



# Banksia Bulletin

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

Thursday 15th March, 2018

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

## Principal Report

**Year 5 and 6 Class Photos** - A reminder that tomorrow we will be having class photos for our Year 5 and 6 students. The photographers will also be taking individual photos for students who were involved in the Somers District Camp last week. Envelopes with payment should be returned on the day. Please ensure all students are in uniform.

**Planning Week** - Next week is planning week. During this week our Specialist Timetable is reorganised with students having their specialist subjects on one day rather than throughout the week. This allows our teachers some valuable team planning time. Students should bring any equipment required for specialist subjects on their designated day. E.g. runners for PE. Please refer to the timetable below.

**Banksia Bulletin** - As part of our implementation of Compass we will be moving to an electronic version of our weekly newsletter, the Banksia Bulletin. This change will occur from the start of Term 2. We will run off some hard copies of the newsletter which will be available for collection from the Office. While still providing information to our community we are looking forward to reducing the costs associated with producing the hard copy of the newsletter. Parents will continue to receive a Push Notification via Compass. The newsletter will display as a Newsfeed on the right hand side of your screen, simply click on the attachment to view the Banksia Bulletin.

**Absence Line** - Please note that from the start of Term 2 the Absence Line will no longer be in operation. Parents should access Compass to notify the school if their child is absent. Thank you.

**Working With Children Checks** - The school appreciates the assistance that volunteers provide in our programs and with more opportunities to assist during the year the Working With Children Check (WWCC) is a key part of the processes for this assistance to occur. The Working with Children Check (WWCC) involves a screening process and is designed to assist in keeping children safe. It is valid for 5 years, is transferrable between volunteer organisations and is free of charge for volunteers but cannot therefore be used for paid employment.

At school if you are a parent/ immediate relative volunteering in an activity that is under the direct supervision of the teacher and that your child participates in or normally participates in eg within a classroom you do not need a check. Certain occupations eg Police Officers or VIT registered teachers are also exempt from requiring a check. If, however, the activity is not under the direct supervision of the teacher whether on or offsite then a WWCC is required. We always require a WWCC for parent helpers on such activities as excursions and camps as there is the potential for assistance to be required when a teacher is not there to directly supervise. This means that volunteers that are not immediate relatives but offer to assist in the school require a check.

Further information on how to apply can be accessed at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

**End of Term One** - A reminder that **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** is the last day of Term One. Please note the earlier dismissal time of **2.30pm**. We will be having a whole school "end of term" assembly on the Thursday commencing at 9.10am. Term 2 commences on Monday 16th April.

Kind regards, Martin Page.

## TERM 1 PLANNING WEEK AT MMPS

Next week our staff will participate in Planning meetings in preparation for Term 2. During Planning Week our usual timetable for Specialists Programs is suspended. Students still enjoy a Specialist program that week but these sessions all occur on one day of the week (see below) rather than being timetabled throughout the week.

Please take note of which day your child/ren have their Planning Day as this may require you to consider the proper footwear for Physical Education. Not all classes do every Specialist class as a number of Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) are used to support Planning days as well.

**Yr 4 and 5 classes on Monday 19 March**  
**Yr 1 and 6 classes on Tuesday 20 March**  
**Yr 2 and 3 classes on Wednesday 21 March**  
**Prep classes on Thursday 22 March**  
**Specialist teachers on Friday 23 March**

Hoping this information proves to be useful in selecting footwear on these particular days.

Thanks for your cooperation.

**Kids Matter Team**

## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

**Friday 16th**

- Year 1 Kings Swim
- **Year 5 & 6 Class Photos today**  
(Individual photos for students who attended Somers Camp)

**Tuesday 20th**

- Year 4 Hip Hop

**Wednesday 21st**

- SEC AGM 7pm  
in Staff Centre

**Thursday 22nd**

- Year 2 King Swim
- Year 1 King Swim

**Friday 23rd**

- Year 4 rescheduled  
Beach Program
- Year 1 King Swim

**FREE DRESS DAY**

Gold coin donation  
proceeds go to RCH



**AFTER SCHOOL SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE 3.30pm**



**\$2 Sausage in  
bread & \$1  
icy poles  
Meet in Area C**

**Monday 26th – Wed 28th**

- Year 6 CYC City Camp  
Departs: 7.30am  
Returns: 5.00pm

**Wednesday 28th**

- Regional Swimming  
Competition

**Thursday 29th**

- **FINAL DAY TERM 1**  
**EARLY DISMISSAL**  
**2.30PM**

### APRIL

**Monday 16th**

- **TERM 2 COMMENCES**

**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**Thursday 10th May**

**6.45pm in the Staff Centre**



**SRC Sausage Sizzle and Crazy Colour Free Dress**

The Royal Children's Hospital do an amazing job looking after patients and their families. Next Friday (23rd March) the SRC are organising a fundraiser for 'The Royal Children's Hospital Appeal'. They are hoping you can join them in an 'After School Sausage Sizzle'. The "Sizzle" will commence at 3:30pm and the students and teachers will enjoy cooking up a storm out the front of Mount Martha Primary School. A sausage in bread will be \$2 and Icy Poles will be \$1. Make sure you follow your nose and join in to help raise funds for The Royal Children's Hospital.



Next Friday will also be a FREE DRESS DAY where we can all bring a gold coin donation and wear 'Crazy Colours' to raise more funds for this worthwhile cause.

Thanks for your support. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

SRC



**WANTED:**

**Small Succulent or Geranium Cuttings.**

Please bring in to school as soon as possible.

The Banksia Botanists will be propagating these before the end of term.

These will be used for activities on **Gold for Green Day**.

Could they be delivered to Mrs. Spiridis' classroom. Room 5 Melrose.

# *Keeping you in the Literacy Loop*



Over the coming weeks we will be including some important information for parents in our Literacy Loop Article. The Primary English Teaching Association Australia (PETAA) has produced a wonderful document titled, **"A Parents' Guide to helping children with reading and writing at home."** by **Kaye Lowe**. We will be including this as part of the school bulletin in the hope that parents and carers can be more informed about the reading and writing process and how critical a collaborative approach between home and school is to the literacy success for children.

**You make a difference to your children's reading journey. Your role as an advocate for your children's reading success cannot be overestimated. It has a direct impact on the ease and confidence with which they pursue their reading and writing.**

It is the joy and love of sharing a good book on a nightly basis that sets the foundation for their reading success, and ensures that reading is given the priority it deserves. Reading regularly with someone who cares is the inspiration that all readers deserve.

As parents and carers, you create the home context for reading and set the tone for how reading is valued. Fear, anxiety, stress and humiliation have no place in the reading experience. The 'payoff' for reading together has to be worth coming back to night after night after night. When reading together is the best time of your children's day and the best time of your day, it is worth turning up. The right book infused with fun, laughter, and love goes a long way in creating life-long readers who in thirty years' time recall with joy being snuggled on the lounge with you and their favourite book.



The vast majority of parents are committed to their children's literacy success and would do whatever it takes to find a solution if and when their children struggle with reading. They know how important it is. Parents want to know, they ask:

- What can I do to help my child learn to read?
- How are children taught to read and write at school?
- How can I avoid feeling frustrated especially when I have told my child the same word five times and he still does not know it?
- How do I eliminate the stress associated with reading at home?
- She wants me to read the same book again and again ... what can I do?
- He says he hates reading ... what can I do about that?
- The only thing I know to say is what I remember from when I was at school ... I say 'Sound it out', but it doesn't seem to work with most words. What else can I say?
- What can I do to help when English is my second language and I cannot read well myself? I worry that it will have a negative impact on my child's reading. Will it?

These are just a few of the many questions that parents ask. Children benefit when parents and teachers collaborate to share information and seek answers to these questions. Fundamental to understanding what is happening in today's classrooms is communication, and this guide informs parents about current, effective literacy practices and why they are important. Often, sensational, misconstrued and ill-informed reports are perpetuated in the media leaving parents confused and worried. With this guide, PETAA seeks to eliminate some of these fears.

**Reading and writing together with your child should not be construed as a test. Rather, it is an opportunity for you to get to know your child as a learner — a learner striving to be literate.**

# The proven benefits of reading with your child

Parents and carers who read aloud with children in a secure, safe and comfortable context motivate their children to read.

Parents' perceptions, values, attitudes, and expectations play an important role in influencing their children's attitudes toward reading, and subsequent literacy development. When children share a book with someone who makes them feel special, the attitude that reading is pleasurable is transferred to other reading encounters.



## Relationship building

At the core of reading is a relationship and it is the bond between children and parents that is enhanced through reading together. It only takes ten minutes a day to build this relationship.

## Children's reading improves

The research is conclusive: When parents successfully support their children's literacy learning from an early age, everyone benefits. When teachers and parents work together to support children's reading and academic success, learning outcomes for all children improve.

## Children read more

Students who read with their parents are better prepared for school. They begin school with knowledge of book language and familiarity with concepts of print. They understand how books work and have many more exposures to text types and vocabulary.

## Children's self-esteem improves

Knowing someone cares enough to take time out of a busy schedule to give you undivided attention around a book makes a significant difference to how students perceive themselves as learners and readers. When parents show an interest in their children's learning, children respond positively.

## Reading unites families through shared stories

When a family reads together, stories form a common ground for communicating. Stories bind families and help students make sense of where they fit in the world.

Not only does parent involvement have a specific and profound impact on children's reading, but also on children's language and literacy learning in general. It is through interactions with parents and carers that children learn new vocabulary, seek clarification of new understandings, and learn to comprehend their expanding worlds. Talk is the key to reading and writing success. Talking with children (walking to school, at the table, in the car, bedtime) has a significant effect on literacy learning in general.

**NEXT WEEK: How do children learn to read? What parents need to know!**





## SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE NOTICEBOARD

Hello Families,

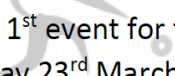
Well it is coming up to 2 years since I took over as President from our lovely Trish Pell, who did a Super job by the way, now it is time for me to pass on the role to another Parent. I have absolutely loved being involved in my children's school and getting to know the school and staff a whole lot more. Not to mention meeting so many wonderful families. Yes, that does mean one of you need to give it a go! You will not regret it and your kids will be proud of you and your involvement in school activities.

There are many sub-committees for most events so trust me you are not alone. And probably like me, have those friends and family with you that will help out too.

I am happy to stay on the committee and will also stay on the sub-committee for the Carnivale, which we have postponed this year so that we can make it a March event from now on, so the next one is March 2019.

***So think about it, nab your friends to join the committee too...put your flair and touch to events, bring some new ideas, thought you could do it better or slightly differently NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!***

***IF YOU CAN GET KIDS OUT THE DOOR EACH MORNING - YOU CAN DO THIS....SEE YOU AT THE AGM.***



Our 1<sup>st</sup> event for the year is planned so all come along to our Barefoot Bowls Night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. See the flyer for more details. Last year was a great social night and we all met some lovely new parents. ***PLEASE COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN....ESPECIALLY YOU NEW PARENTS....GREAT CHANCE TO EITHER GET A GROUP TOGETHER OR COME ALONE AND MEET SOME NEW PEEPS.*** Only \$20 per

person. The food was really good too and drinks very reasonable. See you there. Have a great week.

Cheers,

Elle & SEC Team

## CALENDAR OF SEC EVENTS

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar SEC AGM staff centre 7pm

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March Bare Foot Bowls & BBQ for  
Parents – MM Bowls Club

JOIN:  Mt Martha P.S Social Noticeboard.

CONTACT: [ellebaker2006@gmail.com](mailto:ellebaker2006@gmail.com)

### **COMPASS & GOING PAPERLESS**

As you know this year we are trying to go paperless so please always check your Compass App & Banksia Bulletin for events and how to pay for them. Once you do the 1<sup>st</sup> one you will realise how easy it is.

So give it a go by coming along to our 1<sup>st</sup> event for the year – Bare Foot Bowls.

- Open compass App
- Click on menu top left corner then go to “Open in Browser”
- Right hand side of screen will see under heading “My News” there will be **Course Confirmation/School Payments**
- Tap on “Click to Proceed”
- Tap on a child’s name – it doesn’t matter which one.
- Tap Proceed
- Under amount you can change this depending on how many people you are paying for.
- Go to “Enter payment details”.
- Complete that page.....
- **YOU ARE ALL DONE.....**only took me 1 minute to do it on my phone.



MOUNT MARTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# BAREFOOT BOWLS PARENT'S NIGHT



FRIDAY 23rd MARCH, 7pm – 11pm  
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Week 1: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April

Week 2: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Fri 13<sup>th</sup> April  
10am–4pm

Cost: \$75.00 per day, or \$210 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Maximum 16 children per day.

### Bookings essential as spaces are limited

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### PLAYERS WANTED

Mount Martha Basketball Club are inviting new players to join our club.

If your child is interested in playing please contact the club leaving details of child's name, date of birth and school year at:

[mountmarthabasketball@gmail.com](mailto:mountmarthabasketball@gmail.com)

The new season will begin at the start of Term 2 so please email your interest in well before the end of Term 1 to allow adequate time for team allocations and communications prior to registrations.

### Our kids matter.

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### 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

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