Principal’s chat

Last Thursday was our last major school fundraiser for the year – the Shopping Spree! It was a fun, busy night of shopping and socialising. We had around 140 shoppers and over 25 traders take part. The night ended with many people enjoying a meal at the Maldon Hotel and a raffle draw with prizes donated by all the traders. Many people walked away with bags full of shopping and smiles on their faces and some were lucky enough to win a raffle prize too! Many thanks to Freya for all of her hard work and effort in organising the Shopping Spree over the past few years. With her youngest child heading off to secondary school next year this was Freya’s last year of organising the Shopping Spree– next year she will just be shopping! Thanks also to Anita who worked with Freya this year and will hopefully continue to help out with the Shopping Spree organisation into the future. The profit on the evening was approximately $2600 which is amazing and the best part of the event is that it also supports our local traders!

Today we had a visit from Neville and David from the Castlemaine Old School Boys. They presented the school with $100 worth of books for our library. The group makes an annual donation of books to the school and we really value their support and partnership with our school.

This morning we also had a visit from Batchuluun Yembuu who is a Professor at the Mongolian State University of Education. Batchuluun was visiting with the Smith family. She really enjoyed having a tour of our school and observing one of our classrooms. She commented that our school was very calm and safe. It is always nice to have people from other countries visit our wonderful school.

This Wednesday is the third transition day for our preps for 2017. They will spend the day with us taking part in lots of school learning activities and enjoying time out in the yard.
This term we received Sporting Schools funding to purchase the resources required to deliver our bike education program for Grade 3 and 4 students. Alisa will be working with the grade 3 and 4 students and will be using the ‘Let's Ride’ program from Cycling Australia. Let's Ride is a national junior riding program designed by Cycling Australia (CA) to be a fun learning experience for kids. The program teaches them to ride safely by developing their knowledge, skills and confidence thereby giving parents peace of mind that their children will be skilled and safe riders. The program will commence on Thursday for all grade 3 and 4 students. Information was sent home to parents at the end of last week and permission forms must be returned tomorrow. If your child does not have a bike or helmet, then please let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements for them.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?
• Debra will be absent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It would be appreciated if parents could avoid calling the school unless the matter is urgent.
• Jodie will be absent Friday.

What’s happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour: I am optimistic

Prep/1 wetlands study: Last week Hugh’s dad, Bryan, visited the Prep/1 classroom to teach them about healthy wetlands. The students had a look at the school pond and learnt what they needed to do to make it into a healthy wetland. Thankyou to Bryan for making the time to share his knowledge with students.

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

Tea towel fundraiser: Don’t forget to put your order in for the limited edition Maldon Primary School tea towels and carry bags. Orders and payment are due at the office by Friday 9th December so don’t miss out on this memento of your child’s time at Maldon Primary School. Order forms are available at the office.

Race the Train Fundraiser: A reminder to families who rode in the Race the Train event to submit sponsorship money to the office immediately so the fundraiser can be finalised.

Congratulations

At assembly on Friday the winners of the Race the Train colouring competition were announced. Congratulations to Tayah (9 years and over) and Abi (8 years and under) on their winning entries. Both girls will receive vouchers kindly donated by the bike vault.
Office info

Grade 6 Graduation orders: A reminder to families with students in Grade 6 that your dinner orders and payment for Graduation are now OVERDUE. Please submit orders and make payment immediately.

Permission notes to be returned: Bike Ed permission slip for Grades 3 and 4 is due back tomorrow.

2017 Information packs including payment schedules: All families should receive a 2017 information pack from their child tonight. This pack contains all the information you require to prepare for the start of the 2017 school year. Please advise the office if you do not receive your pack.

School community

Fresh Fruit Friday:
This week’s volunteers: Lauren Wilbern and Genna Hines
Next week’s volunteers: Anita Mason and Rebecca Hamilton

Complimentary tickets to Santa’s Magical Kingdom for Friday 2nd Dec, 2016: We have four complimentary tickets to Santa’s Magical Kingdom in Caulfield for this Friday, 2nd December. Entry is from 6pm. If you would like these tickets please see Debra in the office.

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.

Castlemaine Secondary College Grade 6 orientation:

Orientation Day

9.00am – 3.15pm
Tuesday 6th December

Meet in the Wellbeing Centre

Castlemaine Secondary College
Blakely Road, Castlemaine Vic 3450
T: 03 5479 1111
E: csc.vic.edu.au
W: csc.vic.edu.au
Christmas lights in Maldon

Last year’s Christmas lights in Maldon were amazing and it is time to do it all over again! We would like to get as many people on board to light up their homes with Christmas lights and decorations for December. People are then asked to register their addresses so a map can be made to allow people to tour the town and see all the lights. Several homes in Maldon have already jumped on board and have their Christmas lights on display. For those interested in getting on board we ask that they SMS Karen on 0439 436 664 or ring and leave their address details by no later than 11 December.

Thanks and happy decorating!!!