Welcome to December and also the countdown to the end of term and Christmas.

Last week we welcomed 10 preps for 2017. They spent the day learning about and becoming familiar with school. We had many happy and smiling faces.

Tomorrow is Step Up Day. This means that all students will be in their classes and with their teacher for 2017.

Information has been sent home to every family today with an update on staffing and grade structures for 2017.

It also outlines what class your child will be in next year. Please remember that staff spend a lot of time allocating classes and ensuring that your child is where they will learn best.

Tomorrow is a state wide transition day, so our grade 6 students will also be heading off to their secondary school for the day.

The building works are starting to take shape and hopefully by the end of the week Debra and I will be returning to the main building and the new office area—we are very excited!!

The new area includes a sick bay/first aid area and a new disabled toilet. The mezzanine area has been extended and new carpet will be installed. The east classroom is also coming to life and will hopefully be ready for a class to move back in before the end of the year.

The building works are due to be fully completed for the beginning of the 2017 school year.

Warm regards
Jodie
What’s happening this week?
- Debra absent all week
- Bernadette and Danica absent Friday

What’s happening in the classroom?

**Whole school behaviour:** I am responsible for my thoughts, feelings, words, and actions

**Bike Ed Grade 3/4**

**Friday Fundraiser:**

![Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser](image)

**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**

To the Hercott Atkinson family. They sold the most tickets for our Market Day raffle. They won a family pass from the Victorian Goldfields Railway.

**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.

**2017 Information packs including payment schedules:** All families should have received a 2017 information pack last week. 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.
Fresh Fruit Friday:

This week’s volunteers: Anita Mason and Rebecca Hamilton

Next week’s volunteers: Lauren Wilbern and Nicole Funston

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.

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

Community

Bookings for Bendigo Regional YMCA’s Summer Holiday Program are now open!

Running from January 3rd to January 27, 2017, fun summer activities include Minute to Win It, Amazing Race, build your own raft, candle-making, talent show, cricket, excursions to exciting destinations and more.

The YMCA Summer Holiday Program is available in Bendigo, Moama, Kangaroo Flat and Castlemaine locations and is open to all primary school aged children.

Book one day, or more for what suits you and your family. Find out more about the program on bendigo.ymca.org.au.

Book now by contacting us on 54446666 or by email Bendigo.Regional@ymca.org.au and we’ll sort out the rest!
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!!!