Principal’s chat

This morning we waved farewell to Danica, Alisa, Kay, Shane, Kerry and all the grade 3/4 students as they very excitedly took their seats on the bus to depart for Camp Curumbene. We can’t wait to hear all about their adventures when they return on Wednesday. The grade 5’s from Danica’s room will be joining Brett’s class during this time.

Tomorrow John Purcell from the Maldon RSL will be visiting the grade 5/6 students to speak about ANZAC Day. Anzac Day is one of Australia’s most important national commemorative occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. All students are invited to take part in the ANZAC day march on Monday 25th April. Students, in full school uniform, should assemble at the front of the school at 10.30am, ready for a 10.45am start. The march will be followed by a ceremony at the cenotaph at 11am. Our school captains, Nicholas and Grace, will be laying a wreath on behalf of our school at the ceremony.

Just a reminder ANZAC day, Monday 25th April, is a public holiday and therefore there is no school.

At assembly this Friday, the Mount Alexander Shire mayor, Christine Henderson, will be our guest speaker. She will be presenting all students with a commemorative coin to celebrate 50 years since Maldon was declared the first Notable Town by the National Trust of Australia.

Last Friday our grade 6 students attended a leadership conference in Bendigo along with 500 other students. The conference focused on leadership skills and enhancing leadership skills for older students.

Here are some of the student’s thoughts:

Sonya – I found it very humorous because the presenters did lots of shenanigans and had many different ways to teach us about leadership. The Tree leadership model was interesting.

Grace – I found it very entertaining and important. It is good to know how to learn from your mistakes as a leader and how to grow as a leader. They used games to help us to compare with other schools and get to know others. They talked about ‘Bye Bye Bullying’ and strategies and techniques that you could use.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 6th May
Mother’s Day celebration, 2.15pm

Tuesday 10th-Thursday 12th May
NAPLAN Gr 3 and 5

Wednesday 11th May
Sport meeting, 9.35am

Monday 16th May
Pupil Free Day

Monday May 30th-Wed June 1st
5/6 camp
Aleara – we played many fun games that taught us about leadership. I learnt that you don’t need a badge to be a leader – it doesn’t matter what age, shape or size you are, anyone can be a leader.

Jeremy – I quite enjoyed the video revolving around the traffic light leadership. What I took from it was the concept of the tree leadership model and the importance of constant input to ensure that you are developing specific areas.

Nicholas – I found it interesting that others from different schools had the same interests as me in leadership. I took away the traffic leadership model as it helps to organise and prioritise your projects.

Just a reminder that Grandparents and Special Friends Day is on Friday 29th April from 2:15pm – 3:15pm. Our special visitors are invited to come along and enjoy an afternoon visiting the classrooms and a lovely afternoon tea. A note regarding this accompanies the newsletter today.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week and next?

- Liz will be absent this week.
- Mary is absent on Thursday and will be replaced by Jennifer.
- Brett will be absent on Friday and will be replaced by Kathryn.
- Jodie will be attending a Principal forum on Friday 29th from 9am to 1pm.

What’s happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour this week: **Taking responsibility for my actions.**
Grade 6 GRIP leadership conference:

Office info

Grade 5/6 camp: The cost of the 5/6 camp has now been finalised with the price coming in at only $245 which is great news for families. If you have already paid $320 for the camp the excess funds will remain on your account to be used for future excursions and activities. If you have elected to pay for the camp in instalments the third instalment of $70 is due on Wednesday 27th April and a final instalment of $55 is due on Wednesday 11th May. If payment is a problem please contact Debra or Jodie to discuss alternative payment plans.

Term 2 netbook instalment due: Families who have students in grades 4 to 6 are reminded that, if you have elected to pay for the netbook by instalment, the second term netbook instalment of $25 is now overdue. Please make payment a.s.a.p. so that your child can continue to take their netbook home at night. If payment is a problem please contact Debra or Jodie to discuss alternative payment plans.

School community

Grandparents and special friends day: Our 2016 Grandparents and special friends day will be held on Friday 29th April from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. An invitation and note asking for assistance accompanies the newsletter today.

Sport meeting: The next sport meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May at 9.35am in the staff room. Please feel free to attend as the more members and ideas the better!

Young leaders:

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

Available each Friday are: **Homemade Sausage rolls $2.50, Juice Box $1.50, Popcorn $1.00**
Host families needed for Japanese students from 3rd-7th August (4 nights): If you are interested in hosting two primary aged Japanese students for four nights, during the annual Shizuoka student's visit from 3rd-7th August, please see Debra at the office for more information and an expression of interest form. Host families will be paid $180 per student.

Hello from your school crossing supervisor:

Welcome back to Term 2. Here are a few friendly reminders about safety around the school:

- Park your car in a **legal parking area** (in all weather conditions) and walk your child or meet them at the school gate.
- **Avoid parking on or calling to children from the opposite side of the road.** (Excited children often dash out onto the road and forget to look for traffic).
- **Never park or drop off children on the school crossing,** no matter how brief your stop seems.
- **Always use the school crossing,** even if it means walking a little further, as it is the safest place for both pedestrians and drivers. **Always obey the instructions of the crossing supervisor.**
- **Parents should model safe road crossing behaviour.** Set children a good example by using the crossing when manned.

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. Visit bendigo.ymca.org.au and follow the links to our Before and After School Care page. Don’t forget too….use it or you may lose it!

Fresh Fruit Friday:

This week’s volunteers: Nicole Funston and Beth Yokohara

Next week’s volunteers: Beth Yokohara and Rebecca Buchanan

C.S.C. open morning:

What is the BIGGEST social issue we need to solve in our communities?

Go online now to [www.oursay.org/mdcb/thebigone](http://www.oursay.org/mdcb/thebigone) to have your say on what is the biggest social issue affecting our communities.

The Maldon & District Community Bank is committed to working with the community to find the one big social issue and addressing it over the next 3 to 5 years to improve the quality of life in this region.

Everyone has 7 votes on the OurSay online forum, to put on one issue or spread across a number of issues. Voting is now open until midnight April 26.

There are over 60 ideas already listed, ranging from helping children become more confident and resilient, supporting volunteers, mental health first aid training and business incubation. There’s lots more – check out the ideas, add to the conversations and use your 7 votes on the issue or issues you think need addressing.
You don’t have to be a customer of the bank to participate, just a member of the communities the bank serves – including Maldon, Baringhup, Newstead, Dunolly and the Mount Alexander Shire.

The top five voted issues will be considered at a community conference on Wednesday April 27 at the Maldon Community Centre. All are welcome and encouraged to attend – supper is at 6 pm for a 6.30 pm start. The community will make recommendations to the Maldon & District Community Bank board at the conference, and at least one issue will emerge for the bank to address to strengthen our communities.

RSVP's for the community conference can be made at the Maldon Branch or our agencies at the Newstead and Dunolly RTC’s or by contacting Karly Smith on 0478 435 110 or executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au

Student achievements

Xavier enjoyed the Mt Alexander Vintage Engine Club Rally in Guildford, over the weekend, taking out The Dave Bennett Junior Encouragement Award for the best junior display. Well done Xavier!

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.

Extra curricular catch up

Poetry club: Amabel, Scarlett and Beatrice, thank you so much for your performance on Easter Saturday. You were excellent and I’m really proud of you. Once again a lot of people have said how good they thought you were. Abby, Claire and Natalie, unfortunately you couldn’t be with us, but thank you for your work throughout term 1. As usual we will have term 2 off and start again on July 21st to prepare for the concert, Market day, our visit to the hospital and, of course, Carols in the Park. I look forward to working with you all then.

Thank you again, Skreitch

Community

School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2015/2016 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Karen and the Kids

At the Arts Hub, Newstead Railway Station

A colourful retrospective show marking the retirement of art/craft teacher Karen Pierce and celebrating the wonderful artwork created with her students over the years. Featuring large scale displays, hands on art fun for kids and a selection of Karen's original paintings for sale.

All Welcome to Opening Night event Friday April 22 at 6pm

Exhibition begins ANZAC long weekend April 23 to 25
Open weekends only until May 8
Hours : 11am to 4pm
Contact 0438 025 222
The Maldon Neighbourhood Centre has a range of activities, events and courses coming up in Term 2 for adults and children alike. To find out more, visit our website www.maldonnc.org.au, follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/maldonnc or pop in.

You’re invited to
THE BIG ONE
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

Wed 27 April 2016
Maldon Community Centre
Francis Street
6pm supper, for 6.30pm start

Help choose from the top 5 ... the PRIORITY social issue for us to address in our communities of Maldon, Newstead, Dunolly, Castlemaine & surrounds

Check the issues, conversations and vote for your priorities at www.oursay.org/mdeb/thebigone
Voting closes midnight April 26

RSVP: Maldon, Newstead or Dunolly branches or to Karly Smith 0478 435 110 executiveofficer@mdeb.com.au

Maldon & District Community Bank® Branch
Bendigo Bank

Family Bush Walk
with the
Friends of the Box-Ironbark Forests
When: Sunday 24th April 2016, 10am-12pm
Where: Kalimna Park, Castlemaine. Meeting at the park entrance at the end of Doveton Street
Who: Primary school age children and their families

What we’ll do: We will have a quick introductory talk about the park and its history and a walk at child pace around the park and meet back at the start for a cuppa.
Join us for informal chats along the way with people who have local plant and animal knowledge as they talk about the different species that they see along the way.
What to bring: Sunscreen, hats, snacks, sturdy footwear and thermos of your favourite warm drinks.

For more information Call Naomi: 0422 585 585

Long Lunch Fundraiser
Powering our community: The Solar Pergola Project
SUNDAY 24TH APRIL
12.30 TO 3.30PM
COST $35 ADULTS, $15 CHILDREN

Enjoy a three course meal &
Invest in the Maldon community’s sustainable future

Contact 5475 2093, info@maldonnc.org.au
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