Principal’s chat

Last Friday Peter Cole from the Castlemaine Old School Boys spoke at assembly. Peter talked about his walk to school experiences as a school student and how it was very different to now. He had to walk or ride his bike to school and also talked about one of his friends who used to get to school via horse and cart. We thank Peter and appreciate his volunteering of his time to chat with our school and hopefully it will inspire more of us to get active and take part in Walk to School Month. Remember that students who live a distance from school can be dropped off to walk the last 100m or 200m to school via the school crossing or if your child uses the school bus then they are encouraged to walk to and from their house to the school bus stop. Remember to chat with your children about road safety and remind them to use the school crossing at all times (when available).

This is probably a good time to remind families and students about crossing the road safely. Pedestrians have to share the road with vehicles so it is important they take care when crossing the road. As a pedestrian, plan where you will walk and always choose the safest place to cross a road.

**Stop, Look, Listen, Think**

Follow the safe road crossing procedure – STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK.

STOP one step back from the kerb or shoulder of the road if there is no footpath.

LOOK in all directions for approaching traffic.

LISTEN in all directions for approaching traffic.

THINK about whether it is safe to cross the road i.e. when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped.

When crossing, walk straight across the road. Keep LOOKING and LISTENING for traffic while crossing.

This information is particularly relevant to young people learning to cross roads but it also provides a useful reminder to everyone particularly to those who may be distracted when crossing the road.
MARKET DAY, MARKET DAY, MARKET DAY—this is going to be heard a lot over the next few weeks! Our committee met again last week and organisation is well underway. In addition to our school BBQ, we have some great food vans this year including potato twists, curry and samosas and yum cha. We also have lots of children’s entertainment including:

- FACE PAINTING
- BUCKING BULL
- BUNGEE RUN
- GIANT BOARD GAMES
- JUMPING CASTLE
- FUN CLASS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING, MYSTERY JARS, GUESS THE JELLY BEANS, GUESS THE TEACHER, KNOCK ‘EM DOWN AND STICK IN THE SAND

We need your help on the day and a form will go home tomorrow asking for volunteers. We need volunteers for the:

- BBQ
- Cash register
- Raffle at the two entrances
- Cake stall

We also need donations of various items in the lead up to market day and a note regarding this will also go home tomorrow.

REMEMBER TO KEEP SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH FREE FOR A GREAT DAY AT OUR SCHOOL MARKET WHICH IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR.

Today all students in grades Prep-2 will receive a questionnaire from the Bendigo Health CASEA program—CAMHS and Schools Early Action Program. It is a program that our school will take part in during the first half of 2017.

The CASEA is an eight week parent and child group program that aims to:

- Help you understand and manage your child’s emotions and behaviours
- Help your child to understand and manage their emotions and behaviours, as well as improve their problem solving skills

The program is free and it will run during school hours. The program is open to children in grades prep-2.

In order to express your interest in the program you need to fill out the strengths and difficulties questionnaire about your child and return it, with the signed consent form, in the reply paid envelope by Friday 21st October.

Teachers will also complete a similar questionnaire and the two questionnaires will then be used to invite selected parents and children to participate in the program. It is a great opportunity to take part in a free program that is only offered approximately once every eight years.

Finally a message from Mt Alexander Child Care that the paperwork is still being finalised for after school care and hopefully it will be up and running next week. They will contact families when the service is ready to commence.

Have a great week everyone—let’s hope some sunshine and warm weather comes along soon!

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- Jodie will be attending a Principal Forum all day next Monday 17th October

What’s happening in the school yard?

A reminder that there will be a Working Bee held on Sunday October 23rd from 9am-12pm to prepare the school grounds for Market Day. There will be further information in next week’s newsletter but keep the morning free to help get the grounds into tip top shape!
School community

Fresh Fruit Friday:

This week’s volunteers: Ken Hercott and Nicole Funston

Next week’s volunteers: Anita Mason and Shelley Carmichael

Maldon Show Sunday October 17th: The grand parade at the Maldon show is open to everyone this year. If you would like to be part of the parade, you can dress up as an agricultural item of any sort or just join in as you are. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Office info

Voluntary contributions: Families are encouraged to make voluntary contributions towards buildings and grounds maintenance and library resources if you haven’t already done so. At this stage of the year less than 40% of our families have made voluntary contributions so we would love to receive a few more. Contributions can be made by cash, cheque or BPay.

Visitors register: A reminder to all parents that they must sign in and out of the school, using the visitors register, when helping out in the classrooms e.g. for reading or visiting the school for other reasons e.g. for meetings or fruit duty. This is for emergency management purposes.

Access to classrooms during school hours: A reminder to parents that if you need to drop something to your child during school hours or pick them up early you need to go to the office for assistance to avoid disrupting classes.

Permission notes and payments to be returned:

- Grade 3 and 4 T20 Cricket and Grade 5 and 6 T20 cricket permission forms and payment are due back this Thursday 13th October.

Student 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.

Book club:

What’s happening in the classroom?

Friday fundraiser:

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

Available each Friday are: Homemade Sausage rolls $2.50, Juice Box $1.50 and Popcorn $1.00
Art news: Over the past few weeks in Art, students have been busy working on completing their entries for this year’s Maldon Show. The school will be entering a piece of artwork for the majority of students in the art competition at this year’s show. Every student has worked hard on their entry piece and it is great to see such a variety of artwork being created by the students who are all excited about having their entries displayed. Don’t forget to head along to the show this Sunday October 17th to have a look at the amazing artistic talent we have here at Maldon P.S.

Extra curricular catch up

Division Athletics photos:

Thank you
**Enrol today for**

**Crafternoon for Kids**

**Wednesdays**
3.45–5.00pm
$150 (10 weeks)

Join Beth Yokohara for ‘Crafternoon for Kids’ teaching a range of craft techniques over the term. Starts on 12 October.

Suitable for primary school aged children 6+

Venue: Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, 52 Church St.
Bookings: Contact the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre 5475 2193 or info@maltonm.org.au

**CIRCUS SKILLS FOR KIDS**

This is an opportunity locally, with an instructor of 30 years’ experience, to learn basic circus and acrobatic training in a fun, safe and relaxed environment.

Flexibility, Core strength, Balance, Basic skills at your pace. Fun! Teamwork.

Monday 10 October
3.45pm – 5.00pm
$150 for 10 weeks

Call Margaret for details
0403 451 802
margaretkerry.com.au/circus
Venue: Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Hall

Margaret Kerry has spent most of her life involved with and teaching gymnastics, acrobatics and circus skills. She teaches with humour and a deep understanding of the learning process. Posture, weight bearing and core strength work is all critical to the long-term health. These classes complement any other sporting or fitness activity.