which means having siblings combined, they need to pre-order by **4.30pm on Wednesday 15th March**.

Welcome - Welcome to our new student Roxy K in Year 6 and her family who have re-joined our school community this week.

Continued

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

Uniform Reminder - With the cooler months ahead students will be starting to wear jumpers more regularly. A reminder to check that jumpers are named with a name that may be clearly read to allow easy return from Lost Property. Jumpers make up most of our lost items. A reminder that non-school uniform jumpers/hoodies e.g., from sporting teams are not to be worn whilst at school. The school uniform policy is available on the school website. A reminder that the "Uniform Exchange" operates in the gym foyer and is a great way to recycle uniform items. Thank you for your assistance.

NAPLAN 2023 - The 2023 NAPLAN testing window begins next Wednesday 15th March for students in Years 3 and 5. Below is a copy of the school schedule. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher or me. Attached to this newsletter are further details for parents.

Practise tests are available at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site> for those who are interested.

DAY	Year 3	Year 5	Catch Up Testing
Wednesday 15 th March	Writing 40 minutes (paper) 9.30am-10.30 window	Writing 42 minutes (online) 11.30-12.30 window	
Thursday 16 th March	Reading 45 minutes Online 9.30-10.30 window	Reading 50 minutes Online 11.30-12.30 window	Writing
Friday 17 th March	Conventions of Language 45 minutes Online 9.30-10.30 window	Conventions of Language 45 minutes Online 11.30-12.30 window	
Monday 20 th March	Numeracy 45 minutes Online 9.30-10.30 window	Numeracy 50 minutes Online 11.30-12.30 window	
Tuesday 21 st March to Monday 27 th March	Catch Up Testing Numeracy, Reading and Language Conventions		

Warm Regards

Karen Walker

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events



MARCH

Thursday 9th
School Council Meeting Tonight
6.45pm in Staff Centre

Friday 10th
Year 4 Hip Hop Incursion
9.30am - 1.00pm
MMPS

Year 1 YAWA Swimming Program
YAWA Aquatic Centre, Rosebud
1A & 1C: 12.30 - 1.00pm 1B & 1D: 1.00 - 1.30pm

Monday 13th
Labour Day Public Holiday
Students do not attend school today



Tuesday 14th
Year 2 YAWA
YAWA Aquatic Centre, Rosebud
2C & 2D: 12.30 - 1.00pm 2A & 2B: 1.00 - 1.30pm

Wednesday 15th - Monday 20th
Naplan Testing Period Yrs 3 & 5 Students

Wednesday 15th
Year 2 Indigenous VR Incursion
MMPS

Year 3 & 4 Film Festival
9.30-10 3A 10-10.30 3B 10.30-11 3C 11.30-12 4C
12-12.30 4B 12.30-1 4A



Thursday 16th
Whole School Photos
8.30am - 2.00pm



Friday 17th
Year 4 Hip Hop Dance
9.30am - 12.30pm
MMPS

Year 1 YAWA Swimming Program
YAWA Aquatic Centre, Rosebud
1A & 1C: 12.30 - 1.00pm 1B & 1D: 1.00 - 1.30pm

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
I Sea I Care Moonraker (selected students only)	\$80	9/3/2023
Year 2 VR Aboriginal Australia	\$16	12/3/2023
Year 6 CYC City Camp	\$340	13/3/2023
Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp	\$375	26/4/2023

TERM DATES: 2023

Term 1 27th January to Thursday 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

TERM DATES: 2024

Term 1 29th January to 28th March

Year 1 - 6 students commence
Wednesday 31st January

Term 2 15th April to 28th June
Term 3 15th July to 20th September
Term 4 7th October to 20th December

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023

MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL - PHOTO DAY THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2023

ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

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Mt Martha Primary School - 2023

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- 1 Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
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Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day.
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



NAPLAN Information for parents and carers

2023

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are more engaging for students. One of the main benefits is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), or our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What if my school is closed on NAPLAN days?

Schools with compelling reasons may be given permission to schedule tests after the 9-day test window.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may have fewer devices.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Schools are advised to schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

How is my child's performance reported?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. This scale indicates whether the student is meeting expectations for the literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA handles personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 students do the writing test on paper (on day 1 only) • Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations) 	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be completed after the writing test • To be completed before the conventions of language test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be completed after the reading test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be completed after the conventions of language test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

SPORTS NEWS



DISTRICT SWIMMING

On Monday 6th March, our school swimming team competed in the Mornington District Swimming Carnival at YAWA Leisure Centre in Rosebud.

All students represented our school against strong competition with some pleasing results. Overall Mount Martha finished 4th in the District. Some students have succeeded to progress onto the Division Championships. Best of luck to the following students with the hopes of moving through to the Regional Championships late this term.

Elton M Harry P Sam D H Alexis C Koen S Val J

Thank you very much to Mr Whelan and Mrs Giles for assisting without school team. Also a huge thank you to the parents that not only came to support their own children but the school.

JOGGING CLUB

Jogging Club has started!!! Every student has either the same card or a new card ready for 2023. Prep students will be taken around the track during a PE lesson or by classroom teacher so they become familiar with the route that needs to be followed. If they aren't quite sure of the track, the 2023 Sports Leaders will assist them by with doing a lap. Certificates for milestones will be presented at year level assemblies.



The track is as follows: **Start at Basketball courts near Prep playground, run around all three basketball courts and head down the ramp towards the oval. Running around the oval on the red track, continuing up past the gym on path past Prep playground and down to get cards marked off by Sports Leaders in orange vests.**

Jogging Club runs every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings at 8:40

Cameron Sweatman

PE Teacher



Term 1, 2023

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For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

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