Principal’s chat

Welcome to the last week of term 1. This week is only a four day week and ends with an Easter hat parade on Thursday at 2:00pm, just prior to the 2.30pm dismissal. All students will make a hat at school with their teacher this week. The parade will be at the front of the school so come along and see all the great hat creations. We look forward to seeing you there.

A very big congratulations to Meghan, in grade prep, and her family on the arrival of her new baby brother Oliver. Meghan is very excited and both Mum and bub are doing well. Meghan reports that he cries a lot and she likes holding him. He has already been into Bernadette’s class for a visit and we look forward to seeing him again soon.

Last week the whole school went on an excursion to the Ulumburra theatre to see the 52 Story Tree House. Here are some thoughts from the show:

Hugh: It was a long journey in the bus. The show was awesome.
Levi M: It was awesome!
Liam A: It was interesting seeing how the Marilyn Monroe statue was made.
Alannah: The excursion was very, very funny.
Alice: I think if you haven’t seen the show you should go and see it. It was funny.
Madisyn: It was very, very exciting going on the excursion.
Bodie: I liked how dumb the characters looked...they were very funny.
Theresa: I didn’t really like the production because there was a lot of screaming and we were near the speakers.

This Wednesday staff will be planning for term 2 with Liz, our literacy teaching and learning coach. Students will take part in art classes with

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11th April
First day term 2
Wednesday 13th April
Sport meeting, 9.15am
Thursday 14th April
School photos
Monday 18th-Wed 20th April
3/4 camp
Wednesday 20th April
School Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 27th April
Castlemaine Secondary College open morning
Wednesday 27th April
School Council training, 7pm at C.S.C.
Friday 29th April
Grandparents and special friends day (note change of date)
Friday 6th May
Mother’s Day celebration
Tuesday 10th-Thursday 12th May
NAPLAN Gr 3 and 5
Monday 16th May
Pupil Free Day
Kathryn and normal classroom activities with a replacement teacher whilst planning takes place. Our senior unit will be meeting from 9-12pm and the junior unit will meet from 12pm–3:15pm.

Last Friday Brett, Danica and Liz attended a professional development day on a program called ‘Kids as Catalysts’. It is a program that we are implementing with our grade 5/6 students in term 2. It is focused on developing a range of skills including engaging and giving back to the community and how to be a philanthropist. We look forward to putting the program into action next term.

Last weekend the art work of our students was displayed in the community in conjunction with the Maldon Portrait Prize. Students portraits were displayed and looked fantastic. A very big congratulations to the students for their hard work and also to Kathryn for putting it altogether. A thank you also to Kathryn’s dad who supplied and prepared the canvases for all the students and to Amy for helping to put the display up.

At our last School Council meeting we held the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Congratulations to Nicole Funston who is our new school council president and to Tom Robertson who is our vice president. Our school council consists of 9 members: 3 DET members and 6 parents. Our school council members are:

Nicole Funston
Tom Robertson
Helen Curran
Marton Gross
Louise Gillman
Anita Mason
John Paton
Liz Grainger
Jodie Mengler
Congratulations to Claire who participated in the Regional Swimming carnival in Swan Hill last Thursday. Claire competed in the 50m breaststroke event and placed an amazing second. Well done Claire.

Enjoy the last week and I hope everyone has a happy and safe break. I look forward to seeing you all in term 2.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- From Tuesday to Thursday this week Jodie will be on personal leave to undergo some surgery. In her absence Liz will be in the office.

Office info

Permission notes to be returned:

- Grade 3/4 camp consent and medical forms are due back at the office this Wednesday 23rd March. Please ensure they are returned on time so that the camp can be notified of medical and dietary issues.

- Grade 3/4 camp payment number three of $80 is due this Thursday, 24th March and the final payment of $69 is due on Monday 11th April (the first day back next term). If you have elected to pay the camp in full the payment of $279 (less any deposit already paid) is due on the first day back next term.

- Grade 5/6 camp deposit of $50 is due this Wednesday 23rd March.

What’s happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour this week: Taking pride in my learning

Sports colours day: This Thursday we will be having a school wide ‘Sports Colours Day’. Students are encouraged to wear the colours of their favourite sports team and even paint their faces to match. Each student who dresses up is asked to bring a cold coin donation to go to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. It will be great to see everyone showing their team pride and celebrating a fantastic term 1.

4/5D hospital visit:
**School community**

**Before and after school care:** To make life a little easier enrolments and bookings for before and after school care can now be done online. Below are the details you will need and also some information on the financial assistance available to assist with the cost of childcare.

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**Town wide garage sale:** Last year a group of out of town parents used the school grounds as a base to hold their garage sales during the town wide garage sale. The town wide garage sale is being held on April 9th this year. If anyone is interested in holding a garage sale on the school grounds this year please contact Kate Tucker on 0409 996 561.

**School photos:** Our annual school photo day is on Thursday 14th April, the first Thursday back after the holidays. Coming home today is a personalised envelope to every student to enable families to purchase photos of their child/children. Parents should complete and return the envelope on photo day, Thursday 14th April, if they would like to order photos. If you would like a family photograph, family envelopes are available at the office.

**Student achievements**

Congratulations to Abby S who played in a Castlemaine and District Netball Association under 11 squad on the weekend at Deer Park. The team was successful in winning the grand final of their competition which is an amazing achievement. Well done Abby.

A reminder that if you have any news about student achievements outside of school hours we would love to hear about it. Please email details, photos etc. to maldon.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

**Thank you**

- To Kierian and his family for donating several educational items for use in the classrooms.
- To Marvic Mizzi for sewing pencil cases for grade 4/5 D.
- To Marvic and Amy Atkinson for coordinating our Easter parade entry and to all families who are contributing to the construction of the float and/or costumes.
Extra curricular catch up

Maldon Easter parade: We have a great team of families preparing a float and costumes for the Maldon Primary school entry into the Easter parade. We have around 15 students participating in this year’s parade but would love to see more! Please let Debra at the office know if you would like to participate in the parade but haven’t yet indicated your intentions.

The parade should be great fun. It is a really important event for the Maldon community and it is wonderful for people outside of the school to see our children and learn a little about what we do at the school.

Participants and organisers will be meeting on Tuesday at 4pm at school, call Amy on 0422 419 922 for more information. Please bring along your costume to this meeting if you have one.

Following are all the details you will need for the parade.

Date: Monday 28th March, 2016
Time: 9.45 am-meet at the gate to the school on Hospital St
Theme: One classroom, many cultures
Maldon Primary school…..celebrating diversity
Children (parents are welcome too…) are to dress up as children from other countries or cultures. We have a selection of spare costumes if you haven’t got one.

Start: Out the front of the Maldon Primary School on Hospital St.
The parade does two laps of town – walking from the school down High St, into Main Street and around Francis Street.
If your child is in Prep and it is too far they are welcome to stop after the first lap.

Finish: Parents collect their children at the Community Centre in Francis St at the end of the second lap.
Notes: * If you have any questions over the holidays you can call Amy on 0422 419 922.
* If you find your Easter plans change and you are home on Easter Monday please join us. The more the merrier!
* If you have a suitable costume but won’t be around at Easter please drop it into the office for someone else to use.

Grade 3-6 Cross Country: Congratulations to all students on their performances at the cross country event last Wednesday. A special mention to the following students who placed in the top ten in their age group:
Liam W-7th, Xavier A-6th, Alannah-7th, Daniel-6th, Austin-7th, Himal-4th, Grace-2nd, Claire-6th, Callum-10th and Abby-10th
Division swimming photos: 11 Maldon students competed in the Division swimming competition in Bendigo on March 9th. Congratulations to all students who swam and competed to the best of their ability. A special congratulations to Claire on placing 2nd in the 50m 11 year old girls freestyle event and 1st in the 50m 11 year old girls breaststroke event resulting in her progressing through to the regional event which was held last week in Swan Hill.

More portrait photos:
The Annual Free Trial Ballet Class for Preps at Over the Moon Studios is on Saturday 16th April 9am
Go to our website to find out more about Over the Moon or register your place in the free trial class. www.overthemoonstudio.com or contact Aislinn Farrow aislinnfarrow@gmail.com phone 0437032934

Exciting news!!
It's nearly football season!!

The Maldon Football Netball Club would like to invite all interested u11.5 & u14.5 students to come and be part of our great club. Football training has started and is on Tuesday & Thursday nights from 5pm. All welcome great family friendly club - any enquires call Mark 0428 933 168.
COME AND TRY
CIRCUS SKILLS FOR KIDS

This is an opportunity locally with an instructor of 15 years of experience, to learn basic circus and acrobatic training in a fun, safe and relaxed environment.

Flexibility, Core strength, Balance, Basic skills at your pace, Fun, Team Work.

Tuesday 22 March
3.45pm – 5:00pm
No cost

Call Margaret for details
0409 451 802
margaret.kirby.com.au/circus

Venue: Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Hall

Margaret Kirby has spent most of her life involved with and teaching gymnastics, acrobatics and circus skills. She teaches with humour and a deep understanding of the learning process. Posture, weight bearing activities and core strength work is all critical to life-long physical health. These classes compliment every other sporting or fitness activity.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
CASTLEMINE TENNIS CLUB
2 HARGRAVES STREET
CASTLEMINE
DATES: THURSDAY 31ST MARCH
TIME: 9AM—4PM

BRING PACKED LUNCH & BOTTLED WATER

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Holiday Programs

5-8 YEARS Footy Fun Day
9-12 YEARS Skills Battle

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH
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THURSDAY 31ST MARCH
MOORABBIN - MOORABBIN OVAL
FRIDAY 1ST APRIL
ESSENDON FC – TRUE VALUE SOLAR CENTRE
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BOX HILL - WHITESTONE RESERVE
TUESDAY 5TH APRIL
FOOTSCRAY - MERV HUGHES OVAL

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