

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

Newsletter no 14 May 23rd, 2023

## **Principal's Chat**

Hi everyone,

How fantastic was our concert last Thursday night? Congratulations to all staff and students who helped to create such a successful event. It was great to see most students attending and to see their different personalities shining through while performing. Thanks to Kirby for coordinating the event. The large audience on the night created a wonderful atmosphere and the children really enjoyed performing to the crowd! Concert photos will be included in next week's newsletter.

This week we also celebrated 'Special Person's Afternoon'. Unfortunately the Footsteps dance instructor was unwell, therefore we could not have our dance performance, however the students loved entertaining their special people in the classroom with table tennis, massages, nail painting and arts and crafts. Thank you to all who attended. The students really appreciated spending time with their special person/people.





### THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

#### **Thursday 25th May**

School photos

### Friday 26th May

- Day in May, fundraiser for cancer
- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm

#### **Saturday 27th May**

Comedy Night fundraiser

#### **UPCOMING DATES FOR 2023**

(new dates are in red)

#### **Camps**

Grade 1 and 2 August 31st - September 1st

Grade 3 and 4

September 11th -13th

Grade 5 and 6

October 2nd - 4th

**Working Bees** 

October 15th

## **Fundraising Events**

**Thursday November 30th** 

Shopping Spree fundraiser

**Social /Community events** 

Sunday 25th June

150th Community Open Day

**Curriculum days** 

**Monday 5th June** 

**Monday 6th November** 

Fourth date TBA

Last week we had our public School Council meeting, where I shared the 2022 School Annual Report. If you would like to read the Annual Report it is available on the school website under School Council. During the meeting we also discussed what's been happening in teaching and learning, including the work Lauren and Melissa have been doing with staff in regards to teaching Literacy and Maths. This week we have some teachers from Winters Flat Primary School visiting our maths classrooms to see our lessons in action.

This week's whole school values focus is: I care for our learning environment (Be kind). The classes will be working on:

I can keep my belongings organised

I make our classroom welcoming, kind and safe

I take care of equipment

I respect my teacher and classmates

I use my learning time well

I have included some articles with tips and tricks for developing routines as well as creating chores at home for your children. Click the links here:

https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/family-life/routines-rituals-rules/family-routines

https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/family-life/routines-rituals-rules/chores-for-children

With Covid-19 currently making a comeback in the Maldon community please ensure you keep your children home if they are unwell and let the school know if they test positive to Covid-19.

**Don't forget we have our Comedy Night fundraiser this Saturday night.** It would be great if you could come along for a night of laughs whilst helping the school to raise some money!!

Thanks,

Alisa

## What's happening in the classroom?

Weekly awards: The following students will be receiving awards at assembly on Friday:

**P/1:** Rosie for having a go at challenging tasks and taking risks with her learning (be brave)

**2/3:** Marcel for taking risks in mathematics and being brave (be brave)

4/5: Karen for being able to use different problem solving strategies in mathematics (be brave)

**5/6:** Evi for always being respectful to her peers and teachers (be your best)

Art award: Mari for the dedicated and focused way she completes tasks

Performing Art award: Harriet for the effort she puts into everything she does

#### Principal awards

Back row L to R: Chayse, Evi, Isla and Seth Front row L to R: Wilbur, Theo and Alice

Absent: Chloe



#### **Classroom Values awards**

Back row L to R: Leon, Logan, Fletcher and Rilen

Absent: Chloe and Oliver R



## Office information

**2023 Curriculum contributions:** On stationery pack pick up day several families indicated that they would make contributions (curriculum and other) at a later date. Were you one of those families? In the busyness of life has this slipped your mind? If you are unsure whether you have made contributions please don't hesitate to ask!

Our suggested Curriculum contribution amount is largely made up of event costs (sporting events in Castlemaine, our two week water awareness program and Preparation for Puberty (Grades 5 and 6)) and if parents do not make a contribution the school must cover the cost.

Suggested curriculum contribution amounts are:

Prep \$190

Grade 1 and 2 \$175

Grade 3 and 4 \$200

Grade 5 and 6 \$232

Please make this contribution if you are able.

**Book Club issue 4:** Brochures for issue 4 will be sent home with students tonight. Orders and payment can be returned to the office or, alternatively, parents/carers can use LOOP to place their order online. All orders need to be placed by **Wednesday 7th June.** 

## Reminders

### **Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser**

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

Available each Friday are: Sausage rolls \$3.50 and Juice Box \$1.50





## **Fundraising news**

## Comedy night fundraiser this Saturday:

• Ticket sales are currently at 79...help us to get to 100. Buy your tickets NOW and encourage others to do the same.



## Can you help?

The school has a marimba (musical instrument) in need of repair. If you are handy with a hammer and nails and can help out please let Debra in the office know.

## What's happening in the community?

# **Equine Healing Centre Bendigo**

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Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) can benefit those suffering from grief, stress, anxiety or for those who are momentarily stuck and having difficulty with decision making moving forward.

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Contact: Tracey Kenny-Dive accredited Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) Practitioner and Owner/Director at Equine Healing Centre Bendigo on:

0476 127 294 or equinehealingcentrebendigo@outlook.com



## TO TENNIS!! Let's get together and have fun!

Date:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Castlemaine Lawn Tennis Club. Where:

Age for: 8-11 years olds Time: 10.30am to 1pm Activity: Mini comp.

Lunch: Pizza provided [homemade] please bring a plate to share

[savoury or sweet]

Entry fee: 5 buckaroos - please pay on the day Please let Graham Forbes know if you can come by 29<sup>th</sup> May Email:forbesgk@gmail.com

