Principal’s chat

Today I have been contacted by the YMCA and unfortunately the numbers for the before and after school care program are very low and, at this stage, not sustainable.

Unfortunately, the before school care program will cease from day 1 of term 3. I will be sending further correspondence out to families in regards to the after school care program to ensure that those families who expressed an interest are utilising the program. If you intend to use the service please contact the YMCA a.s.a.p to enrol. If we do not get the numbers required then the after school care program will also be cancelled. It is now up to families to enrol and use the service if you want to keep the service at our school.

This morning our grade 5/6 students boarded the train in Castlemaine to head to camp in Melbourne for the next three days. They will be having a very busy few days sightseeing and enjoying some fun activities. We can’t wait to hear about their adventures when they return.

Last Friday, we had a full page spread in the Castlemaine Mail newspaper as part of the Newshound Program. Our grade 3 and 4 students, with the help of Alisa, put together the page to showcase their talents and our school. If you missed out on seeing the article then we have included a copy in this week’s newsletter under “What’s happening in the classroom?”

Our netball coaching program commenced last week and all students took part, developing their skills and learning about the sport. We still have three more weeks of coaching with Bec to come.

Last Friday we celebrated Reconciliation week in our buddy groups by participating in a range of activities including Koori games, ochre painting and learning about famous Indigenous Australians. Below are a couple of photos of the paintings done by students.
This Wednesday we begin our preparations for our Japanese cultural visit in August with a pre tour visit with the event organisers. They will be joining us for lunch and to chat about our school and what activities we will be doing when they are here. Many thanks to the families who have put up their hand to host some Japanese students. It is a great experience and one you will remember forever.

It is that time of the year again when staff are very busy writing school reports. This process includes teachers completing some formal assessment to see how far your child has progressed and some informal assessments. Teachers spend many hours completing comprehensive checklists and reports to share with you about what your child has achieved and what they need to learn next. Each year parents receive a progress report and portfolio in June and then again in December. On both occasions each child will receive a portfolio of their work, checklists showing what they have achieved and what they will be working on next, and a written report. Student reports for this semester will be sent home in the last week of term 2.

It was great to see the effort that students and parents put in last week to ensure that students were in school uniform. Let’s keep it up this week – it shows a real sense of pride!

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- Brett will be absent this week and will be replaced by Jess.
- Jodie will be attending an executive meeting on Thursday afternoon.
- Debra will be attending a professional development session on Thursday afternoon. As the office will be unattended at this time please leave non-urgent matters until her return on Friday.

What’s happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour this week: Learning from my mistakes

Grade 3/4 inquiry: As part of their inquiry learning about community, 3/4A visited the Neighbourhood centre on Friday to find out what activities, facilities, courses and resources the centre offers the Maldon community.

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, Popcorn $1.00
Headphones: 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.
Office info

**Grade 5/6 camp:** We still have a few families with outstanding payments for the camp. Accounts were sent home to these families last week. It would be appreciated if payments could be finalised by the end of the week.

**Permission notes to be returned:**

- Prep-2 tabloid sports permission slip and payment are due back at the office **tomorrow, Tuesday May 31st.**

A reminder that all current permission slips are available on the school website [www.maldonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.maldonps.vic.edu.au) if you didn’t receive or have lost your hard copy.

**Absence notes:** Last week letters were sent home to all families of students who have been absent from school without explanation this year. If you received a letter please provide a reason for the absence/absences, sign the letter and return it to the office by Monday 6th June so that our records can be updated.

**Bookclub:** Bookclub issue 4 was distributed with the newsletter last week. Orders and payment can be made online by going to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or can be submitted at the office.

School community

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**Volunteers still needed……**

*We have more readers which need to be covered in contact. If you are able to cover just 10 books please let Debra at the office know and the books and contact will be ready for you to pick up from the office on Thursday of this week.*

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**School Crossing Supervisor of the Year:** Our crossing supervisor Ray Stevenson has been nominated for School Crossing Supervisor of the Year. The Supervisor of the Year will be announced at a dinner in Melbourne in July and we wish Ray all the best for the night and thank him for the wonderful work he does at our crossing.

**Safety when leaving the school:** A near miss last week has prompted a reminder from Ray about the importance of safe driving around the school. When reversing out of a park on Hospital Street please reverse onto your own side of the road then use the roundabout at the pool to turn and head back to High St. Take the extra time to reverse and exit safely…an extra few seconds could save the inconvenience and distress of an accident.

**Fresh Fruit Friday:**

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

**Next week’s volunteers:** Genna Hines and Anita Mason
The document contains information about a school's participation in the AFL and Victorian Government competition using football as a way to celebrate multiculturalism and diversity. Students are encouraged to design a football jumper that reflects Victoria's cultural diversity as part of the competition to win a football clinic and tickets to an AFL match. The competition website has more information on how to enter.

Thank you

- To Dean Mason for repairing the popcorn machine for us. Your work is very much appreciated!

Extra curricular catch up

Netball coaching with Bec:

Community

Environmental Youth Workshop

Passionate about the environment? Looking for an opportunity to develop your leadership skills? Then this training is for you!

Join local educators as they help you to identify your concerns, create a vision for the future and develop a plan to take positive action in your community. Plus, you will get to meet other young people who are passionate about working towards a sustainable future!

Date: Friday 3 June 2016
Time: 4.30pm
Venue: Mondo Lounge, Continuing Education, 30 Templeton Street Castlemaine

For more information and to register, contact Judy Heen, Youth Activator Officer at Mount Alexander Shire Council on 5471 1743 or email j.heen@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

Kyneton Dental

We at Kyneton Dental are committed to the betterment of your oral health, regular six monthly check ups are important for your children. Is your child eligible for the $1,000 government benefit?

Our reception can help you find out if you are eligible.

This scheme runs out on 30th of June 2016.

- No Gap Treatment for eligible children under the C092 (Child Dental Benefit Scheme)
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COURSE INFO
VENUE: Peter Kretz Leisure Centre
Naper Street Echuca, Bendigo VIC
DATE & TIME: Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July, 9:00am - 5:45pm
COST: $388.00

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Spike

By Little Wing Puppets

An original Australian work for families combining shadow puppetry and physical comedy, Spike is the story of an echidna, stolen from his nest, and found by a lonely little girl.

The girl helps the echidna discover where he belongs, and the echidna helps the girl find her own ‘spikes’ and stand up to bullies.

COST: $15

The show is suitable for children aged 3–9 years.

Performed by Jenny Elie
Written by Jenny Elie & Anne Drosdabek
Composed by Mal Webb
Directed by Jacob Williams & Claire Baillie
Designed by Jenny Elie, with concepts by Richard Bradshaw & Fabio Monkech

Maldon Preschool: 5475 2418
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Supporting the Imagination Library in Bendigo

We need your help!

What is the Imagination Library?
Many children in Bendigo start school unprepared. Sadly, many of these kids will never catch up.

The Imagination Library provides a book a month for a child aged between 0 and 5 years. The provision of books to young children can encourage an interest in reading and provide encouragement to parents to read and talk with their child.

We have signed up 100 children in Bendigo but need funds to sign up another 150. It costs $90 per year for a child to be signed up to the Imagination Library. For $7.50 per month or $90 per year or through any donation you can make a difference by assisting a Bendigo child to gain a head start in literacy for life.

To donate go to:

For more information on Imagination Library Bendigo please contact John Jones (Imagination Library Coordinator Bendigo) at johnjones@bunyip.net.au. Cheque and Direct Deposit payment methods also available - please email John Jones to request these. If you donate online please email John Jones to inform him of your donation.

The Imagination Library is an initiative by Communities for Children to address identified low literacy levels for children in Bendigo. This is part of a broader ‘Early Years Literacy and Language Development Strategy for Bendigo’.

For further info go to: https://www.anbas.org.au/reading-literacy-imagination-library