



# Mt. Martha Primary School

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## BANKSIA BULLETIN - May 10, 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

**Mother's Day Stall** - A huge thank you to our SEC members and helpers for organising and running the Mother's Day Stall yesterday and the Mother's Day Raffle which involved selling tickets for the last couple of weeks. Raffle sales finish this week. Good Luck! We had so many excited students taking time to choose that special gift from the wide range on offer! Thanks again!

**Year 4 Camp** - Our Year 4's will be attending Camp Yarrabri at Warburton for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. They are sure to enjoy the wide range of activities on offer including challenging outdoor activities and a ride on Puffing Billy as well as all the other experiences of being on camp. Thank you to staff and helpers for attending.

**NAPLAN** - NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 is on next week - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May is scheduled as a "catch up" opportunity for students who may have missed a test earlier in the week. NAPLAN results are used with our other assessments of student learning and will be available later in the year.

**Prep 2019 Enrolment and Transition** - Enrolment Week for our 2019 Preps is next week, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. We have school tours on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9.30am. Tours usually take about 45 minutes. Please meet at the School Office. No bookings are required. Enrolment information will be available from the Office. To assist planning we would like enrolment forms returned by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**Attitude to School Survey** - From 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> June students in Years 4 to 6 across the state will participate in the Department of Education Attitude to School Survey. This survey has been completed in previous years by students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and asks a range of questions about how they feel about their teachers and school. This information is useful feedback as we work to improve our curriculum, student engagement and wellbeing. The survey is delivered on a secure online format with information aggregated and not identifiable.

**Gold For Green/ Read More In May** - This newsletter contains information about these two events occurring this month. Gold For Green Day is on Tuesday 22nd May where we aim to involve our students in gardening activities in the school assisting to build their awareness of this aspect of the environment and also improving our grounds. Some materials are still required and helpers are always appreciated. "Read More In May" aims to encourage regular reading with students recording the number of minutes read in a day and reading aloud with your child. There is also another fun family aspect where a picture is taken while reading to a pet. Pictures can be emailed to the school or dropped in to the Office. Both events are another great way to be involved in the school.

Kind regards, Martin Page.

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

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



#### MAY

**Thursday 10th**  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
6.45pm  
in Staff Centre

**Friday 11th**  
**WLP try outs Soccer & Football**  
9-12pm Ferrero Reserve, Mt Martha.

**Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th**  
Year 4 Arrabri Lodge Camp  
Arrabri Lodge Camp East Warburton  
7.30am - 3.30pm

**Tuesday 15th**  
**2019 Prep Parent Tours 9.30am at the school office (no bookings required)**

**Wednesday 16th**  
**2019 Prep Parent Tours 9.30am at the school office (no bookings required)**

**Parent Relationship Session for parents and carers of Year 5 & 6 students in the Staff Centre**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

**Thursday 17th**  
**2019 Prep Parent Tours 9.30am at the school office (no bookings required)**

### Dates to Remember Coming Events



**Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th**  
Scholastic Book Club  
Note: morning sales only on Friday 25th

**Friday 18th May**  
**Walk to School Day**



**Cake Stall** before and after school  
8.30 - 9am & 3 - 4.00pm  
MMPS Near the Rock  
**All proceeds go to the Fred Hollows Foundation**



**Tuesday 22nd**  
**Gold for Green Day**  
**Wear Green and please bring a gold coin**



#### TERM DATES: 2018

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

#### TERM DATES: 2019

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

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT MT.MARTHA P.S.

Recently our Year 6 students were given the opportunity to work with local artist Marynes Avil, who has been in residence at the 'Gate Keepers Cottage' at Pt. Nepean National Park.



Marynes Avila is an Argentinean born Melbourne artist who implements the use of multiples as “connectors” investigating the uniqueness of each unit and its interrelationship with the group.

In our Mt Martha workshop the focus was exploring the details of both indigenous and introduced plant parts.

The students were encouraged to use fine black markers to create three intricate and delicate drawings of natural objects both native and introduced. During the 60 minute session, Avila spoke about her concept of “Multiplicity”, presented works that she had completed and allowed students to view simple, ordinary natural objects, like a feather under a microscope. Students then had 10 minutes only to complete each of their drawings and commenced work by placing a simple dot on the page as a starting point to draw from. Each student had to observe each natural composition consisting of leaves, sticks, flowers and seed pods which were all collected from the local area.



All the individual pieces of work were then put together as a whole and presented as a collaborative art project in conjunction with Marynes at the Gate Keepers Cottage.





**SCHOOL TOURS**  
**MAY 2018**  
**9.30am**

**Tuesday 15th**

**Wednesday 16th**

**Thursday 17th**

**Please meet at the  
school office.**



*Dear Parents/Guardians,*

*You are most welcome to visit our school. Your child may soon be joining our learning community.*

*Enrolments for Prep 2019 will be taken at school during the week of 14th - 18th May.*

*Enrolment forms need to be lodged at the school office by Friday 25th May 4.00pm.*

*Confirmation letters will be mailed by Friday 22nd June.*

## **2019 PREP ENROLMENT WEEK**

**Mt Martha Primary School**  
**Monday 14th to Friday 18th May**

**Tours take  
approximately  
45 minutes**

*Please consider taking the opportunity to visit our school for a tour on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, or Thursday 17th where you will see our current Prep students in their learning environment.*

*Children being enrolled must reach five years of age by April 30th 2019.*

*When you come to enrol you will need to provide the school with*

- *proof of age - a copy of a birth certificate or extract of birth*
- *an Immunisation History Statement indicating your child's immunisation status*
- *Proof of residency*

*All the enrolment information you require will be provided at the school office. We hope to meet you on one of our school tours.*

*Yours faithfully,*  
**Martin Page, Principal.**

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**Information Sessions for Parents and Carers Year Five and Six Students**  
**Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 6.30 - 8.00 in Staff Centre**

This information sessions runs prior to students' education sessions and offer parents and carers an insight into relationships and sexuality education, its importance in the curriculum and how to support their children on their own physical, emotional and social journeys.

**Learning Intentions**

Participants will:

- Explore the importance of evidence based, age and developmentally appropriate relationships and sexuality education.
- Identify links to the guidelines and principles of the Victorian Government in relation to health and education.
- Explore the FPV student education program.
- Identify methods of engaging in conversations with their child around relationships, reproductive and sexual health.
- Develop strategies for effectively answering their child's questions.
- Be provided with an opportunity to ask questions and express. Concerns they may be experiencing regarding the program.

Identify personal support networks and help-seeking behaviours to support young people going through puberty.

***Regard***

***Karen Walker***

***Assistant Principal***

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Please return this reply slip with the names of people attending by **Wednesday 16th May** to assist us with planning for the session.

I/we will be attending the **Family Planning Parent Information Evening**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - May, Wed 23rd - Friday 25th.**

Mt Martha Primary School is hosting a Book Fair. This special event celebrates books and reading and gives children, parents, teachers and community members the opportunity to purchase quality books. The fair will be set up in the Staff Centre and will be visited by each class at their allocated time on Monday and Tuesday during school hours. From Wednesday we encourage you to drop in and take a look at what's on offer during the following times:

**Wednesday 23rd 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm**

**Thursday 24th 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm**

**Friday 25th 8.30 - 9.30am only  
(there is no afternoon session)**

A percentage of the proceeds from the sales of these books directly contributes to raising funds for the school to purchase many more valuable resources for our children's literacy pleasure. This is a great opportunity to have a leisurely browse at some of the great books available.

**Georgina Street, Book Club Coordinator.**



### **WANTED:**

Small Succulent or Geranium Cuttings.

Please bring in to school as soon as possible.

The Banksia Botanists will be propagating these cuttings.

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

Could they be delivered to:

**Mrs. Spiridis' classroom.**

**Room 5 Melrose.**



A friendly reminder to families and friends that **Melrose Dve is reserved for STAFF PARKING.**

*Please use the Eco Park or Glenisla Drive.*

# Gold For Green Day.

Tuesday 22nd May

Wear Green. Bring a Gold Coin.

Help us green our world.

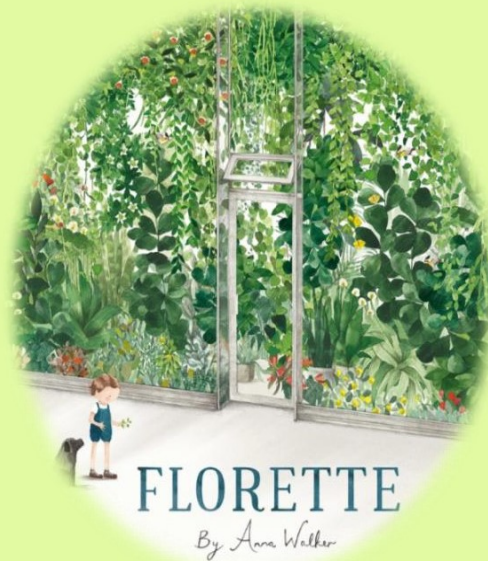


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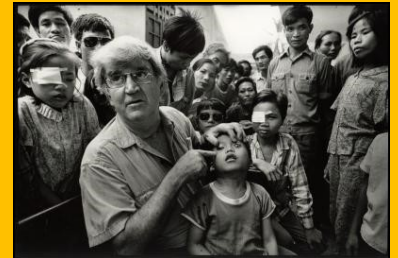
Activities will include:

- Reading Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*.
- Pledges to the environment by all our students.
- Preps: Planting in the Prep Forest with their Year Four Buddies
- Year One: Tin Can Gardens
- Year Two: Cardboard Cubbies
- Year Three: Layered glass jar gardens.
- Year Four: Assisting Preps.
- Year Five: Environmental Collages.
- Year Six: Botanical workshops and maintenance of our existing gardens.



The Fred Hollows  
Foundation

## Bake & Buy Fundraiser To Give the Gift of Sight!



A group of Mt Martha mums are trekking 30km to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation. \$2000 is our target and with your help we can get there!

**What:** CAKE STALL!

**When:** Friday 18th May 8:30-9am and 3-4pm

**Where:** Near The Rock, Melrose block

### How can you help?

Enjoy baking? We'd love your donation of a plate for the stall. Please label with ingredients (no nuts or cream pls) and bring on morning or afternoon of the cake sale or drop it into the office any other time.

Want to have your cake and eat it too? Baked goods from \$1-\$10

Just want to donate? Go to:

[melbourne.coastrek.com.au/fundraisers/CanDoWalkers1613](http://melbourne.coastrek.com.au/fundraisers/CanDoWalkers1613)

**Call Andrea for more info on 0403530701**

Thanks all, The Can Do Walkers xxx



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **ReBoot campaign for Aboriginal kids** **Mount Martha Primary school with** **Parkdale Secondary College**

and  
Port Adelaide Football Club's Aboriginal Program  
invite you to

#### **donate football boots and runners**

*All football boots and runners will be distributed by Port Adelaide Football Club's Aboriginal Program.*

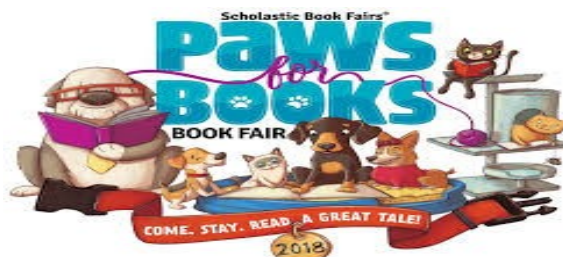
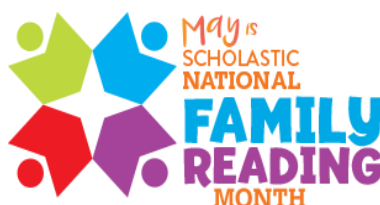
**Want to get involved? Drop your shoes into the office  
or Mrs O'Connor's classroom by Friday 15 June!**



How many pairs can we  
reboot in 2018?



## LITERACY NEWS



## **Read More in May is back for 2018**

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

Use the calendar that each child brings home to record days/minutes read each day, ensure that parents sign it and take the pledge to **Read More in May!**



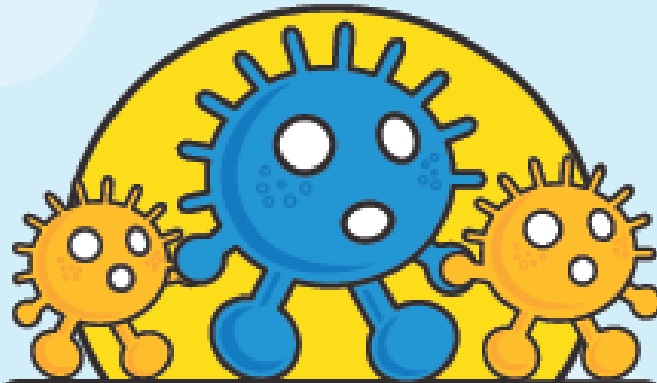
### Photo competition

**Take a photo of you reading with your family pet!**

**Great prizes to be won!**

Drop photo entries to the school office or email to school address. Entries close Friday June 1st 2018

# ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



**WALK SAFELY  
TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018**



**Until they're ten, children must always hold  
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

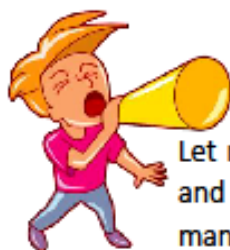
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# NOTICEBOARD

## SCHOOL EVENTS COMMITTEE

*Come and be part of the fun*



### *It's all about Mothers Day.....*

Let me start with a **huge THANKYOU** to all the wonderful mums and dads who came along and helped at the Mothers Day stall. It was a manic day filled with the absolute joy of watching and helping our gorgeous kids select some gorgeous gifts.

*We will be having one final stall sale this Friday after school in the Gym Foyer area, a great opportunity to grab some great gifts.*

### **MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE - 11 Hampers to win – have you got your ticket?**

Sales for the Mothers Day Raffle have been fantastic and tickets will still be available until 9am this Friday. The winners will be drawn at 11am on Friday. We are selling them out the front of the school or under the reception entrance if the weather is a little wet and windy. There are amazing hampers filled with wonderful items - all donated from our community, so make sure you get a ticket or two to be in the running to win. Tickets cost 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.



### **WOULD YOU LIKE BE INVOLVED ON COMMITTEE?**


The SEC is made up of parents and teachers that organise the schools fun events for the year. These include – Mothers Day Stall, Hot Chocolate Day and the Student Disco to name a few. We are also planning a special event – Treasured Threads for the school and community to be involved in. We always welcome new members to join us, so if you think you would like to please come along to our next meeting and find out a little more. Our next meeting is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 7pm.

Mums –have a delightful day on Sunday, enjoy all the moments - the crumbs in your bed after breakfast, the yummy cup of tea & of course your gifts. **Happy Mothers Day**  
Cheers Michelle & the SEC team.

#### SEC MEETING DATES...

MMPS Staff room, 7pm  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June

- Hot Chocolate Day - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Student Disco – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June
- Treasured Threads – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June

 Mt Martha P.S. Social Noticeboard - Keep up with the Social News by subscribing to our facebook page.

Contact: Michelle- [pickfordm@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pickfordm@optusnet.com.au)



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Local company Absolute Soccer are delighted to announce that they will be running a soccer skills development session in the gymnasium at Mount Martha Primary School. We are going to run a free 'come and try' session on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May between 5:45 - 6:45pm. The session is available to girls and boys of all abilities who are currently in Years 4 and 5.

Please register your interest by emailing [nathan@absolutesoccer.com.au](mailto:nathan@absolutesoccer.com.au)".

Nathan Peel mobile: 0431 522737



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