Principal’s chat

What a success our Market Day was….we had sunshine, great entertainment and yummy food!!

A huge thank you to our committee - Nicole, Anita and Debra. You did an amazing job organising the day and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. A big thank you also to the parents who volunteered their time on the day. The help of our volunteers is crucial to ensuring that our market is a success.

We are still finalising accounts, but our profit from the day looks to be approximately $9,000 and this will go towards resources for our school and your children including new furniture, books etc.

Last Friday and today I was very fortunate to sit on a panel of judges, together with five volunteers from the Maldon RSL, to judge the grade 5/6 Remembrance Day Writing competition. Each grade 5/6 student presented their piece of writing to the panel and they were judged on the content of their piece and their oral presentation skills. The judges were very impressed with the level of writing and how unique each piece was. They were so impressed that they are looking at putting the pieces together to make a book. A big congratulations to all students, but there can only be one winner – well done to the winner Isaac Gillman-Sharp. As the winner he will now read his piece at the Remembrance Day Service, have his name put on the RSL Remembrance Day writing competition shield and receive a gift from the Maldon RSL.

This Friday all students will be attending the Remembrance Day Service at the Maldon Cenotaph. Parents are welcome to attend. The service commences at 11.00am.
Last Monday all students had a Pupil Free Day and staff took part in a professional development day with Lyn Watts. We were also joined by the staff from Newstead Primary School. We focussed on our spelling, punctuation and grammar programs and also looked at our maths teaching, programs and planning. It was a very productive day.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- Jodie will be out of the school on Tuesday afternoon.

What’s happening in the classroom?

T20 cricket and Kickball:

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**

Fundraising news

**Market Day:** Another successful Market Day has been and gone and this year we were blessed with sunshine! Whilst some expenses are still to come in our anticipated profit for the day is around $9,000. A big effort for a small school! Thank you to all families who contributed to the success of the day whether it be donating mystery jars, selling raffle tickets, donating prizes, volunteering on the day or baking cakes.
Race the Train Fundraiser, Sunday, 13th November:

- Don’t forget to enter the event at www.racethetrain.com.au by Thursday 10th November. Entry is $10 per child, $20 per adult.
- Keep gathering your sponsors- additional sponsorship forms are available from the office. For every child that raises more than $50, Race the Train will donate $5 to Maldon Primary School
- Do some practise rides in preparation!
- Enter the colouring competition-additional entry forms are available at the office.
- Volunteers are urgently needed on the day for the BBQ, to act as marshals and to run the bus pick up service. Please let Nicole know on 0417 540 331 if you can help out.

Maldon Shopping Spree, Thursday 24th November:

MALDON SHOPPING SPREE
IS ON AGAIN
THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

MALDON TRADERS OFFERING A HUGE RANGE
OF DISCOUNTS AND SPECIALS
COME ALONG TO ENJOY SHOPPING, NIBBLES, DRINKS,
MUSIC, DISCOUNT VOUCHERS & RAFFLE
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MALDON POST
OFFICE, PEPPERCORN BOOKS AND MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 5475 1484
Early bird Tickets $15.00 until 17th November
and $20.00 from 18th Nov.

This is a fun night which supports both our school and the traders of our wonderful town. Tickets are available from the office now...get in before the early bird ticket price finishes on November 17th!
School community

Fresh Fruit Friday:

This week’s volunteers: Shelley Carmichael and Ken Hercott

Next week’s volunteers: Lauren Wilbern and Rebecca Hamilton

Positive Parenting Telephone Service:

Help needed with chooks over the Christmas break: We are looking for a family who is able to look after our chooks over the Christmas/ January break. This may be having our chooks at your house, or coming into the school every second day to check their water and give them food. If you are able to help please see Bernadette.

Donations of small sized clothing required: We are urgently in need of size 6 and 8 navy blue pants and shorts and small underwear for our spare clothing supply. If you have any items at home which you are willing to donate please leave them at the office.

Office info

Permission notes and payments to be returned:

- Consent, medical forms and payment for the Prep late night stay and the Grade 1 sleepover are now OVERDUE. Please return forms and make payment to the office immediately.

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.

Extra curricular catch up

Poetry Club: Amabel, Scarlett, Beatrice, Abby and Natalie, thank you once again for your wonderful performance on Market Day. So many people have said how well you read the poems you chose.

Our next performances will be at the Hospital on Thursday November 10th, and Carols by Candlelight on Saturday
December 17th. We’ll have our end of year break-up on Thursday December 8th. It has been really nice working with you again this year.

This is my last year of Poetry Club. It all started in the year 2003. I’ve enjoyed it, but I feel it’s now time for me to give it away. Perhaps I may be invited to give a performance at Assembly a couple of times a year. We’ll see.

I’d like to thank Jodie and her two predecessors for allowing me the great privilege of working with the children during that time. Thanks also to teachers and staff, past and present, for your help, and to parents and carers for your encouragement. Last but not least, many thanks to all of the students I’ve worked with over the years. There have been quite a few prize winners among them in poetry competitions. Those early ones are grown up and working now, while others are at university or high school. Some of them can still even remember poems they learned. It’s been a most enjoyable and rewarding journey for me.

Once again, thank you.

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Student activities

Community

Maldon Tennis Club

This year we’ve had a wave of new faces to the Maldon Tennis Club on Friday afternoons.

Whilst Anne Fitzpatrick is busy with her studies, volunteer parents are offering to fill the gaps and open the courts to provide local children the opportunity to learn some tennis skills on Friday afternoons.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a hit at the tennis courts on Friday afternoons. Kylie opens the courts at 3:30pm and we are there generally until 4:30 – 5pm each Friday. We hope to see you all there!!
CASTLEMAINE SHOPPING TOUR
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 6PM
RAISING MONEY TO SUPPORT CASTLEMAINE CHILD CARE COOPERATIVE
TICKETS $20

BEEHAVE EXTREMITY+ SHOE CONNECTION SUMANTRA STOCKS GIFT & GALLERY LYLAL EADES* THOMAS & CHONG PHARMACY* DALDICE ON MOSSIN MAIN SHOES TAYLORS* STONEMANS* MENELAND* *CONDITION APPLY

12 SHOPS 3 HOURS
MEET AT THE LIBRARY FOYER AT 5PM
YOUR TOUR STARTS 6PM
20% DISCOUNT AT YOUR FAVOURITE STORES
TICKETS FROM CASTLEMAINE CHILD CARE CENTRE
15-17 TEMPLETON STREET

- Let’s put together an action group -
Join us for an evening of discussion and planning
to address the impact of suicide on our community
Suicide Prevention
Community Workshop
Wednesday 9 November  6.30 - 8.30pm  Castlemaine Town Hall

This is a free event but bookings are essential through www.trybooking.com/ML120
For more information visit www.livelifewell.net.au/event/suicideprevention/ or contact Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000 or email@cdch.com.au

mental wellbeing

Would like to invite local service providers
to participate in the two day
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training [ASIST]

When:  Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 November
Where:  Vatican Church Hall
312 Lefevre Street, Castlemaine
or access from steps at 9 Mervyn Street
Cost:  $250 per person, includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch, and resources
This training has been subsidised by the live.lifewell project

Anyone could face a situation where suicide first aid is needed. ASIST can be applied in everyday situations, in a professional role, and in volunteer settings.

In an ASIST workshop you will become better prepared to:

- Recognise when someone may be thinking of suicide
- Respond in ways that clarify and address suicide risk
- Understand why suicide thoughts are present
- Work together to review risk and increase safety
- Facilitate links with further help

Certificates will be provided for participants attending the two days of training

Limited spaces and bookings essential through www.trybooking.com/HACN
For further information or queries visit www.livelifewell.net.au/asist or contact Castlemaine District Community Health on email@cdch.com.au or 5479 1000

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ICE COMMUNITY FORUM
- 6.30pm Wednesday 16 Nov -
- Phoe Broadway Theatre Castlemaine -

Get your questions answered by a panel of experts

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email@cdch.com.au or 5479 1000

This is a FREE event but bookings are essential through: www.trybooking.com/RGAR