Principal’s chat

This week we are in the final week of term three. We have had a very busy term with many learning and extra curricular activities. This term also saw the start of the building works that will continue through until the end of term four. Next term we have our biggest fundraiser for the year, our Market and Fair, on Saturday 29th October, so be sure to lock the date in your diary.

It is that time of the year again - CONCERT TIME!!

MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT

Day concert – 2:00pm
Night concert - 6:00pm
Entry $5.00 per adult
Children are free

Please bring a plate of food to share after the evening concert

Students had a rehearsal at the hall today and information went home last week in regards to costumes for each class. Please remember to see your class teacher if you need some assistance with a costume or if you are able to help out with the concert. A further note from Mary regarding the concert has been sent home today. Finally, a reminder that all students need to attend both the afternoon and evening concerts.

Jacob and Reuben recently joined students from other Mount Alexander schools to take part in cooking a meal for 150 people at the Buda Harvest Dinner. Schools cultivated produce from their gardens and it was used to put together a delicious meal. At the dinner we received a $50 voucher in recognition of the work that has been put into our vegetable garden, especially the wicking bed.

It is so nice to look out my window from the portable to the beautiful new garden that is coming together. It is also lovely to see the children racing over at playtime and lunchtime to help out in the garden. They are digging holes and making paths all under the guidance of our lovely and passionate volunteers Jess and Marvic, who are contributing a lot of their time to ensure that our gardens look great.

Last week we had the staff from Mount Alexander Family Day Care here to
chat with families interested in after school care and to hand out enrolment information. We had several families collect information and enrol in the program. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our After School Care program then you can collect information from the school office or Carinya Child Care, 15-17 Templeton St. Castlemaine. Please be mindful that spaces are filling fast and we only have seven places available each day. Enrol now to secure your place. Enrolment papers need to be returned directly to Carinya Child Care not the school.

Last Friday I attended the Kids as Catalysts celebrations and I was very impressed with the hard work and effort that our grade 5 and 6 students had put into their projects. Each group spoke passionately about the community project that they had worked on and they felt a sense of pride and compassion in giving back to others. All of our groups had their community partners at the celebration. The community partners spoke very highly of the work that the students had engaged in and how rewarding it was to work with the students. Many thanks to our community partners- Ian from Maldon Landcare, Barb from Tarrengower Prison, Julie from the Meeting Place, Maz and all the kids from the Maldon Pre school, Jacinta and the residents from the Maldon Hospital and John and Cliff from the Maldon Mens Shed. The community partners have been an integral part of the Kids as Catalysts projects and we thank them for their time and commitment.

I hope that you all have a fun, safe and relaxing two week break and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Warm regards
Jodie
Fundraising news

Market Day: A market day meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 13th September, at 2pm in the staff room. We would love to see as many people as possible there even if you only have a little time to give to the cause. Remember many hands make light work!

School community

CASEA program 2017:

Dear Parent

Have you ever thought about wanting some new ways to help your child cope with the ups and downs of life? To help teach your kids about strong feelings and how they can manage them better? To learn parent approaches to remain calm when things get stressful in your family?

These feelings skills are really important to help children make and keep friends, do well at school and feel good about themselves.

If your child is in Prep- Grade 2 a questionnaire and letter will be sent home to you soon asking about your child’s behaviour and emotions. If you and your child would like to be considered for a free 8 week child group program and 8 week parent group program at your school, please complete the questionnaire and consent form and return it to your child’s class teacher.

The groups will run in term 2 2017 and will be held at Maldon PS.

If you would like some more information on the program please call Kerry Holland (Bendigo Health CASEA Coordinator) on 54427896.
Health and Wellbeing group: The Health and Wellbeing Group will be reconvening in Term 4. At this stage, the meetings will be on Wednesday or Thursday at a time still to be decided. Please email me on grainger.elizabeth.a@edumail.vic.gov.au with a time that would suit you. All welcome.

Fresh Fruit Friday:
This week’s volunteers: Anita Mason and Nicole Funston

First week next term volunteers: Patricia Gilbert and Genna Hines

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.

What’s happening in the classroom?

Footy colours day: This Friday students are encouraged to wear Footy colours and bring a gold coin donation to raise funds for kids living with cancer. Students will be participating in a footy clinic run by some of the grade 4 and 5 students as part of the day.

End of term movie and popcorn: After the footy clinic on Friday all students will be watching a movie and enjoying popcorn as a treat to celebrate the end of another busy term. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for this activity and the funds will also be donated to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Friday fundraiser: There will be no popcorn available this week, only sausage rolls and juice boxes.

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser
Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

Available each Friday are: Homemade Sausage rolls $2.50, Juice Box $1.50

Office info

Online newsletter and permission slips: A reminder to all families that the weekly newsletter and current permission slips are available on the front page of the school website www.maldonps.vic.edu.au.

Outstanding absence notes and payments: Please ensure that all outstanding absence notes are returned to the office by Friday. Please also finalise all payments for camps/excursions/uniform etc. before term ends on Friday.

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.

Term 4 netbook instalments: If you have a child in Grade 4,5 or 6 and have elected to pay the netbook lease fee in instalments the term 4 instalment of $25 is due on Friday October 7th, 2016.

Student achievements

Congratulations to Theresa, Tayah, Grace, Forest and Caitlyn (as well as past students Emily, Lily and Holly) for making the grand final this Sunday in the under 13 Maldon netball team. Let’s get behind the team this weekend for what will be a very exciting match. Go donners!
Thank you

- To the Johnstone family for their donation of craft and other items to the school.
Castlemaine Children’s Literature Festival turns 6!
We are celebrating with a mini-festival, A Series of Fortunate Events.
Workshops, activities and performances for children aged 2-14 years.
First week of the September school holidays.
Please visit the website for event information and tickets - booking early is strongly encouraged!

www.literaturefestival.com.au

Our Spring School Holiday Program at the Library is packed full of fun!
Featuring a stage performance of Alice in Wonderland from the Victorian Youth Theatre, Lego Explorers, and some great workshops and events with the Castlemaine Children’s Literature Festival.
Pop into the Library to collect a program, or have a look online:


You are encouraged to book early!

Solar Fiesta
COME AND CELEBRATE!
SATURDAY 17 SEPT
12.00 TO 4PM
GIANT PINATA, LIVE MUSIC, SPANISH BBQ, CRAFT, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE
WHERE
Car Church & Edwards Sts
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Castlemaine Cannons (Country Basketball League) is collecting secondhand phones and tablets for recycling with Fonebank. The Club earns money for devices that are working or able to be repaired regardless of the type of device.

Go green and help your local club earn valuable fundraising dollars.

You can leave your device at Maldon Primary School office for the attention of Liz Grainger or contact Jarred Wiese at cannonsclub@hotmail.com to arrange a collection. Thank you for your support. The club and the environment thanks you!

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