**Principal’s chat**

Welcome back to term 3. This term is only ten weeks long, but we certainly have many extra curricular and learning activities planned. Some of the events in the calendar this term are:

- Japanese Cultural Day
- Division Netball
- Division Football
- Division Athletics
- Know your food session – grades 3/4
- AFL 9’s Gr 3-6
- Preparation for Puberty
- Orchestra performance
- Book week dress up day
- Athletics carnival
- Land care excursion – Gr 5/6
- Grade 1 day camp experience
- Grade 2 camp
- Bike Ed
- Kids as Catalysts - completing projects
- Chess tournament – Gr 5/6

On the last day of last term, we were notified that the YMCA would no longer be running the before and after school care program at Maldon. It was very disappointing to hear, on short notice, that it wouldn’t continue and I know that this will impact on many families.

We are in the process of **organising a new after school care service** at the school and we are hoping to have it up and running next week or the week after. I will keep you informed as the process develops and we know more regarding when the service will commence.

On the last day of term all families received a raffle book with tickets to sell

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Wednesday 3rd August**
  - Sport meeting, 9.35am
- **Friday 5th August**
  - Japanese Day
- **Sunday 14th August**
  - Maldon Market fundraiser
- **Wednesday 17th August**
  - School Council meeting, 6.30pm
- **Thursday 1st September**
  - Grade 1 camp experience day
- **Thursday 1st September – Friday 2nd September**
  - Grade 2 camp
- **Sunday 23rd October**
  - Working Bee, 9am-12pm
- **Saturday 29th October**
  - Market and Fair fundraiser
- **Monday 1st November**
  - Pupil Free Day
- **Sunday 13th November**
  - Race the Train fundraiser
- **Thursday 24th November**
  - Shopping Spree fundraiser
for our wood raffle. We hope that all families are able to sell their tickets and return them to school by Monday 8th August. The raffle will be drawn at the Maldon Market on Sunday 14th August.

Also just a reminder that we need volunteers to help out at the Maldon Market on Sunday 14th August to collect the gold coin donation at the entrance, sell raffle tickets and also run the sausage sizzle. We will need approximately 12 volunteers, so please put the date in your diary and come along and help out. The market runs from 8am to 2pm.

We hope that all families enjoyed reading their child’s portfolio and progress report. Teachers put in many hours of work to ensure that you received an overview of your child’s learning, their progress and where their learning is heading to next. Please ensure that you complete the comment section and return your child’s portfolio to school by the end of this week.

Later this term we will be holding parent teacher interviews where you will have an opportunity to discuss your child’s report and their learning goals.

Just a reminder that next week we have free dental screening for all students. The service is being offered by Bendigo Health. Please ensure that you return your form by Friday if you would like your child to access this free service.

Liz will be absent over the next few weeks as she had some surgery over the holidays to replace her other hip. She is doing well and is looking forward to getting back to work, with a spring in her step, as soon as she can!!

At the end of last term we started preparing for our building works to commence. I had several meetings over the holidays and I am hoping to meet with the builders on site this week and that the works will begin shortly after that.

Just a reminder that the office is now located in the portable and that Alisa’s and John’s classes are located in the multipurpose room. The staff room is now located in the Indonesian room.

At this stage there will be no school assemblies for the next few weeks due to the limited space and the weather not being appropriate for outdoor assemblies. Certificates will be awarded to students in class and announced over the PA each week. We will let you know when we plan to hold our next assembly.

We are very pleased to have received Sporting Schools Funding for Athletics in term 3. This will mean that we can work with an endorsed coach and also purchase some equipment. This will be a great lead up to our Athletics carnival later this term.

Warm regards
Jodie

School community

Wanted:

- Does anyone have a trailer they would be willing to lend the school for a week or two in August? We are running a wood raffle in conjunction with our Maldon Market fundraising on August 14th and need to display the wood in a trailer and then deliver the wood to the winner. Please let Debra at the office know if you have a trailer we can use.

- We have had a run of children needing to use our spare clothing supply and it is now very low. If you have some clothing at home which belongs to the school please return it to the office by the end of this term. Also, if you have spare clothing, particularly small sized pants, that you are willing to donate to the school it would be very much appreciated. Donations can be left at the office.

Fresh Fruit Friday: We require more volunteers to assist with fruit cutting/popcorn making on Friday mornings as we currently have only a small pool of willing volunteers. It would be appreciated if you could check your calendars and offer to assist with the fruit cutting/popcorn making on one or more days in third or fourth term. Please let Debra know what days you are available to help by the end of this week so that the roster can be completed and distributed next week, giving volunteers plenty of notice of their rostered days.

This week’s volunteers: Lauren Wilbern and Patricia Gilbert

Next week’s volunteers: Nicole Funston and Lee-Ann Smith
What’s happening in the classroom?

**Cooking helpers needed:** This term Prep to grade 2 students will be doing cooking as part of our STEM inquiry: investigations that involve Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We need a parent or two each week who can come and help in the kitchen, and work with Kay and a group of students to cook up a storm! If you are available to help please contact Bernadette or John.

**Young leaders:** The Friday fundraiser and casual clothes day on the last day of term 4 raised over $400 which will be forwarded to State Schools Relief, an organisation which supports disadvantaged families with the cost of uniform, books etc. Thank you to all families who contributed to this excellent total.

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**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**

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**Grades 3 and 4 Newshound page:**

**Spotty School** At Maldon primary school we learn all different types of sport. We’ve got tons of footy fans, some soccer stars, crazy cricketers, nasty netballers, tennis tricksters and ridiculous runners. At the moment we’re learning about orienteering if you don’t know what orienteering is it’s were you have a map of the area you are playing in and you have to find flags and then you stamp inside the square on the sheet. Once you have finished run straight back as fast as you can to where you started. Our school thinks fitness and health is very important and that’s why we’ve got policies and one of those policies is healthy eating policy. That’s where we are not allowed to bring lollies to school or chocolate or unhealthy foods or resources.

**Preps opinions on the school**

Dakoda: I like school because I get to run around with my friends.

Essie: I like to learn new things.

Peyton: I like Playing tag with

**How to stay out of trouble**

1. Be honest and always keep your hands to yourself.
2. Be kind to your friends and the teachers (trust me I’ve learnt about that).
3. Never swear to impress other people.

And I think that will keep you safe for the next couple of years.

**Super organised**

At Maldon P.S we have awesome teachers and a principal who organize things for the students like camp and cross country, she shows us around the district. At M.P.S we have football, soccer, netball, basketball, cricket, tennis and hockey. We have a non-grass football field. In 1812 M.P.S was built. In fact 50 years ago Maldon
Outstanding payments: If you have outstanding payments for fees, excursions, camps or uniform it would be appreciated if you could make these payments immediately. It is important to remember that in the case of camps, excursions and uniform the school has already paid out for these items so we need families to pay what they owe for these items NOW. If payment in full is not possible please speak to Debra regarding setting up a payment plan.

Emailing of newsletter: Due to internet issues we are unable to publish the newsletter on our website this week so consequently the emailing of the newsletter, planned to commence today, will be delayed by a week. If you would like to continue to receive a paper version, or you need to add an email address to our system, please let the office know immediately.

Voluntary contributions: Families are encouraged to make voluntary contributions towards buildings and grounds maintenance and library resources if you haven’t already done so. At this stage of the year less than 40% of our families have made voluntary contributions so we would love to receive a few more. Contributions can be made by cash, cheque or BPAY.

Permission notes to be returned:

- Division football permission slips and payment (selected students) must be returned by this Wednesday, July 13th.
- Oral Health Screening consent forms (if you would like your child to be screened next week) are due back at the office by the end of this week.

Grade 4 to 6 term 3 netbook lease instalment: If you have elected to pay the netbook lease fee in instalments the term 3 instalment is due this Friday 15th July. Students will not be permitted to take netbooks home if the instalment is not made by Friday 15th July.

Thank you

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- To Anita Mason for organising a new enrolment sign for the front fence. It will be up soon!