Principal’s chat

Welcome to week 3..and we are still waiting for the sunshine!

It is only 12 more days until our biggest fundraiser of the year – MARKET DAY!!

Thank you to the families who have volunteered to help on the day or with set up. We still need a lot more forms to come in, so please fill in your form and let us know what you can help out with. We also have a roster up on the office wall where you can fill in your name if that is easier!

Thank you also to the families who have donated some mystery jars, wrapped lollies and second hand toys. We require lots more donations so please keep them coming in so that each class can run their stall.

Don’t forget to start baking for our very popular cake stall. We look forward to seeing all of the yummy treats for sale on the day.

Finally please sell your book/s of raffle tickets and return them to the office by the beginning of next week.

This Sunday 23rd October we also have our working bee to get the yard in tip top shape. Our school council team have been busy organising some jobs to be completed on the day and you can read more about it later in the newsletter. We also have a free sausage sizzle to feed our team of helpers on the day. We look forward to seeing you there on Sunday.

Today our Out of Hours School Care program commenced and it will run daily from 3:15pm to 6:00pm. We have had a considerable number of families enrol but there are some places still available. Enrolment forms
are available from the school office or contact Carinya Child Care in Castlemaine for further information on 5472 3665.

Last week our grade 4/5 students were invited to visit the Maldon Hospital to help the residents and other locals celebrate Seniors Week. The students had a wonderful time, made some lovely decorations and sang songs for the residents. Here are some comments from the students:

**Georgia:** We saw the residents were really happy when we walked in...their smiles got bigger! It was lovely to have a chat with the residents.

**Hugo:** It was fun singing songs to the residents and we also talked to the residents. We had scones and fruit for afternoon tea.

**Natalie:** We went up to the hospital for seniors day and we entertained the residents with two songs “Gold” and “We are Australian”. We also had afternoon tea.

**Callan:** It was great because I got to see my great grandma and grandpa as well as other residents. It was really cool because we listened to another performance and did lots of talking with the residents.

The residents and visitors really enjoyed the visit from our students.

It is that time of the year when I start planning and preparing for 2017. If you know of anyone that might be enrolling at our school please encourage them to give me a call or arrange a time for a visit. Also if you know that you are not going to be at Maldon Primary in 2017 please let me know this a.s.a.p. Enrolments and student numbers are crucial to the amount of funding we get to supply staff including classroom teachers, specialist teachers, a welfare officer, integration aides, office staff and teaching and learning support staff. Student numbers also determine how many classrooms we can have and the year level combinations in those classrooms. To help in planning for 2017 we need to confirm the number of students who will be enrolled a.s.a.p.

Tomorrow we have our first transition visit for our 2017 grade Prep students. They will be visiting for an hour in the morning where they will have fun in the classroom, take a tour of the school and meet some of our teachers. We are looking forward to meeting our preps for 2017.

Due to me having some surgery this week I will be absent for most of the week. In my absence please leave a message at the office or see Bernadette to have a chat.

Have a great week everyone.

Warm regards

Jodie

What’s happening in the classroom?

**Art news:** The school artwork looked amazing on display at the show yesterday and all students should be very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to the following students who received prizes on the day for their artwork: Grace, Brodie, Natalie, Josh, Reuben, Liam W, Sonya, Beatrice, Arlen, Isla, Theresa, Callum, Harry, Louella, Abby, Abi, Lillian and Nicholas. Certificates, prize money and ribbons will be distributed to students tomorrow.

**Music Count Us In (MCUI) 2016, Thursday November 3rd 12:30pm:** The whole school are rehearsing the MCUI 2016 song ‘Let it Play’. Our students have choreographed a great dance to accompany the singing. Music Count Us In is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500 000 students participating, from over 2100 schools, nationwide. The song for the annual event is written by the winning team of student songwriters, with the help of program mentors, John Foreman and Jay Laga’aia. All the participating students from around Australia sing ‘Let it Play’ at the same time on the same day. We will participate in the singing and watch the event as it is telecast around Australia on the day.

The students have all taken a paper copy of the lyrics home. It is accessible from the internet - follow this link: https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/the-song/submit-your-song/

**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
What’s happening in the school yard?

A reminder that there will be a Working Bee held this Sunday October 23rd from 9am to 12pm to prepare the school grounds for Market Day. Market Day is an important fundraiser for our school but it is also a chance to showcase our beautiful school grounds and facilities so we need to make sure the yard is clean, tidy and looking it’s very best. We have lots of jobs to complete at the working bee including:

- Trimming trees
- Mulching trees
- Spreading gravel
- Planting around the pond
- Sweeping/cleaning around the back of the school and in the BBQ area
- Weeding and mulching the front garden
- Cleaning the drinking troughs
- Cleaning the chicken coop
- Tidying the sandpit area
- Weeding the Japanese garden

In order to complete these jobs we need manpower and tools including chainsaws, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, gardening gloves, brooms, blowers, secateurs and scrubbing brushes so please come along and bring what you can!

At the conclusion of the working bee there will be a sausage sizzle to feed the hungry workers. This is a great opportunity to get to know other families at the school in a relaxed, friendly environment so please come along, help out, eat lunch and show your children that you value their school and their educational environment.

Fundraising news

**Market Day:** The big day is now just around the corner so please help us to make the day as successful as it can be. Below is a list of the ways you can help:

- **Volunteer to assist on the day.** Forms for this went home last week and there is also a roster in the office so please give generously of your time.
- **Return your sold raffle tickets by this Monday 24th October.**
- **Donate some mystery jars**— check out the ones we have in the office for inspiration.
• Donate unwanted toys and games. Donations can be left at the office.

• Donate bags of wrapped lollies. Donations can be left at the office.

• Bake for the cake stall. Donations can be left in the student kitchen on Friday 28th October or on the morning of Market Day, Saturday 29th October.

Race the Train Fundraiser:

It’s time to have some family fun and enjoy the great outdoors of Maldon.

Join us in the Race against the Train.

Leaving Castlemaine and steaming through to Maldon

Sunday 13th November 2016

Starting with registration at 10 am, race time is 11.45 am. The last riders are expected at the Maldon train station by 1.15 pm

How can you help? - by joining in the fun of riding your bike from Castlemaine to Maldon on the day of Race the Train. We are participating in the family ride. We are asking all the students to participate in a ride-a-thon, collecting sponsorship for kilometres ridden. All students can join in and cousins, friends even parents can help in raising money.

The cost of entry is $20 per adult and $10 per child. This includes $5 Victorian Bike Insurance. Entry is via the Race the train web site – www.racebetrain.com.au. All the details you need to know about the actual race are on the web site as well.

For those that don’t think they will make it all the way to Maldon there will be a pick up system at Muckleford station – delivering people to the Maldon train station.

All students/children must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum of 2 children per adult. This is to ensure everyone’s safety.

For every child that raises over $25 the Race the Train committee will donate $5 back to their school.

Volunteers required

For this event we will require 12 volunteers: 4 to run the bbq, 5 to stand on streets in Maldon to guide the bikes as they come through town and 3 volunteers to help run a bus pick up system for those that need help along the trail (a bus and trailer will be going up and down the track if and when needed)

All funds raised from this event will be going to improving our sport programs and facilities within our schools.

Maldon Primary is raising funds to build a bike/scooter track around the perimeter of the school grounds.

Castlemaine Primary is raising funds to build an undercover bike shed.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information please contact Nicole 0417 540 331 at Maldon Primary School or Joanna 0429 871 869 at Castlemaine Primary School.

School community

Fresh Fruit Friday:

This week’s volunteers: Anita Mason and Shelley Carmichael

Next week’s volunteers: Patricia Gilbert and Rebecca Hamilton
Office info

CASEA questionnaire and consent form Prep-2: The CASEA questionnaire and consent form is due back at the office by this Friday 21st October if you are interested in participating in this program.

Permission notes and payments to be returned:

- Prep-2 Wild Action incursion permission form and payment is due back this Friday October 21st
- Prep-2 Kickball permission form and payment is due back on Friday October 28th

Community

Toddlers Maldon

This workshop will give parents and carers of toddlers the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others. We will discuss toddler development and the joys and challenges this stage brings to your family. Discussion will also focus on parenting strategies you may use for this age group.

Term 4, 2016

When: Monday 7th November 2016
Time: Welcome and registration 12.15pm
Session 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Where: Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr Church & Edwards Street, Maldon
Cost: Free
Childcare: Available
Facilitators: Family Education Services Team - CatholicCare Sandhurst

For bookings and enquiries phone Amy on 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au

Celebrate Day for Girls

At the Celebration Day girls enjoy lively discussion, fun activities, women’s stories and gentle celebration of the magical threshold of puberty and menarche.

The positively presented information, activities and conversation around these topics at the Celebration Day for Girls workshop can have a profound and lasting impact on girls and their mothers/carers.

In creating a healthy and grounded experience of puberty’s changes, we encourage girls to develop their self-esteem with a positive body image. This leads to healthy decision making around relationships and other life choices as they mature.

Program Content

With mums we look at this day’s program, address any concerns and look at what you would like for your daughter’s introduction to womanhood.

With the girls, we cover changes to expect during puberty, understanding your menstrual cycle and being positive about your body.

Throughout the day, the girls are engaged in creative activities in a relaxed space. After lunch, mums have time to share stories and wisdom.

For bookings and enquiries phone Amy on 5475 2093 or email amy@maldonnc.org.au

Identifying Family Violence Training

Common Risk Assessment Framework (Stage 1)

Wednesday 10th October 9.30am-11.30am Castlemaine Health, Auditorium

This FREE training is being delivered as part of the Mt Alexander Family Violence Forum to increase staff and service capacity to identify and respond to family violence across the region.

To book your place today go to www.trybooking.com/NGLH

For further information contact Shelly Lavery 54725333