Principal's chat

This week we say farewell to Jess Franklin who has been teaching the grade 5/6 class for the past nine weeks. Unfortunately Jess is unable to continue on with us at Maldon due to other commitments, but we have enjoyed her positive attitude and friendly smile. The 5/6 students have really enjoyed getting to know Jess and what she has to offer as a teacher. With Jess saying goodbye, we say hello and welcome to Bryce Quill who will be the grade 5/6 teacher for the remainder of the year. Bryce has had over 30 years’ experience as a teacher and has worked in many rural and urban schools. He has worked with students of all ages and his most recent work has been with grade 5/6 students. He is really looking forward to getting to know the students and families in his class and the school community. He is more than happy for you to pop in and say hello.

In the words of some of the students, last Wednesday was “The best day of their life” when the Variety Children’s Charity Bash visited our school. The Variety Bash is Australia's largest motoring event with participants travelling through the heart of Australia to areas that they would otherwise not see, at the same time raising money for children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs. They are making their way from Melbourne to Darwin and raising money along the way.

We were surprised and amazed when approximately seventy decorated cars arrived in the school yard with some very colourful characters inside. The students had a great time making their way around the cars and meeting the characters including dinosaurs, minions, sheep, gnomes and sesame street characters to name but a few. The students also received many free items including frisbees, balls, snacks, treats and toothbrushes. The school was very lucky and extremely grateful to be presented with three ipads that were donated by the charity. As a sign of our appreciation all proceeds from our Friday
fundraiser this week will go towards the Variety Children’s Charity.

Thank you to the families who have expressed their interest in using the after school care program. I have been communicating with Castlemaine Child Care regularly and they are still in the process of interviewing applicants. I am hoping for another update this week as to when the service will commence.

Today we had six teachers from Maiden Gully Primary School come and observe our teachers teaching CAFÉ reading. It is always very rewarding when others want to see our teaching practices. Our teachers should be congratulated for their professionalism and hard work. Well done.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along and had a chat with their child’s teacher at parent teacher interviews. It is a great way to find out how your child is progressing and what they will be working on next. Please remember that teachers are more than happy for you to make a time to meet with them if you have any questions, concerns or celebrations at any stage throughout the year.

A very big thank you to the families who helped out or donated food towards the Maldon Market fundraiser on Sunday. A special thank you to Nicole Funston and Anita Mason for their work in organising the fundraiser. The day was very busy and our volunteers did a great job collecting gold coin donations, selling raffle tickets and cooking sausages. We raised approximately $2,600 that will go towards furniture for our new rooms when the building works are complete. Congratulations to Kerry Oliver who was the winner of the wood raffle.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- John will be absent on Tuesday and is being replaced by Kellie Grant
- Jodie will be attending a meeting at Newstead Primary school on Tuesday morning
- Debra will be absent Thursday morning. Please leave non urgent matters until her return Thursday afternoon.

Sport news

Athletics coaching August 22nd: Next Monday students will be practising long jump in preparation for the Athletics carnival. Our long jump pit needs to be topped up with sand before then so if any parent has a trailer and is willing to complete this job please let Alisa or Debra know. Sand will be paid for by the school we just need help getting it to school!

Athletics day Friday August 26th: Athletics day is rapidly approaching and, as with many things around the school, we need your help on the day. There will be a variety of jobs to be done on the day including set up, marshalling, time keeping, recording and sausage cooking. If you are able to assist please text/call Nicole on 0417 540 331 or let Debra know at the office.

Office info

Financial statements: Today financial statements are being 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. Individual family Bpay details appear at the bottom of the statement. 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:

- Several students in Grade 5 and 6 have not returned their Preparation for Puberty permission slips. Please do so TOMORROW as the next session is tomorrow. Payment is due by Wednesday August 24th.

- Grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp consent and medical forms are now OVERDUE, please return them immediately so that camp planning can continue. Payment is due by Friday 26th August.

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.
**Book club:** Book club issue 6 catalogues have been given to students today. Orders can be submitted and paid for online at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or submitted at the office. Orders are due by Friday August 26th.

**School community**

**Cyber safety information session this Thursday 18th August:**

**Wanted:** If any families have unwanted loom bands at home Bernadette would love to make use of them in her Maths class. Please leave any bands at the office or give them to Bernadette.

**Fresh Fruit Friday:**

**This week’s volunteers:** Kylie Trott and Jackie Gautam

**Next week’s volunteers:** Patricia Gilbert and Nicole Funston

The Fresh Fruit Friday rosters for terms 3 and 4 can be found on the Maloon Primary school website under About/Parent Community [http://maldonps.vic.edu.au/about/parent-club/](http://maldonps.vic.edu.au/about/parent-club/)
What's happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour this week: I am flexible and open to new ideas and learning

Grade 3-6 AFL 9's:

Book week dress up day Wednesday 24th August:

Young Leaders: This week’s Friday Fundraiser will be donated to the Variety Children’s Charity to say thank you for their kind donation of three ipads last week.

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Available each Friday are: Homemade Sausage rolls $2.50, Juice Box $1.50, Popcorn $1.00
Extra curricular catch up

Instrumental music:

Deme student gig 2016

A performance aimed at giving students a real life musicians experience

27th. August 2016
Salvation Army Hall
Mundy St. Bendigo

Gig 1: School Groups Performance 11am
Gig 2: Choir, Band & Orchestra
Performance 2pm

Students due 1 hour before commencement time

Entry $5 - Adults, kids under 16 free

MUSIC & DRAMA LESSONS

- Piano and keyboards
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- Drums and Percussion
- Drama Classes

For enquiries & bookings, please contact Drew
Ph. 0407 502 438
drewthorpemusic@gmail.com
Facebook page: Drew Thorpe Music

Student achievements

Yesterday Daniel and Zav had the amazing experience of playing football at Etihad stadium at half time in the match between the Gold Coast Suns and Essendon. Both boys had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the experience.

A reminder that if you have any news about student achievements outside of school hours we would love to hear about it. Please email details, photos etc. to maldon.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Community

September School Holiday Workshop 2016

Contemporary dance & Acro-Yoga

with Robbie Brassington

4 DAYS INTENSIVE (10.30AM - 1.30PM)
27th - 30th September, 2016.

For: Grade 4 to Grade 6 (Primary School Students)

Price: $155 - 20% OFF WHEN BOOKING WITH A FRIEND

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The session covers:
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Mental illness
- Alcohol & other drugs, including ice
- Looking after yourself
- Supporting friends and family

Date: Tuesday 13 September
Time: 5:30-8:00pm
Light dinner included
Venue: Maldon Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Church St and Edwards St, Maldon
Cost: no charge but bookings essential

Bookings essential, via Castlemaine District Community Health on email@cdch.com.au or 5479 1000

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