THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Tuesday 30th August
• Landcare excursion Gr 5 and 6

Wednesday 31st August
• Preparation for Puberty Gr 5 and 6

Thursday 1st September
• HATS ARE BACK!
• Gr 1 camp experience day
• Gr 2 camp day one

Friday 2nd September
• Kids as Catalysts Cultural diversity group excursion
• Gr 2 camp day two
• Friday Fundraiser
• NO ASSEMBLY

Monday 5th September
• Blokes Breakfast - 7.15am to 8.45am
• Chess coaching-Gr 5 and 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 7th September
Sport meeting, 9.35am

Thursday 15th September
Concert

Friday 16th September
Last day term 3- 2.30pm dismissal

Monday 3rd October
First day term 4

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

A reminder to families that hats are back for all students from Thursday 1st September. Please ensure your child has their hat at school ready for Thursday.

Principal’s chat

Last Friday we held our annual athletics carnival. We were very fortunate with the weather and the day got off to a great start with many events including hurdles, 100m sprint, long jump, shot put, discus, javelin and the 800m dash. Each of the house teams were excited and it was great to see every child participate and try their best. Alisa, along with the sport committee, did a great job organising the day. A lot of work and organisation happens behind the scenes to ensure that the day runs smoothly, so thank you to all the people who put in the work to make the day the success that it was. Many thanks also to the volunteers on the day who helped out with running an event or cooking the BBQ. Again the day couldn’t happen without your help.

A big congratulations to Alexander (green) who took home the cup on the day with the most house points. Well done to the following highest point scorers in each grade level:

Prep - Clinton and Isla
One – Abi and Izaak M
Two – Maddy and Tom H
Three – Alannah and Daniel
Four – Will and Georgia
Five – Sophie, Claire and Oliver
Six – Austin, Himal and Grace

We also celebrate great sports people on the day. Students are nominated throughout the day and then a winner of the medallion is chosen. Congratulations to the following students who received the sportsperson award on the day for their year level:

Prep – Patrick for showing care and compassion towards others and for supporting his fellow team mates and encouraging them
One – Francis for encouraging his fellow classmates
Two – Zavier G for his persistence and have a go attitude

Three - Olivia for being persistent and never giving up

Four - Tarkyn for his persistence in all events but particularly in the distance events

Five - Laura for her great encouragement of others

Six - Kirstdey for putting in 100% in the relay race and not giving up

Last week some of the staff got quite a surprise as they were leaving for the day, when an echidna wandered in to the boys toilets. It took three of us to try and remove it, but in the end Alisa was the brave one and was able to point it in the right direction. It seems to have taken up residence around the school and was seen wandering around the following day. It does like to hide during the day though!!

This week I am meeting with Castlemaine Child Care and they have now appointed a person to run the after school program. I am pleased to share that the after school care program will commence on day one of term 4. More information will be shared in regards to enrolling etc. in the next few weeks.

Last week we also celebrated Book Week. Many thanks to our librarian Debbie for organising the day and also sharing the shortlisted books with all students. It was great to see almost all of the students in the school dressed in character, including the staff. We had many characters including multiple Harry Potters, Specky Magee, Pokemon, Pikachu, The Tin Man, characters from Star Wars and the Hunger Games to name a few.

Our school concert is fast approaching and all classes are very busy practising for the event. Our theme this year is “Australia” and each class has a performance and costumes based on this theme. Teachers will be sending home information regarding costumes in the next week.

Tomorrow our grade 5 and 6 students are taking part in the Mount Alexander Schools Landcare Day: Cultivating the next generation of landcarers. The aim of the day is to create and strengthen links between Landcare groups and their local primary school/s, to develop environmental knowledge and skills and to encourage environmental leadership and foster the next generation of Landcare volunteers. The excursion was to be held at Vaughan Springs, but now, due to forecasted bad weather, it will be held at the Harcourt Leisure Centre. The day is fully subsidised for all students.

Our grade 1 and 2 students are off to Boomerang Ranch this week. Our grade 1’s spend the day at Boomerang and our grade 2 students will stay for one night. We hope that they have lots of fun and can’t wait to hear about all of their adventures when they return.

We are awaiting confirmation of a coordinator for the Blokes Breakfast next Monday. Families will be informed later this week if the event needs to be cancelled due to a lack of coordinator.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- John will be absent on Tuesday and is being replaced by Kathryn.

Office info

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 forms MUST be returned before school tomorrow.

- Payment for Grade 5 and 6 Preparation for Puberty and Grade 1 camp and Grade 2 experience day is overdue and payment must be made immediately.

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.
School community

Fresh Fruit Friday:
This week’s volunteers: Ken Hercott and Anita Mason

Next week’s volunteers: Patricia Gilbert and Shelley Carmichael

The Fresh Fruit Friday rosters for terms 3 and 4 can be found on the Maldon Primary School website under About/Parent Community [http://maldonps.vic.edu.au/about/parent-club/](http://maldonps.vic.edu.au/about/parent-club/)

School concert Thursday 15th September: A reminder that admission for this year’s concert will be $5 for adults with children under 18 admitted free of charge. All families are asked to bring a plate of food to share after the evening concert.

NAPLAN results for Grades 3 and 5: If you would like a copy of your child’s 2016 NAPLAN results then please make an appointment time with your child’s teacher.

Buda Vegie Challenge Harvest Dinner Friday 2nd September: We have a few spare tickets to this year’s Harvest dinner at a cost of $15 each. For more information or to organise tickets please see Debra at the office.

What’s happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour this week: I always give 100% to my learning

Kids as Catalyst- Kids expressing talent group: Jacob and Forest have been working to construct and install a music wall for the Maldon Pre School playground.

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

Thank you

- To all families who donated money or goods towards the sausage sizzle lunch for athletics day. Your support is very much appreciated by the students!

Extra curricula catch up

Book Week dress up day:
Congratulations to Abby, Scarlett and Nicholas for their fantastic effort at Saturday’s DTM Student’s Gig.

More photos on the website!!

Instrumental music: Congratulations to Abby, Scarlett and Nicholas for their fantastic effort at Saturday's DTM Student's Gig.
Maldon Neighbourhood Centre

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Join us for fun and affordable workshops and maybe become a blue ribbon winner at the 153rd Annual Spring Show on Sunday 16th October 2016. All the community is encouraged to enter the Show. Remember, “you have to be in it to win it!”

www.maldonshow.com.au

Scone and Cake Baking with Alby & Cathy
for all the family, including the men!

Time: 10-11.30am, Saturday 10 September

Learn to Make Marmalade & Preserves

Time: 6-8pm, Wednesday 14 September

Workshops cost $15 per person or $10 conc. To book, please contact the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre on 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au