Principal’s chat

Last week was National Support Staff Week and to say thank you to our support staff, Debra, Kay and Debbie, we held a morning tea. Debra does an amazing job in the office and helps to ensure that everything runs smoothly and that parents return all the permission slips and notes etc. Kay does a great job supporting staff in the classrooms, keeping the staff room well organised and stocked and providing additional support where required. Debbie also plays a great part in our team, supporting staff and students in the classroom and ensuring that the library is in tip top shape. A big thank you to them for the hard work they do every day.

Works are now well underway on the building renovations. Over the past few weeks demolition works have commenced within the office, staff room area and the south classroom. Walls have come down and flooring has been ripped up. Here are a few photos of the works so far...

We are hoping to recycle as much of the cabinetry etc. as we can and at the end of the works items that remain will be sold to help raise money to fund some new furniture for our rooms. I will keep you all posted when items are available if anyone is interested.

During the demolition works the builders have found some interesting historical items under the flooring.
This Friday we have our annual **Athletics Carnival**. The sports committee, along with Alisa as the sports coordinator, have been very busy organising the day. Our Athletics Day commences at 10:00am and concludes at approximately 1:00pm with a free sausage sizzle for all students and volunteers. Many thanks to the families who have volunteered their time on the day or have donated goods. We still require donations of sausages and also still need helpers on the day. Please let Debra know at the office if you can assist with either of these.

Just a reminder that students come to school dressed in their house colours to support their team on the day. House teams are displayed in your child’s room.

Franklin (Red)  
Alexander (Green)  
Nuggetty (Yellow)  
Tarrengower (Blue)

This week is Book Week and on **Wednesday** we are celebrating by having our annual **Book Week Dress Up day**. All students are encouraged to come along dressed as a book character. Staff also get into the spirit of things and are looking forward to dressing as their favourite characters. On Wednesday morning we will have a parade to show case all of the great costumes. The parade will commence at approximately 9:10am at the front of the school. Parents are welcome to come along.

Mary, our music/performing arts specialist, has been very busy planning, practising and organising our **school concert**. The concert is on **Thursday 15th September**. We hold two performances - a day concert at 2:00pm and a night concert at 6:00pm which will be followed by supper. Teachers are busy practising in class and preparing costumes. A note will be sent home in regards to what your child needs to wear for the concert. Please remember that if you need any help in regards to the costume or if you are able to help out with concert preparations then let your child’s teacher know. **This year we have an admission fee of $5.00 for adults and children under 18 are free.** All families are asked to bring a plate of food to share after the evening concert.

We have had many **students absent** over the past few weeks with a **range of cold and flu viruses**. We have had a confirmed case of the flu (influenza A) and ask that if your child is unwell then please ensure that they do not return to school until they are 100%. Also chat with your child about good hygiene practices as shared in previous newsletters.

Last week our **NAPLAN results arrived for our grade 3 and 5 students**. NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests, but more of an indication of where your child’s results are on a common assessment scale. **NAPLAN provides a snapshot of your child’s performance on the day of the tests.** If you would like a copy of your child’s NAPLAN results then please make an appointment time with your child’s teacher.

We are in the process of analysing our whole school NAPLAN data so that we can celebrate our successes, inform our planning and address any areas requiring improvement across the school. We will share some of this information in the coming weeks.

*Warm regards*  
*Jodie*
What's happening this week?

- Jodie will be attending a Principal meeting on Thursday.
- Debra will be attending a Business Manager’s Conference on Friday. Please leave non-urgent matters until her return on Monday.

School community

Fresh Fruit Friday:

This week’s volunteers: Patricia Gilbert and Nicole Funston

Next week’s volunteers: Ken Hercott and Anita Mason

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/

What's happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour this week: I learn from my mistakes and I am persistent

Book week dress up day Wednesday 24th August:

Office info

Financial statements: A reminder to all families with outstanding charges for excursions, camps etc. that payment is required as soon as possible. Payment can be by cash, cheque or BPay. Individual family BPay details appear at the bottom of the family financial statements sent home two weeks ago. 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.

2017 enrolments: A reminder that if you have a child commencing in Prep in 2017 we would appreciate it if you could complete and return their enrolment papers as soon as possible.
Permission notes and payments to be returned:

- Landcare excursion Grades 5 and 6 permission form due this Thursday 25th August
- Payment for Grade 5 and 6 Preparation for Puberty is due this Friday 26th August
- Payment for the Grade 1 camp and Grade 2 experience day is due this 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 Poster]

**MALDON TENNIS CLUB**

2016 Children's Competition

Competition tennis begins again in term 4, and the Maldon Tennis Club would love to enter some Junior teams again this year.

Last year the club was able to enter three Junior teams into the competition. Junior 2 was played on Friday afternoon/evening and provides children with a friendly beginner entry into the game of tennis. Junior 1 is best for children who have played a season or two of Junior 2 and/or who have regular tennis lessons. Last year Junior 1 was played on Saturday mornings.

Anne Fitzpatrick and some volunteer parents will offer some training and assessment for children interested in playing in this year's competition. Training and try outs will commence on **Friday afternoons** from August 26th to September 16th (that's 4 sessions) beginning 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Competition is open to players from age 7 to age 15.

**PLEASE NOTE**

- Beginner tennis will begin again in term 4 on Friday afternoons.
- Term 3 sessions are for children to try out for the summer competition.

We hope to see a few of you there!

Bec Hamilton and Anne Fitzpatrick

**EVERYONE WELCOME!!**