



Banksia Bulletin

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

Thursday 29th 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

End of Term - Term One finishes today with Good Friday tomorrow. Congratulations to all our students for a fantastic term! They have all settled in well to the new school year with some fantastic achievements and participation in our program and trying their very best. Special congratulations to our 2018 Preps and students who have started at the school this term. Settling in to a new school can be an additional challenge and they have done a great job. Thank you also staff and families for your assistance this term as we get our year underway.

Term 2 commences on Monday 16th April. Please remember that hats are still required until the end of April as part of the Sun Smart policy.

Year 6 Camp - Our Year 6 had a terrific time on the Urban Camp on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They were certainly excellent ambassadors for our school and enjoyed activities and experiences that were different from their usual environment in Mount Martha! Thank you parents and staff for attending and helping to make the camp so successful.

Holiday Use of the School Grounds - A reminder that if you are onsite during the school holidays and see any inappropriate behaviour our advice is not to approach those concerned but to report the behaviour to Mornington Police Station, 5970 4900 and DET Security on 9589 6266. Thank you for your assistance. We appreciate our community's additional monitoring.

Banksia Bulletin - A reminder that from the start of next term we will be moving to an electronic version of our weekly newsletter. The newsletter will be available using Compass. Some hard copies of the newsletter will be available for collection from the Office.

Absence Line - A reminder also 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.

Have a very safe, enjoyable and restful holiday!

Kind regards,

Martin Page.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Thursday 29th

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

- **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY IN GYM**
9.10AM



APRIL

Monday 16th

- **TERM 2 COMMENCES**
- Year 3 Rainforestation Incursion

Wednesday 18th

- Year 5 Cranbourne Botanic Gardens Excursion
9.00am - 3.15pm

Friday 20th

- Year 5 & 6 Summer Lightning Premiership
9.00am - 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th

- **ANZAC DAY**
Students do not attend school today



Thursday 26th

- Year 2 Gould League Excursion
8.45am - 3.15pm

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 10th May

6.45pm in the Staff Centre



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Year 6 KidsMatter Leaders 2018

Our Year 6 KidsMatter Leaders have been working with Mrs Hodgkins to promote KidsMatter and You Can Do It in our school. One of their roles is to assist junior students in the Library at lunchtimes with quiet activities, as well as reading stories to Preps and other students.

Another important role the leaders have is out in the playground at lunchtimes to assist students with finding friends, sorting out minor friendship issues, helping with getting along skills and supporting the teachers on yard supervision. They have also been teaching the Preps games such as 'Fruit Salad' and 'Duck, duck, goose'. The Year 6 KidsMatter Leaders wear fluoro pink vests so that students can easily find them in the yard if they need help at playtime. They have been very enthusiastic about taking on these responsibilities and working to help others. Great work Charlie, Stelios, Kayla, Cooper, Claire, Marcus, Stevie, Jasmine, Summer and Evie!





SRC Fundraiser for the Kids

On behalf of the SRC, we would like to say a big thank you to the Mount Martha school community for supporting our first fundraiser for 2018. With our Free Dress Day and Sausage Sizzle, we raised \$1967 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Thank you to those who stayed after the bell to cook the BBQ, take money and sell icy poles - such great community spirit for a wonderful cause!

Thank you

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.

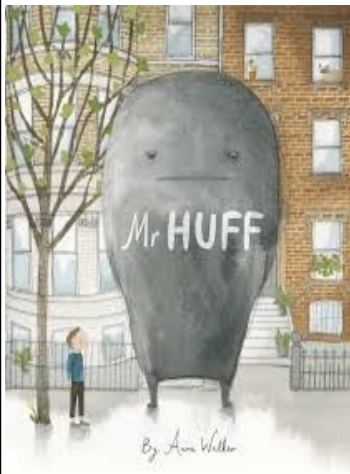
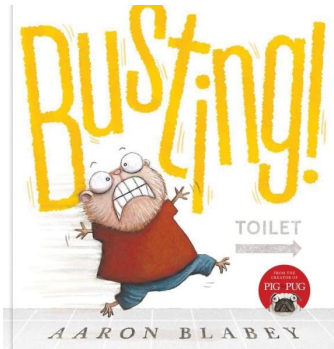
Keeping you in the Literacy Loop



Learning to read

What we need to know

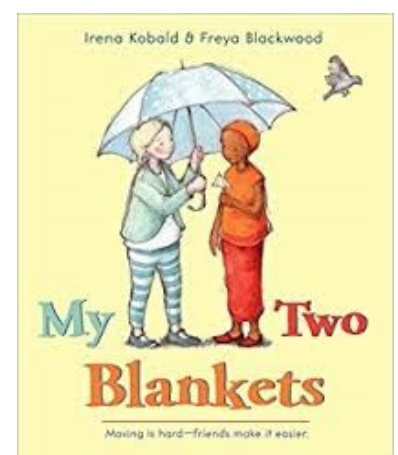
Reading begins at a very early age when children start to take notice of the print that surrounds them and the talk that includes them. Children begin to engage with reading and writing experiences that attract their attention and interest before they go to school. Children notice street signs and most can recognise a large yellow 'M' sign from a kilometre up the road because it benefits them! They pay attention to books they like and often insist on many re-readings of their favourites. They learn quickly to find apps on mobile phones and electronic devices because it benefits them to do so.



Talk is a key to literacy learning. Children need opportunities to interact. Recent research indicates that children are becoming more adept at communicating in the language of commands and demands rather than being competent in extended conversations. I suspect electronic devices may be inhibiting the time parents spend talking with their children. Children need to be included in interactions with significant others and to ensure that happens, electronic devices need to be turned off. Parents need to talk with their children! It is in the context of engaged conversations that children expand their vocabularies, increase their understandings of the world, learn about themselves, and learn the nuances of the language and effective communication.

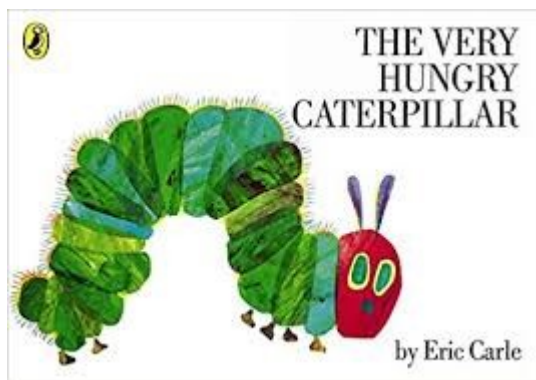
Let children make decisions about the books they choose to read. This implies that there is a well-stocked and suitable range of books from which to choose. It is essential that there are lots of books in the home and that they are readily available. Create a book - flood by borrowing weekly from the local library, buying from garage sales, finding supermarket specials, making your own, and sharing books in the community.

Look at how books are stored in the home, for example, bookshelves, book boxes, or shoe boxes. Are the books visible or tucked out of sight? Do the children have a bed light to read at night? Keep introducing children to different kinds of books - humorous books, books with beautiful illustrations, rhyming books, pop-up books, electronic books, graphic novels, and factual texts. With your children, visit places such as the local library, markets and bookstores to find books that are interesting and fun to share. The number of books, the care of books, and the storage of books are all messages regarding how books and reading are valued in this household. What message are you marketing?



Building on the diversity of family literacy practices

Families participate in diverse and successful reading and writing practices. The diversity of these practices needs to be recognised and celebrated. For example, when families from different cultural backgrounds share their traditions and passions for storytelling the literacy learning of their children is enhanced. When parents share a book in their first language with their children, they are building the foundations for a positive attitude to reading and expanding on the child's language skills. When parents and carers just take time to talk about a book, the child benefits.



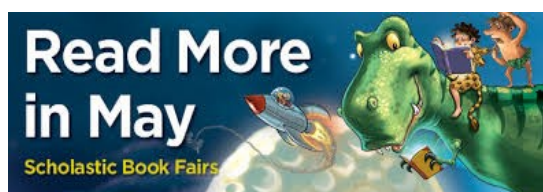
To accommodate the diversity of home literacy practices, it is essential that parents:

- engage children in many and varied types of literacy experiences not just storybook reading, for example, cooking, newspapers, television information, instructions, street signs, brochures, junk mail, electronic communication, notes, singing, talk, and written communication.
- appreciate that different family members, not just parents, play a role in literacy learning, for example grandparents, siblings, extended families.
- recognise and celebrate the literacy associated with cultural differences and traditions.
- locate resources, for example, interpreters and electronic resources that can assist in decreasing the communication divide and strengthen partnerships between homes and schools.

All parents play a crucial role in supporting their children. Sometimes, parents need reassurance and assistance to find ways to use the skills that they do possess. Focus is on what parents *can* do; not on what they cannot. Spending quality time interacting with children goes a long way to supporting children's literacy development.

This information is taken from The PETAA Publication titled: Parent's Guide to Helping children with reading and Writing at Home.

STAY TUNED in Term 2 for these activities!



May is **Family Reading Month** and this year we have the opportunity for families to participate in the **Read More in May** competition and also **Read Aloud More In May**. Encouraging children to read aloud and continuing to read to children beyond the early years of primary school is critically important for literacy development.



Scholastic Book Fair is at the end of May! To celebrate the theme this a year our photo competition will reflect the fur, feathered or finned members of our families!

What pet do you read with? Take a photo and enter the competition! More information next term!



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Have you or your family ever lived, worked, studied, or had a function at Mt Martha House? If so we would love to hear from you!

There is a History Room being established and it is open to the public. We are collecting personal memories of the House to protect, preserve and share with future generations. If you have photographs you are happy to donate or share, bring them along and we will scan them. Please bring a USB stick so we can provide you with a digital copy for your own personal use. We also would like to photograph any items you have that were used here, or uniforms worn during your time here.

WHEN: April 18th between 11 am and 4 pm

WHERE: Mt Martha House, located on the corner of Dominion Road and Esplanade Mount Martha

For more information please contact: **Gill Gordon 5974 1288 or**



Hello Families,

Well this is my last BB post as Pres and I am pleased to announce following our AGM last week we have new office bearers for the SEC –

President – *Michelle Pickford*

Vice President – *Charlotte Drew*

Secretary – *Janet Chitts*

Treasurer – *Jo Fabian*

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to you all and I know with Michelle at the helm it will be a great year ahead.

Committee members – *Michael Beirne, Kirsty Effiong, Julie Gale, Jo O'Reilly, Martin Page, Karen Walker, Ann-Marie Paterson, Damien Van Raay, Sam Leongtave, Cameron Sweatman & Elle Baker.*

Last Friday we had the Barefoot Bowls night which was a gorgeous night for it. Thanks to all who came along and enjoyed the dinner and a few drinks watching the sunset.


Congrats to the lucky raffle winners too.

Just want to say a huge thank you to the SEC team, Staff and school community for supporting me and your help over the last 2 years and I look forward to staying on the committee. I have loved meeting so many of the parents and kids while having our events and you all make it worthwhile. Michelle has great experience having been SEC secretary the last 2 years and been a wonderful support to me as well. Well done Michelle I know you will rock it. A special thanks to Stu, Emma & Charlotte too, for putting up with me being distracted at times – for a good cause. ❤️

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday and Easter break.

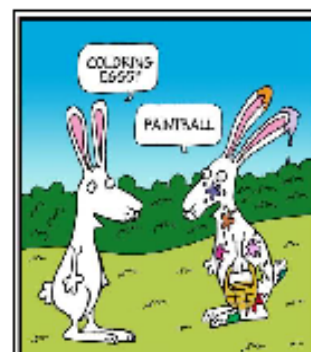
Cheers

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DATE	CAMP	LOCATION
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Wed 11th April Thur 12th April	Boys & Girls Soccer	BERWICK / OFFICER St Francis Xavier College, 21 Majestic Drive, Officer.
Wed 11th April Thur 12th April	Boys & Girls Soccer	LANGWARRIN SOUTH Woodleigh School, Langwarrin South.
Mon 9th April Tue 10th April	Girls Soccer	MORNINGTON Mornington Soccer Club, Dallas Brooks Park, Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Mornington.
Thur 5th April Fri 6th April	Boys & Girls Soccer	BARWON HEADS / OCEAN GROVE Barwon Heads Primary School, 3A Golf Links Rd, Barwon Heads.

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10am–4pm

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

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Friday 13 April, 11am-3pm **Cost** Free

Meet artist Kerrie Poliness and create lines using a field line marking machine.

APRIL 2018 SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 10 April, 10am-12pm, ages 5-8,

Wednesday 11 April, 10am-12pm, ages 9-12 **Cost**: \$12

Sports by design: Create medals, trophies, team flags and apparel for your favourite real or imagined sport.

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Richard Lever, *The theatre of sports* 2016 (detail), oil on canvas, Courtesy of the artist Sullivan+Strumpf, Sydney and Hugo Michell Gallery, Adelaide, Collection of Basil Sellers AM, Photo: Andrew Curtis

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



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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.

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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

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