



Mt. Martha Primary School

BANKSIA BULLETIN - August 9, 2018.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pupil Free Day Term 3 - A final reminder that our next Pupil Free Day is tomorrow with staff working with Julie Shepherd, a highly regarded consultant, in the area of reading.

Working Bee - Our next Working Bee will be on **Saturday 18th August from 9am to 12 noon**. Our main focus will be replacing some of our older benches with new ones. Assembling the benches and positioning them will be required. Our usual gardening and tidying tasks are still on the jobs list too! Hope to see you there!

2019 Prep Transition - "Story Time Sessions" - The school is offering Story Time sessions as part of the transition program for our 2019 Preps. For many of our Preps it is their first introduction to primary school and is an important part of beginning to familiarise themselves with school. Bookings are made by using Compass and are now open. More details are included in the newsletter.

Welcome - Welcome to Will A Year 2 and his family who joined our school community this week.

Parent Opinion Survey - If you were one of the families randomly selected to complete the Parent Opinion Survey a reminder that they are to be completed by Sunday 26th August. Thank you to those that have already completed the survey. We value your feedback.

NAPLAN - We are expecting NAPLAN results for students in Years 3 and 5 will be sent to schools next week and then distributed to parents. The tests which were undertaken in May provide additional information to compliment assessments in Literacy and Numeracy undertaken by the classroom teachers during the year. The results are also useful at a whole school level as we reflect on the impact of our programs and practices.

Protective Behaviours - As part of the KidsMatter framework implementation, the Child Safe Policy and school wellbeing approaches our students will be completing units in Protective Behaviours this semester. Protective Behaviours is a personal safety program resourced by DET as part of the Victorian Curriculum, aiming to promote resilience in children, young people, and adults, using empowerment strategies, clear communication, and awareness of "safe" behaviour. Ultimately the aim is to reduce violence in our community and prevent child abuse. This includes working with children to know and name the main external parts of the body and the agreed names for the external sexual parts. Being able to name their body parts can assist those children who need to report abuse.

Kind regards

Martin Page

Principal.

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

Mt Martha Primary
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Mr Martin Page

Assistant Principals
Mr Hugh O'Brien
Mrs Karen Walker

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SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates to Remember Coming Events

AUGUST



Friday 10th

Pupil Free Day

Students do not attend school today

Saturday 25th

SEC Trivia Night

6.30pm start Mt Martha Primary



Monday 13th

Year 5 Billy Tea Bushband Incursion

Tuesday 14th

Prep Assembly

UNSW Maths Assessment

Wednesday 15th

Year 5 Mornington Secondary Visit

SEC Meeting in Staff Centre 7.00pm

Girls Region Teeball Finals

Thursday 16th

Prep Kingswim

Year 4 Mornington Secondary Visit

Friday 17th

SEC AM CREW

9.30am at South Beach Project



Saturday 18th

Working Bee Mount Martha Primary School

9.00am - 12.00noon

Monday 20th

Year 4 Melbourne Museum excursion

7.45am - 4.00pm

COMPASS EVENT PAYMENT/CONSENT CALENDAR



Parents are reminded to log into the Compass Parent Portal to consent and/or pay by the due date.

EVENT	COST	CLOSING DATE
Yr 5 Billy Tea	\$9.00	09/08/2018
Yr 5 Science MSC	\$Nil	12/08/2018
Yr 4 MSC	\$Nil	14/08/2018
Prep Kingswim	\$75.00	14/08/2018
Year 5 Sovereign Hill	\$285.00	15/08/2018
Yr4 Melbourne Museum	\$26.00	16/08/2018
Prep Craft Power	\$15.00	06/09/2081
Yr1 Osborne PS	\$5.00	11/09/2018

TERM DATES: 2018

Term 1	29th January to 29th March
Term 2	16th April to 29th June
Term 3	16th July to 21st September
Term 4	8th October to 21st December

TERM DATES: 2019

Term 1	29th January to 5th April
Term 2	23rd April to 28th June
Term 3	15th July to 20th September
Term 4	7th October to 20th December

2019 PREP STORYTIME

Bookings are now open and will close at 2pm on Friday August 10

Bookings are essential!

HOW TO MAKE AN ONLINE BOOKING USING COMPASS

Storytime Bookings for 2019 Prep parents and students will take place during August.

To book simply log into Compass and click on the “Book Parent Teacher Interviews” button on the left hand side of your Compass homepage, or by clicking the Dashboard Alert at the top of your Newsfeed on the right hand side “Parent Student Teacher Conference” . Remember, book one session only, sessions start at either 9.30am or 2.00pm and run for one hour.



Circle the Story Time Session you booked below and retain for future reference

(1 session only)

Session 1:	Friday August 17th	9.30am – 10.30am
Session 2:	Tuesday August 21st	2.00pm – 3.00 pm
Session 3:	Friday August 24th	9.30am – 10.30am
Session 4:	Tuesday August 28th	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Session 5:	Friday August 31st	9.30am – 10.30am

Remember to bring along your blue 2019 Prep Placement Form

A friendly reminder to bring your blue 2019 Prep Placement Form along to your Storytime session

If you need any further assistance please contact the school on 5974 2800.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

The Administration Team

Art Camp at the Briars.....

Recently some of our “arty” Year 6 students were fortunate to participate in the very first overnight District Art Camp at the Briars. They joined 5 other schools in a celebration of the Visual Arts. Extended workshops included – painting, textiles, sketching, modelling, construction and multi-media.

In reflection the students expressed the highlights.....

- Meeting like-minded people from other schools and making new friends.
- All the different activities that were offered and the opportunity to choose our own workshops.
- Learning new things about art and challenging ourselves.
- Spending quiet time in our cabins sketching and coloring in our rainbow books.
- When everyone worked together adding their own part to the creation of a super hero who has powers to overcome the challenges of high school.
- Enjoying meal times and the yummy food.
- Expending some energy playing ‘gaga’ ball and building the great wall with planks.
- Living in the moment and taking home some special memories.



An exhibition to showcase the collective artwork took place at the end of the camp after devouring some delicious pizza on the deck.

This event was kindly sponsored by the Mornington Peninsula Shire and the Mornington Peninsula Decorative and Fine Arts Society.

Overall the camp was highly recommended by the students as an opportunity for those passionate about the Visual Arts and they hope it continues in the future.

Julie Christie

Visual Arts Teacher

No More Straws!

'i sea i care' Ambassadors Report

Hi everyone, we are very concerned about the amount of plastic straws that people use. We need to stop using plastic straws as many of them end up in our oceans and have such a bad effect on our sea life. Every piece of plastic you have ever put in the rubbish bin probably still exists and this includes plastic straws.

Do you really need to use plastic straws?

Plastic straws are only used once and then thrown away, Did you know that plastic straws are the most common things found on beaches all over the world. Recently at Manly Beach, in Sydney, a diver collected 319 straws in 20 minutes. The next day they went to the same spot and found another 294 straws.

The plastic straws you use to drink juice boxes, milkshakes, soft drinks and thick shakes are only used for a few minutes but their negative impact lasts for a lifetime. Plastic straws cannot be recycled. This means they sit in landfill for years or pollute the oceans, harming marine life. It is estimated that 8 million tonnes of plastic pollution enters our oceans every year. A lot of this is plastic straws.

Instead of using plastic straws there are paper straws, glass straws or metal straws. Or when you are ordering your drink you could just say, 'No plastic straws please!'

So next time you are buying a drink please don't use plastic straws.



Jackson, Lucas, Lola and Thaila

WORKING BEE at MMPS!



Dear Parents - we are asking for your help at our
Term 3 Working Bee!



Date: Saturday August 18

Time: 9am - 12pm.

If you can bring along useful tools like a wheelbarrow, spade, pitchfork (for mulch), shovel etc that would be very helpful. Make sure you wear footwear that is appropriate for outdoor tasks. We do have some equipment ie gloves, protective glasses but it would be helpful if you bring some too! Thanks.

****We have purchased 5 new outdoor seat/tables that need to be assembled and then placed in position near basketball courts – that will be our main focus for the morning!**

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morning tea is provided.

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture
happy, balanced kids.



Dear Parents and Carers,

A key focus of the KidsMatter initiative and the Child Safe Standards framework, is to support students in developing the knowledge and strategies to keep themselves safe in a range of situations. We are currently teaching the Primary Protective Behaviours Program across all year levels, to ensure that all students understand how to recognise and respond to unsafe situations.

The aim of the Primary Protective Behaviours program is:

- To help protect children and young people because we cannot be with them every minute of the day.
- To give children and adults permission to talk about problems or difficult situations they face.
- To empower children with the right to feel safe and act to keep themselves safe.
- To help students to understand that threats to their safety do not necessarily come from strangers.
- To provide a safe way of talking about acceptable and unacceptable verbal and physical contact.

The program strategies can provide the basis for helping children to be safe at school and address problems such as bullying. It can also help everyone learn to stay safe from the risks that surround us in everyday life.

The program focus is on everyone Feeling safe, Being Safe and Talking about it.

The program is based on two themes:

- We all have the right to feel safe all of the time.
- Nothing is so awful that we can't talk about it with someone.

In conjunction with the two themes are the three major concepts of the program:

SAFETY – an individual feeling and a basic right for every person

EARLY WARNING SIGNS – specific physical indicators that alert us to possible risks to our safety

NETWORKING – identifying people to talk to and developing communication skills.

Students will learn to be PERSISTENT and to keep asking for help until they feel safe again. We are also focusing on the foundation of RESILIENCE during Term 3.

KIDS MATTER NEWS

The following links provide more detailed information for parents, including useful guidelines for cybersafety, and some videos for children of all ages.

Daniel Morecombe Foundation – www.keepingkidssafe.com.au

www.thinkuknow.com.au - Cybersafety and Parent's Portal – Australian Federal Police.

Constable Kenny website – Australian Federal Police – www.constablekenny.org.au

Please contact the Principal, Karen Hodgkins or your class teacher if you would like more information about the program.

Kind regards,

Karen Hodgkins and The KidsMatter Team.

FIRST AID NEWS

Head Lice Whole School Approach

Head lice are still around so we have designated the holidays for a whole school approach to the problem. Please check your child's hair for live eggs or lice. 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.

Head lice need 14 - 17 days to mature to egg laying stage, so if you leave a comb in the shower or bath and comb through the conditioner when you wash your hair each week, you will remove the lice before they are able to lay more eggs and we would soon be rid of this itchy problem.

As per the School Uniform Policy 'For health and safety reasons hair that is shoulder length or longer will be tied back.' As head lice don't jump or fly this will definitely help with stopping the spread of head lice.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Lorraine Stuart

First Aid Officer

20 18 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10 - 15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

For further information please contact the school office on 5974 2800.

Thank you.

BEFORE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB



BOOK CLUB

When: 8:15 - 8:45 Tuesday and Thursday mornings

Where: Room 17, the Activity Room

All students welcome!

Novels, Comics and Magazines.

Prizes to be won!

NOTICEBOARD

SCHOOL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Come and be part of the fun



Saturday 25th August

Get the baby sitter organised and make sure you have booked for the Trivia Night. It is BYO food, drinkies, glasses etc for the night.

Booking and payment is via the Compass app. You will be able to book for just yourself or include others. Tables are a maximum of 10 people and we can incorporate you into a table if it is just yourself or a small number in your booking. Tickets are \$20 per person. Further detail is on Compass App.

We are looking for donations of prizes for the evening, so if you know of a business or **'you are'** the business and would like to contribute, that would be just great. Donations can be left with Lorraine at the office of speak to one of our SEC Crew.

We are also trying to source some tables for the evening. If you are a member of a sporting club that would be interested in loaning us round or large tables, I would love to hear from you. (michellepickford@icloud.com)

Father's Day Breakfast – Wednesday 5th September



Helpers forms will be put out next week, and if you are available please complete and return to the office. It is a busy morning but a wonderful one so we look forward to seeing you there. Also keep an eye out for the Compass notification to place your breakfast orders

School Events Committee Meetings

Next Meeting: PM Crew: Wed 15th August, 7pm Staff Room
AM crew: Fri 17th August, 9.30am South Beach

😊 Michelle & the SEC Crew.





Trivia Master – Scott Mackay

Saturday 25th August

@ Mt Martha Primary School

6.30pm start

Bookings via Compass App







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MT MARTHA BASKETBALL

**Looking for a team sport for your
daughter to get involved in.....
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Mount Martha Basketball Club are inviting new players from Grade Prep right through to U16 girls to join our club.

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

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The club will be holding our AGM on 7 August where we will be finalising existing teams and putting together new teams (if numbers allow) for the new season, which will start in Term 4. So please have your expressions of interests in by 6 August.



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6.30-8.30pm**

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