Welcome to week eight of term four.

This week we have our final fundraiser for the year – the Maldon Shopping Spree. It is a great night of shopping with over 25 traders taking part this year. Each store is offering special discounts on the night. If you haven’t started or finished your Christmas shopping then this is the perfect opportunity to get it done and support the local traders of our town. The evening commences at the Maldon Hotel at 5:10pm (for a 5.30pm start) and also finishes there at 8.15pm where we have a raffle to end the night. **Tickets are available at the school office for $20.** Even if you cannot attend on the night by purchasing a ticket you can still access some specials including 15% discount at Maldon Pharmacy on items excluding pharmacy medication and specials (during the day on Thursday only), a discount voucher for Maldon Quality Butcher and a discount voucher for Café Maldon.

The building works are still continuing and they are very busy in the east wing constructing our giant tree wall. The admin area is also moving along with the walls painted, staircase in and kitchen installed. The carpet and lino are still to come. At this stage the building will continue over the Christmas period to ensure that the project is completed prior to the commencement of 2017.

Prior to the end of the year we will be having a huge garage sale to sell all the bits and pieces that have been removed from the old classrooms and not recycled or reused. There are many items available including shelving, a fireplace mantle, pieces of steel, parts of the old kitchen and cupboards etc. Please feel free to come up and take a look and make us an offer. The items are located under the skillion area at the back of the school. We will be advertising our sale to the community in the next few weeks.

Last Wednesday was our final School Council meeting for the year. At School Council the Parent Payment Policy was endorsed. The policy outlines what families are expected to pay for when their child attends a public school. In line with the policy parents are expected to pay for Essential Learning Items i.e. items that the student takes temporary or permanent possession of or activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend.
Here is an overview of approximate start of year charges for 2017:

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Stationery pack prices are currently being finalised and payment schedules and information will be sent home to parents early next week together with a copy of our Parent Payment Policy. A copy of the policy can also be found on the website.

Parents are also encouraged to pay Voluntary Contributions towards buildings and grounds maintenance and furniture purchase. These contributions are used to supplement the funds received by the department to run our school. In 2017 the school will receive just over $80,000 in cash to run all aspects of the school i.e. electricity, photocopying, cleaning, purchasing classroom resources, maintaining the buildings etc. Voluntary Contributions, together with fundraising, are essential to helping us ensure that the school is well maintained and equipped.

In addition to back to school charges families will be expected to pay for various excursions, camps and activities throughout the year. A full list of expected activities and their approximate costs will be sent home to families early in term one next year.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- Jodie is attending a Principal’s meeting on Tuesday morning and will be out of the school on Wednesday.
- Debra is attending a Professional Development session on Wednesday. Please leave non urgent matters until her return on Thursday.

What’s happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour: I speak respectfully and with kindness.

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

**Race the Train Fundraiser:** A reminder to families who rode in the Race the Train event to submit sponsorship money to the office by Friday of this week so the fundraiser can be finalised.

School community

**Fresh Fruit Friday:**

This week’s volunteers: Shelley Carmichael and Lee-Ann Smith

Next week’s volunteers: Lauren Wilbern and Genna Hines
Eggs and bacon for sale:

- We have eggs left over from Market Day (use by date 5th December) which we are selling off at the bargain price of $3 per dozen.

- We also have 3x 2.5kg packages of long rasher bacon (frozen) which we are selling off at $20 per package.

See Debra in the office if you would like to purchase these items, first in first served, BYO egg carton.

Office info

Grade 6 Graduation orders: A reminder to families with students in Grade 6 that your dinner orders and payment for Graduation need to be submitted to the office by Monday 5th December.

Uniform orders for 2017: A reminder to all families that if you would like to order uniform for 2017 your order form (sent home last week) needs to be submitted to the office by Friday this week. Late orders cannot be guaranteed delivery before the start of the 2017 school year.

Book Club issue 8:

Thank you

- Thank you to Lochlan and his family for volunteering to look after the school chooks over the December school holidays.

Community

Maldon Preschool
End of Year Celebration

Wednesday 28th November from 5pm
(And Annual General Meeting at 6pm)

A fun, family evening to celebrate a wonderful year!

New families welcome!

Maldon Preschool
14-16 Camp Street
Phone 54752418

Birthdays
L to R: Darius, Natalie and Harrison

Come along cup – 3/4A

Early birdie award – No award as all classes had late arrivals this week.

Whole school behaviour awards
L to R: Xavior, Arlen, Jack, Natalie, Liam, Archie, Harrison and Stella
OPEN DAY
MALDON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE INC.

Come and experience a morning at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Occasional Childcare service.

5 December 2016 10.30 - 11.30am
Speak with our educators, have a look at the space and let your children join in the activities.

Our Occasional Child Care service is available on Mondays. Enrolment packs will be available on the day. Enrol your child today!

Seasons
Mondays 9.30 - 1.30pm (except public holidays, school holidays and Melbourne Cup weekend)

Cost
$22 per day
Eligible families can apply for Child Care Benefit

Capacity: 21 children
Age: 2 to 5 years
Staff: 2 qualified & registered

Contact: 5145 5933
Email: mnc@ozone.net.au
Website: maldonnc.org.au
Facebook: maldonnc

Opening Date
2016

Building: The building for the National Childcare Program is a State Government and State Funded. The Centre was founded in 1995 and it is owned by the community.

CDNA - Castlemaine & District Netball Association

2017 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD
TRY OUTS

WHO:
Girls & Boys U13 & U15 only who love playing netball

AGES:
Under 13’s, Under 15’s, Under 17’s & Under 17’s

WHEN:
Sunday 27th November 2016

TIME:
9.30am

COMMITMENT:
Training for all age groups on Monday afternoon
Tournament squads selected from training group to attend tournaments throughout the year. Dates to be supplied in advance once confirmed (early 2017). Tournaments are throughout Victoria.

WORLD GAMES NETBALL TRIP FOR CDNA SQUAD MEMBERS & FAMILIES – GOLD COAST JULY 2017

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C A R N A N Q U A R S S A I L I N G C L U B

Discover Sailing Day
SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2016

Before you leave home

WHAT TO WEAR
You don't need any special clothing to get started in sailing. Comfortable clothing such as shorts, polo shirts, track suit pants or sports gear are all suitable. Collard shirts and t-shirts are advisable to protect you from the sun. You may want to wear a wetsuit if you have one. Layers of clothing are recommended so you're ready for any weather. Jeans and slacks are not advisable. A change of clothes and a towel is a good idea. There will be change facilities at the club.

FOOTWEAR
Your shoes might get wet so think about bringing old shoes with non-slip soles. Lawn shoes are not practical. Things are not suitable.

FOOD & DRINK
The club offers some catering and drinking water. You may want to bring your own snacks and water bottles.

SUM PROTECTION
Sunscreen is a must, sunglasses and a cap or hat are also a good idea.

Free
Discover Sailing Day
10AM-4PM
SUNDAY 27 NOV. 2016

AT Castlemaine Sailing Club
\n
There will be club members ready to welcome you.

Register at the club, if you have not registered prior to the day.

You choose how much you want to participate.

Volunteers will help you miss the day and answer any questions.

Bring your family and friends with you, after all it is a fun and FREE day.

Ample parking around the club.

The clubhouse, deck and grounds are available to wine and enjoy the day.

BBQ and bar facilities provided. No BYO.

For more information visit www.ccs.org.au