



Banksia Bulletin

M T M A R T H A P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

Thursday 1st February, 2018

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

Principal Report

Welcome Back to Mount Martha Primary School for 2018. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and restful holiday! 2018 promises to be another fantastic school year and I am really pleased with our very smooth start. It was wonderful to see how happy and enthusiastic the students were as they returned to school! The students have quickly settled in to their new classes. Organisation is a real focus for the first few days as students become familiar with the class and school routines. On the first two pupil free days, staff updated training in management of anaphylaxis and made the most of valuable curriculum planning and preparation time for the year ahead. Our improvement focus this year will to improve our curriculum and practices in Reading and Numeracy to ensure we are meeting the learning needs of each of our students.

In 2018 we have some new staff join us at Mount Martha Primary School. Welcome to Ms Rebecca Moulton, Mr Shane O'Donohue and EJ Hassan. Welcome back Mrs Lucinda Cooper who has returned to the school after being on leave in 2017. Attached is a staff list for information.

Our 2018 Preps start in their Prep class next Monday and have been participating in the Prep Interview process this week. The first day of school is always a very exciting day and we wish them a wonderful time at Mt Martha Primary School!

A huge welcome to our new students and families who are joining our school community for 2018

Year 1: Lucinda, Byron
Year 2: Zara, Juliette, Luca, Stephanie
Year 3: Samuel, Flynn, Lucinda, Mia, Camryn, Jocelyn, Mackenzie
Year 4: Toby, Michael, Lachlan, Harvey, Ava
Year 5: Abby
Year 6: Charlotte, Liam

Meet The Teacher - Establishing a relationship and lines of communication with your child's teacher is an important part of their education. To assist this we are having two "Meet The Teacher" sessions. The first is on **Tuesday 20th February for Years Prep, One, Two and Three** and **Wednesday 21st February for Years Four, Five and Six**. Sessions run between 3.50pm and 8.30pm. Bookings will be via Compass.

Keeping Up To Date - There are always many things happening at Mount Martha Primary School and there is always a need to keep informed. Communication of these events is important allowing everyone to know not only the event but also if any action is required at home or if there is an opportunity to be involved. We have increased our use of the Compass program in 2018, commencing with the parent use of the online permission and payment facility for excursions, incursions and camp. Parents will no longer be required to return hard copies of permission notices. Please continue to use Compass for notification of student absences or leave a message on the Absence Line 03 5973 7700. If you signed up for Compass you should have already received a notification of some of our forthcoming events and an opportunity to pay online if required. It is easy and saves time. We are also increasingly using Compass for our messaging directly to parents as well which is great for reminders or information eg bus times for camps, etc. If you are not signed up for Compass please contact the Office for a unique sign in code. It really will help to "keep you in the loop"!

Classroom teachers will let you know of events via notes, classroom blogs or notices at the classroom. Please sign up to the classroom blogs as they give a great insight into the work occurring there. The Banksia Bulletin is another source of important school information which we will continue to sent home but we will be transitioning during 2018 to more access via Compass as well as the school website. We also encourage the sharing of information which is relevant to your child's program or requirements directly with the classroom teacher. Of course questions can also be directed to the Office or Hugh, Karen or myself.

Being Involved. There are many ways to be involved in the school. This may be as a helper in the classroom or at activities or in the SEC or School Council. Your help is always appreciated, your children love to see you involved and many long term friendships have been formed at school events.

I am really looking forward to another terrific year in 2018!

Kind regards

Martin Page

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Friday 2nd

- Prep Interviews

Monday 5th

- 2018 Preps commence 9.00am - 2.15pm
- Year 6 Beach Program

Tuesday 6th

- Year 5 Beach Program

Wednesday 7th

- Year 5 Beach Program

Thursday 8th

- Year 4 Beach Program

Friday 9th

- Year 4 Beach Program

Monday 12th

- Year 6 Beach Program

MARCH

Monday 5th

- 2018 Preps commence 9.00am - 3.30pm

Monday 12th

- **Labour Day Holiday**
STUDENTS DO NOT
ATTEND SCHOOL

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday February 8th
6.45pm
in the Staff Centre

2018 Staff List

Principal	Mr Martin Page
Assistant Principals	Mr Hugh O'Brien Mrs Karen Walker
Prep	Ms Jessica Dixon Mrs Danielle Trimnell Mrs Jane Doye Mrs Danielle Adcock Mrs Julie Moncrieff
Year 1	Mr Shane O'Donohue Mrs Kris Colson Mrs Janine McAuley Miss Lea Henderson Ms Rebecca Moulton Mrs Kimberley Klan
Year 2	Miss Alice Eadie Mrs Kelly Cartwright Mrs Jeanette Goode Mrs Megan Kohlman Ms Karen Hodgkins Mrs Esther Kuilboer Mrs Alicia Latify
Year 3	Mr Jason Antoniou Miss Alexandra Keates Mrs Lyndal Gunn Mr Daniel Vercoe
Year 4	Mr Ross Hamaline Mrs Jill Bull Ms Jeny Wallace Mrs Joelle Rubinstein Mrs Despi O'Connor Mrs Anne Marie Paterson
Year 5	Mrs Sally Giles Mrs Jenny Spiridis Mr Jason Cech Mr Justin Whelan Mrs EJ Hassan Ms Mary O'Brien (leave)
Year 6	Mr Michael Beirne Mr Darrel Hartwig Ms Donna Gadsby Mrs Lucinda Cooper Ms Sarah Bell
Specialists	Mrs Julie Christie Mrs Sarah Forward Mrs Leanne Rault Mr Cameron Sweatman Mr Bill Nickeas
Office	Mrs Lindie Hartwig Ms Anna Goss Mrs Gina McMartin Ms Debra Tate
First Aid	Mrs Lorraine Stuart
Support	Mrs Maria Harvey Mrs Kerry Spiers Mrs Sharalyn Marchant
Out of School Hours Care - Mrs Gillian Reid Mrs Jane Moore	
Maintenance - Mr Andrew Pryor	

FIRST AID NEWS

Updated Plans and Current Medication required

As we begin the new school year to ensure that we can provide accurate medical care for your child/ren could you please supply 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 to the First Aid Room as soon as possible. Please also supply any required medication in its original packaging ensuring that it has a current use by date.

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.

Lorraine Stuart

First Aid Officer



**Safer
Internet
Day 2018** | **Tuesday
6 February**

CREATE, CONNECT AND SHARE RESPECT

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of the safe and positive use of digital technology, and to explore the role we can all play in creating a better and safer online community. Coordinated by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner nationally, and celebrated in 130 countries, this year's theme is: 'Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you.'

Tuesday 6th February is **Safer Internet Day** and is a good time to discuss Internet Safety with your child. We will be discussing Internet safety at school and reminding students of our school acceptable Internet use agreement, which is signed by families and students upon enrollment at our school. We have a Prep - Year 2 and Year 3 - 6 internet acceptable use agreement. Copies of the agreements are available in the office foyer and can be also be downloaded from the Digital Technologies blog. The internet agreements will also be posted on class blogs along with some videos to promote class and family discussion for International Safer Internet day.

Class blogs will be updated for the new year and ready for families to subscribe to in time for our school Meet the Teacher interviews. We would love our school and wider community to follow our class blogs and interact with them by posting comments. We encourage you to share your thoughts as they relate to the learning showcased on our blogs. Commenting is what makes our blogs come alive. It allows the opportunity to connect to a wide and authentic audience, and improve literacy skills. Please be sure to leave a comment if you visit our blog! We look forward to receiving and replying to your comments.

There are many excellent resources and games for students of all ages and also informative parent information about Cyber safety available on the [Children's eSafety Commissioner](#) website. The school Digital Technologies blog has a [parent page](#) with links to parent information.

Scan the below code to view parent information about Cyber Safety.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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| laptops & tablets | lessons & activities |
| uniforms & shoes | books & supplies |
| sports fees & gear | camps & excursions |

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.saverplus.org.au for more information.

Contact
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CONTACTS

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Office Hours 8.30am-4.15pm Monday - Friday

OSHCP: 0407 438 858

Uniform Shop: 1800 337 396

Tuesdays: 8.45am-9.45am

Thursdays: 3.00pm-4.00pm

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& Sat 10am - 1.00pm.



A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve is reserved for STAFF PARKING. Please use Eco Park or Glenisla Dve.

Mt Martha Primary School strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please alert the office to any hazards.

SCHOOL TERMS 2018

TERM 1 31st January to 29th March 2018

TERM 2 16th April to 29th June 2018

TERM 3 16th July to 21st September 2018

TERM 4 8th October to 21st December 2018

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