Principal’s chat

MARKET DAY IS ONLY 5 SLEEPS AWAY!! Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered some time on the day. We still need more helpers for the raffle, the cake stall, the sausage sizzle and set up on Friday. Please remember that it is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the proceeds will go towards the education of your children. A roster is up on the wall in the office where you can enter your name to help. Alternatively you can call the office and we can add your name or you can return your form indicating when you can help out.

We have been receiving lots of mystery jars, second hand toys and bags of lollies so a big thank you to the families who have donated. We still need more donations so please keep them coming in this week.

I look forward to seeing everyone here on Saturday – it is a great day with lots of fun activities for children and many, many market stalls with something for everyone. The weather looks promising, so it will be a great way to spend your Saturday.

We had a team of motivated families turn up to our working bee on Sunday. The sun was shining and we had many jobs to do. Our team of helpers spread mulch, laid some stone paths in the new vegie garden area, weeded the front garden and cleaned up the yard and undercover areas to ensure that we have a lovely environment for all students to play and learn in. A very big thank you to the following families and people who came along and helped out: Gross family, Robertson family, Curran family, Walls family, Waddington family, Hercott Atkinson family, Egleton family, Hamilton family, Liz and any other families that I may have forgotten.

There will be no newsletter next Monday due to the Pupil Free Day
We appreciate you coming along and contributing towards the school.

On Sunday some of our students attended the Castlemaine Poetry Prize awards ceremony. Our students worked on a variety of poetry forms during their three week poetry unit in term 3. Each child then selected and published their favourite piece to enter. All four award winners from our school entered their Haiku poetry which is a traditional Japanese poem.

Xavier C received a highly commended certificate for his poem titled “Footsteps of Despair”.

Isaac G received a commended certificate for his poem “Evil’s Footsteps”.

Tom S received a commended certificate for his Haiku poem about skiing.

Callum received a commended certificate for his “Elements” Haiku.

Congratulations boys and well done to everyone who published and entered their poetry!

Last Tuesday we had nine students visit us from the pre school ready to enrol for the 2017 school year. They had a fun hour familiarising themselves with the school and classroom. We look forward to seeing them again in November for their second transition visit.

Just a reminder that I am in the process of organising staffing and classes for 2017 so if you know of anyone who may like to attend Maldon Primary in 2017 please encourage them to come and visit for a tour or to enrol. Also if you know that you are not going to be here in 2017 then please also let me know as every enrolment impacts on our funding, staffing and class structures.

Over the weekend, the last of the asbestos was removed from the portable so our school is now asbestos free.

Just a reminder that Monday is a pupil free day and staff will be taking part in professional development with Lyn Watts during this time. Tuesday is a public holiday for Melbourne Cup, therefore no school on that day as well. So come along and enjoy the Market and then I look forward to seeing all students back on Wednesday for a very short week.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening in the classroom?

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. 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 this week?

- Debra will be absent on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week so please leave non-urgent matters until her return on Thursday.

What’s happening in the school yard?

More working bee photos:
**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 raffle tickets (even if unsold) immediately.
- 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.

Jeremy, Isabella and Reuben making the 5/6 spinning wheel for their class activity at the market.

**Race the Train Fundraiser Sunday, 13th November:**

- Don’t forget to enter the event at www.racethetrain.com.au.
- Start gathering your sponsors—additional sponsorship forms are available from the office.
- Do some practise rides in preparation!
- Enter the colouring competition—additional entry forms are available at the office.

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**Birthdays**

- Jack

**Come along cup – 3/4A**

**Walk to School awards**

L to R: **Alannah, Matilda, Sophie and Stella**

Absent: **Jeremy**

**Artist of the week** -** Lochlan**

**Whole school behaviour awards**

Back row L to R: **Liam and Grace**

Front row L to R: **Abi, Harrison and Meghan**
School community

Fresh Fruit Friday:

This week's volunteers: Patricia Gilbert and Rebecca Hamilton

Next week's volunteers: Lee-Ann Smith and Nicole Funston

Positive Parenting Telephone Service:

![Gateway Health Advert]

Office info

Outstanding payments: If you have outstanding payments for fees, excursions, camps or uniform it would be appreciated if you could make these payments immediately. **It is important to remember that in the case of camps, excursions and uniform the school has already paid out for these items so we need families to pay what they owe for these items NOW.** It is particularly important that families leaving the school at the end of 2016 pay outstanding amounts before they leave.

If payment in full is not possible please speak to Debra regarding setting up a payment plan. 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.

Late arrivals: A reminder to all families that if you arrive late to school you MUST sign in at the office. Rolls are marked first thing in the morning and consequently students may be marked as absent for the day if they are not signed in as a late arrival.

CASEA questionnaire and consent form Prep-2: The CASEA questionnaire and consent form is now overdue. Please complete it immediately and return to the office 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 now overdue. Please return form and payment immediately.
- Prep-2 Kickball permission form and payment is due back this **Friday October 28th.**
- Consent, medical forms and payment for the Prep late night stay and the Grade 1 sleepover are due back on **Friday November 4th.**
**Community**

![Community Image]

**Happy Families**

A Sustainable Model For Creating A Happy Family No Matter What

The program will be a mix of instruction, principles, generative dialogue, experiential activities, practice, take-home tools and more, all geared towards cultivating families that are happy regardless of what is going on in our lives because we believe this is possible. Topics covered include Theory U, nutrition, HANDLE®, awareness practice, the science and heart all wrapped up into an effective approach.

**Date:** Thursday 3rd November 2016

**Time:** 9am-3pm

**Venue:** Helen Jesseen Centre
145 Crock Street
Strathdale

This session is free for carers.
$100 for professionals

Who is this program relevant to?
Parents, teachers, car-givers, support workers, community workers, and allied health Practitioners

If you would like to register for this training please contact Tash at Carer Support Services on
03 54547719 or email nharrick@bendigohealth.org.au
Before Friday 21st October 2016

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