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Maldon Primary school believes that a school uniform fosters neatness of dress and a sense of belonging. The wearing of a uniform helps to generate a positive tone within the school community by promoting equality of opportunity and circumventing peer pressure with regard to clothing. Pupils are also easily identifiable when taking part in a school excursion, adding to their safety.

It’s that time of the year when the weather is starting to turn cool and looking around at our students in class and the school yard it is evident that our uniform wearing is starting to get a bit sloppy.

Here is a reminder of our school policy on uniform:

School uniform tops and jumpers are required to be worn by all students. Shorts, pants, skirts, pinafores and hats are to be navy blue. Summer school dresses are to be navy blue and white check. Footwear is to be suitable for all school activities, as physical education forms an integral part of the daily school program. Loose sandals, open-toed shoes and scuffs are not appropriate.

**Please note: coloured leggings, coloured long tops and brightly coloured shorts or short shorts are NOT a part of our school uniform.**

We want everyone to help us to show PRIDE for our school by wearing the correct school uniform and helping us look smart and well dressed. The school uniform tops and jumpers are available for purchase from the school office and the bottoms e.g. shorts, tracksuit pants and navy pants can be purchased from Target, Best and Less and other retail stores. We also have a supply of second hand clothing that is available from the office for a gold coin donation. If you need support with ensuring your child has school uniform to wear then please give me a call. Our dress code policy can be found on the school website.

This year Maldon Primary will be celebrating Reconciliation Week on Friday May 27th. Students will be involved in a range of activities designed to promote awareness of aspects of Indigenous cultures including Koori games, ochre painting, learning about famous Indigenous Australians, the teaching of Tarrengower and Lalgarbook (Tarrengower and Mt Franklin) and Sorry Day/the Stolen Generations. Activities will run from 12:45pm. For more information on Reconciliation week see School Community below.

This week we start our netball coaching sessions for all grades from Prep to 6 with the funding we received from a Sporting Schools grant. Bec Buchanan will be providing a coaching session each week for every class for the next four weeks. The sessions will focus on skills development and also team interaction and match skills and techniques. The coaching will also lead to us forming and developing a divisional netball team to participate in the netball competition in term 3. Students in grade 4-6 are able to be part of the divisional team.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- Brett will be absent this week and will be replaced by Kathryn on Monday and Tuesday and Jess on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Jodie will be attending a Principal’s meeting on Thursday afternoon.
What’s happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour this week: Using appropriate language.

Werribee Zoo excursion:
The whole day was fantastic! –Jack S
I liked the lions. –Cael
The ride on the safari was awesome! –Liam G
The zebras were cool. –Zavier
The rhinos had very big horns. –Ethan
The hippos did funny things! –Maddy
I liked seeing the wild horses. –Stella
The camels were really cool! –Abi
The gorillas looked very fierce. –Liam C
The monkeys looked weird! –Digby
The safari was amazing and the meerkats were hilarious! -Ed
I loved all of the animals, especially the hippos and monkeys. –Rex
I liked how cheeky looking the monkeys were. –Harry
The gorillas looked funny when they ran down the hill. –Izaak
I liked the meerkats, they were funny! –Sienna
I liked that the meerkats were running around everywhere. –Sophia
It was fun going on the safari bus. –Eva
The meerkats looked very cute! –Matilda
The lions were very cool. –Francis

Birthdays

L to R: Isaac, Ed and Ryder

Whole school behaviour awards

Back row L to R: Tom, Aleara, Stella and Archie
Front row: India

Creativity award - Liam

Come along cup - P/1B

Early birdie award – P/1B, 1/2J, 4/5D and 5/6B
Headphones grade 4-6 students

All students in grades 4 to 6 must have a set of headphones (not earbuds) for use with their netbooks at school. Headphones can be purchased at the office for $7 if your child has lost or broken theirs.

Young leaders:

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

Available each Friday are: Homemade Sausage rolls $2.50, Juice Box $1.50

THERE WILL BE NO POPCORN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Office info

Grade 5/6 camp:

- The parent consent form and medical information forms are now overdue. Please return them to the office by tomorrow so that arrangements for the camp can be finalised.
- Payment for the camp must be finalised by this Wednesday 25th May. If payment is a problem please contact Debra or Jodie to discuss alternative payment plans.

Permission notes to be returned:

- Division soccer (selected students) notes and payment must be returned by this Wednesday 25th May.

A reminder that all current permission slips are available on the school website www.maldonps.vic.edu.au if you didn't receive or have lost your hard copy.

School banking: Don't forget to drop Bendigo Bank deposits at the office before 9.30am on Tuesday mornings if you would like to utilise the school banking program. Passbooks will be returned to students by the end of the week.

What's happening in the school yard?

More working bee photos:

Sport shed upgrade: The sport shed upgrade is now complete and looks fantastic. Make sure you have a look next time you are in the school grounds!
School community

**Sport meeting:** The next sport meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June at 9.35am in the staff room. Please feel free to attend as the more members and ideas the better!

**What is National Reconciliation Week?**
Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The dates that bookend the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

**May 27**—Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

**3 June**—Commemorates the High Court of Australia’s landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

Taken from National Reconciliation Australia [http://www.reconciliation.org.au/](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/)

**Fresh Fruit Friday:**

**This week’s volunteers:** Lee-Ann Smith and Genna Hines

**Next week’s volunteers:** Nicole Funston and Jo Fraser

**Thank you**

To the Mason, Hamilton, Gardner-Trott and Yokohara families for offering to host Japanese students in August.

**Extra curricular catch up**

**3/4 Problem Solving morning photos:**

**Division cross country:** Congratulations to Xavier A, Daniel, Himal, Liam W, Grace, Alannah and Claire who all competed in the division cross country event at the Bendigo racecourse on May 13th. Himal and Grace were both successful in qualifying for the region event at St Arnaud but unfortunately won’t be competing due to a clash with the grade 5/6 camp.

**Grades 3-6 orienteering:** Last week all grade 3 to 6 students took part in an orienteering morning at the Botanical Gardens in Castlemaine.
Parents and carers of young people in Mount Alexander Shire are invited to attend Youth Mental Health First Aid training this month in Castlemaine.

The course teaches mental first aid skills to parents to help them recognise a possible emerging mental health problem or a mental health crisis in adolescents. The training will provide advice on the best course of action if parents are worried about a young person.

The course is part of a series of community workshops delivered in partnership with the Live.Life.Well project at Castlemaine District Community Health to address mental health and suicide prevention.

Sessions will be delivered in two different formats to meet the varying availability of parents:

- Two full-day sessions held on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 May from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Lunch will be provided; or
- Four Tuesday evening sessions held on 31 May and 7, 14 and 21 June from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. Dinner will be provided.

A registration fee of $40 will cover the cost of the course manual and catering.


For further information contact Shannon Lacy, Council’s Youth Development Officer, on 5471 1826.
Riding for Beginners in Maldon

Learn safety and confidence in dealing with horses. Lessons include catching, leading and saddling with safety.

One on one lessons only-no groups.

40 minute lesson—$30
Sensible footwear a must-riding hat provided

Phone Wendy on 0476 274 692 or Naomi on 0403 442 791