A reminder to families that, with the exception of bus travellers, students should not be at school prior to 8.45am as there is no teacher supervision until that time.

Principal’s chat

After week one of term all classes have settled back into routines and classroom spaces. Just a reminder that the school office, including Debra's work space and my workspace, is now located in the portable. Parents visiting the school during the day, including when dropping something off or helping out, still need to go through the office and not directly to the classrooms as this disrupts student learning. The late book and early leavers book also still needs to be signed when students arrive late or leave early. Basically nothing has changed with the operations of the school office except the location.

Today our grade 3 and 4 students, along with Alisa and Debbie, were invited by the Maldon Landcare group to take part in the planting of some trees. The group had a great morning planting trees in the long gully area close to the main street.

Marvic and Jess have continued to be busy in the school gardens. They gave the front garden a haircut and clean up last week and it is looking great. Our vegie patch is also doing very well. We are looking forward to making some delicious food with what we produce.

Although we are only half way into the year it is the time of the year that I start planning for 2017. It is when I have to look at enrolment numbers as our school is funded for staffing based on the number of students in the school. If numbers decline then so do your staff numbers including classroom teachers and the number of classes. Our enrolment numbers are therefore very important and it is very helpful if I know in advance how many students we will have enrolled. Please encourage people to enrol now for the 2017 year and also if you know that you are not going to be at Maldon in 2017 then please let us know a.s.a.p.
This week many of our Kids as Catalyst groups will be putting their plans into action. I am heading to the pre-school with a group who are putting up a music wall. I am also visiting the Maldon Men’s shed with the Boys and Men group who will be making a billy cart. There are several other great projects also being put into action. We look forward to hearing about them in the coming weeks.

Earlier this year I spoke with Public Transport Victoria (PTV) to express concerns regarding the safety of our students as our current school bus has no seat belts. The good news is that we have received confirmation that the new school bus will be in operation either this week or next. The new bus has seat belts and air conditioning.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- Bernadette will be absent on Thursday. Her replacement is yet to be confirmed.
- Jodie will be attending a Professional Development day next Monday.

School community

Japanese day coordinator required: We require a parent to coordinate the food (morning tea and lunch) on Japanese Day which is coming up on August 5th. There is a procedure document to follow which contains all the necessary details. If you are willing to take on this role please let Debra or Alisa know.

School Concert: Please note that the date for the concert has changed due to circumstances out of our control. The concert will now be held on Thursday September 15th, 2016.

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.

Fresh Fruit Friday: Last week the roster for term 3 was sent home to families who indicated they could help with Fresh Fruit Friday. The roster for term 4 is still incomplete as we do not have enough 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 fourth term. Please let Debra know what days you are available to help so that the term 4 roster can be finalised a.s.a.p.

This week’s volunteers: Nicole Funston and Lee-Ann Smith

Next week’s volunteers: Jacki Gautam and Shelley Carmichael

Music lessons:

🎵 Guitar Lessons
🎵 Drums Lessons

Places still available, BOOK NOW!

For enquiries, please contact Drew

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MUSIC LESSONS
Fundraising news

**Wood raffle:** A reminder to all families to sell and return their raffle ticket books by Monday 8th August. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 14th August at the Maldon Market.

**Maldon Market:** 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 on the day so please let Debra at the office know if you can help or text/phone Nicole on 0417 540 331. The market runs from 8am to 2pm.

What’s happening in the classroom?

**Whole school behaviour this week:** I speak with good purpose

**Morning bell:** Commencing this week we have introduced an extra bell in the mornings to assist students in arriving at class on time. A warning bell rings at 8.57am and students are then required to make their way into the classroom ready to start learning as soon as the 9.00am bell goes.

**Pots, pans and wooden spoons needed:** One of the Kids as Catalyst groups is creating a music wall at the pre-school as their project and they are looking for donations of old/unwanted pots, pans and wooden spoons. If you have any you can donate they will be put to very good use. Please leave all donations at the office or give them to Danica.

**Portfolios to be returned:** Please ensure that you complete the comment section and return your child’s portfolio to school immediately so that staff can start work on them for semester 2.

**Grades 3 and 4 Newshound page:**
Prep to 2 inquiry: This term grades Prep to 2 are doing STEM for their Inquiry. This is Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We combine these elements in design and building work. Each child will do three weeks of a STEM project: Coding with John, where they learn how to give commands to the computer, Construction with Bernadette, where they design and then build to solve a problem, and Cooking with Kay, Lee-Ann, Shelley and Nicole where they design and then make something healthy to eat.

These pictures show the sandwiches children designed and made and the tunnels which were designed and made to fit a matchbox car. In the last week of term we will have an expo showcasing our STEM learning for the term.

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**
Office info

Financial statements: Last Thursday financial statements were sent home to those families who have outstanding charges for the 2016 school year. It would be appreciated if payment of these charges could be made as soon as possible by cash, cheque or BPAY. We are happy to accept small regular payments if you are unable to pay the charges all at once. Please see Debra at the office if you would like to arrange this.

Permission notes to be returned: Kids as Catalyst Boys and Men group need to return their Men’s shed permission slip before school tomorrow.

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 now overdue. Students will not be permitted to take netbooks home if the instalment has not been made.

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.

Extra curricular catch up

Division netball: Congratulations to Grace, Caitlyn, Theresa, Aleara, Laura, Tayah, Tia, Sophie, Nick, Issy, Forest, Himal, Anthony, Natalie, Callum and Callan on their participation in the division netball competition in Bendigo last week. All students put in a fantastic effort and should be very proud of their performance.

Division football: A reminder that Division football is taking place this Wednesday, 20th July. Boys will need to provide their own boots, mouthguard, shorts and helmet (if required). Students will be provided with jumpers on the day. Brendan Stewart from Elphinstone Primary school will be supervising the students on the day.

Grade 3 and 4 tree planting with Landcare:
Tuning in to Kids
Bendigo

Want to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions (emotional intelligence)?

- Children with emotional intelligence...
  - have greater success with making and keeping friends
  - are more able to calm down when upset or angry
  - have better concentration at school

In this program you’ll find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger.

Term 3, 2016
When: Wednesday 3rd August - 7th September 2016
Time: Arrival and registration 12.45pm
   Sessions 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Noel Daily Room, 176 MtStawell St Bendigo
Cost: $40 - $50 concession
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Megan Simpson and Ky Gregg
Parking: No parking available - please park in surrounding streets

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

Do Food Safely
Food Safety Information for Community Groups and Volunteers
Tuesday 19 July 5—6.30pm
$5pp
Please RSVP: 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au

WINTERS FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
is proudly hosting a
Parent Information Session
on
childhood anxiety
when
Tuesday 19th July 2016
7 pm start to 8:30pm
at
Winters Flat Primary School
Roberts Ave, Castlemaine
Presented by
Kim Collins, Social Worker and Play Therapist
Please make bookings at the school office or via the form sent home. For this event, you will be asked to make a gold coin donation.
Parents welcome from all schools.
For more information or to make a booking, please contact the school office on 54721522
Bookings Essential
RSVP by Wednesday 13th July 2016

Knowing your Teenager
Maldon
Parenting teenagers is not easy. It requires creativity, determination and patience! It’s a tough phase for everybody, but you’re not alone.

Join other parents and carers in this workshop that aims to provide information, improve understanding and explore strategies that focus on the strengths and challenges of this stage of development

Term 3, 2016
When: Tuesday 2nd August 2016
Time: Welcome and registration 6.15pm
   Session 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr Church & Edwards Street, Maldon
Cost: Free
Child Care: Not available
Facilitators: Kate and Anna Marie (Parent Education Services Team)

For bookings and enquiries phone Amy on 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au

Kindergarten Enrolments 2017
Enrolment applications for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten open on 1st June. Please register your interest by enrolling early!
Enrol online: www.kindercare.ymca.org.au
Or call: 5329 2810 for more information
Maldon Preschool: 5475 2418
14-16 Camp Street Maldon

Be part of our beautiful kinder

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