

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

Newsletter no 15  
May 30th, 2023

## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

**Our first Comedy Night fundraiser was a huge success!** We sold 112 tickets and the feedback from the night was very positive. **After costs, the school raised just over \$4000.** This will go towards revamping the garden area behind the toilet block. Thanks to Debra Watson and Louise Clarke for co-ordinating this fundraiser. Thanks also to Kirsty Muller and Glen Ballinger who did a wonderful job at the bar, Philippa Vaughan for selling raffle tickets, Emma Veenhuizen and Fiona Van Kampen for helping to put together the cheese boxes, Rhiannon McAdie, the Smith family and Glen Ballinger for donating prizes for the night and Coby Cox for cutting the wood for the silent auction. Next year we hope to hold this event again to raise funds for the school and, just as importantly, provide an enjoyable event for the Maldon and district community to enjoy. Thanks to the Maldon and District Community Bank for partnering with the school on the night and donating \$500.

**Teachers have been working hard to ensure that indigenous perspectives are embedded into every day teaching and learning, so that children develop a deeper understanding of cultural diversity and why it plays such a big part in our lives.** As part of our curriculum, we highlight significant days in the calendar linked to indigenous perspectives. **National Sorry Day was last Friday**, which marks the anniversary of the tabling of the [Bringing them Home report](#) in the Australian Parliament in 1997. The report detailed the history of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, often referred to as the Stolen Generations, under laws enacted by Australian governments.



**National Reconciliation Week (this week) follows on from National Sorry Day.** It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Students have been participating in a variety of activities throughout Reconciliation Week. Students will share their learning at this week's assembly. Please see the 'Community Section' of the newsletter for Reconciliation Week events in Castlemaine.

**This week's whole school value focus is: I am a confident speaker (Be**



## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Wednesday 31st May

- 4/5 incursion - Insect-a-cycle

### Friday 2nd June

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

### Monday 5th June

- Curriculum Day

### Tuesday 6th June

- Region Cross Country (selected students)
- P/1 and 2/3 incursion - Features of Creatures
- Penpal hospital visit

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday 14th June

School Council (online)

### Thursday 22nd June

Class expos, 2-3pm

### Friday 23rd June

Last day term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

### Sunday 25th June

Open Day, 10.30am-12.00pm

### August 31st - September 1st

Grade 1 and 2 camp

### Monday 4th September

School photos

### September 11th -13th

Grade 3 and 4 camp

### October 2nd - 4th

Grade 5 and 6 camp

### Friday 6th October

Curriculum Day

### Monday 6th November

Curriculum Day

**brave**). The students will be working towards these 'I can' statements:

I use a confident voice

I share my ideas

I can speak to a group of people (e.g. assembly)

I stand up for myself and my needs

I let other people speak for themselves

I use kind words

I have included some articles with tips and strategies for parents to use to build confidence and self esteem in their children. To access these, click the links below.

[Self-esteem in children 1-8 years | Raising Children Network](#)

[How to build confidence in teenagers | Raising Children Network](#)

[Confidence for autistic children & teens | Raising Children Network](#)

**Unfortunately we have had a lot of illness in the school over recent weeks.** Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. **Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.** Annual influenza vaccination is recommended from mid-April each year. Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the [National Immunisation Program | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#).

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to: [Influenza \(flu\) – immunisation - Better Health Channel](#)

[Getting vaccinated against influenza – Resource collection | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

**The 2023 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.** Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness. You can have your booster dose 6 months after your last dose or COVID infection. **Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2023 booster dose.** You can get your next Covid-19 dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to [Find a health service | healthdirect](#)

**To keep our school community well, parents, carers and students are encouraged to practise prevention measures, including:**

- **washing and sanitising hands regularly**
- **avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands**
- **covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing**
- **staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required**
- **staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations**

**Each year, the Department of Education gives every Prep student attending a Victorian government school a bag full of goodies to celebrate this milestone in their education journey.** The information and educational resources in the bags are designed to help Prep students and their families thrive from the start of Term 1.

**The department is inviting parents and carers of current Prep students to participate in a short survey about the 2023 Prep bags.** The survey is open now and closes at 5 pm on Sunday 9 July 2023.

Your feedback will help the department learn what families liked about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2024. You can have your say at [2023 Prep Bags - Evaluation Survey \(Prep Families\) \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete, and responses are anonymous. For more information on this year's Prep bags, refer to [Prep bags | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#)

**Don't forget that next Monday 5th June is a Curriculum Day** for report writing and no students are required at school.

Thanks,

Alisa

## For sale

We have a small quantity of beer left over from the Comedy Night which we would like to offer to our parent community at a reduced cost.

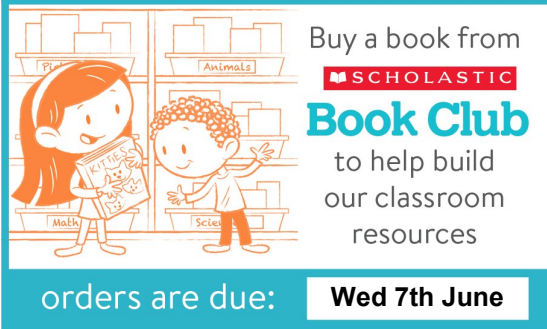
20 x 375ml bottles James Boag light, \$2 per bottle or \$30 the lot

16 x 375ml bottles Cascade Premium light, \$2 per bottle or \$25 the lot.

Please call or message Debra in the office if you would like to purchase the alcohol.

## Reminders

### Book Club issue 4:



Buy a book from  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
to help build  
our classroom  
resources

orders are due: **Wed 7th June**

The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of a girl and a boy in a library. The girl is holding a book titled 'Animals' and the boy is holding a book titled 'Math'. Bookshelves in the background are labeled 'Animals', 'Math', and 'Science'.

### Notes/forms to be returned:

- The deposit (\$50) and reply slip for the grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp is due by **Tuesday 6th June**.

**Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser**  
Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.  
Available each Friday are: **Sausage rolls \$3.50 and Juice Box \$1.50**

*On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, wear yellow and bring a gold coin donation to school to support kids living with cancer.*



*By donating you are helping make a difference for children in need!*

The logo for 'A Day in May' features the words 'a DAY IN MAY' in a stylized font, with 'a DAY' in white and 'IN MAY' in yellow, set against a background of a rainbow.

## 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.

## 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.
- In Japanese this term, students are learning about Japanese food culture and language. As part of this theme, Sharyn will be conducting three Japanese food cooking classes for grades 2/3, 4/5, and 5/6 in place of their regular language class. Sharyn would appreciate having three helpers from each grade level to work with the students, and share in the eating.

Cooking will take place on the last Wednesday of this term, **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June**, at the following times:

Grade 5/6 9am-10am

Grade 2/3 10am-11am

Grade 4/5 1.45pm-2.45pm

Please let Debra know if you are able to help out with your child's session or with other grades sessions.

## Sport

Good luck to Evi, Seth, Grace and Elsa who are all competing in the Region Cross Country event in St Arnaud next Tuesday. Run hard but most importantly have fun!

## What's happening in the classroom?

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

**P/1:** Jaydah for always making our classroom a kind and welcoming space (be kind)

**2/3:** Isobelle for keeping her belongings organised and making the classroom a kind and safe space (be kind)

**4/5:** Scarlett for always doing extra jobs to ensure the classroom is organised each day (be kind)

**5/6:** Will for always being ready to learn and using learning time well (be your best)





**2023 Concert**



## Special Persons afternoon 2023



# What's happening in the community?

Goldfields Libraries | Libraries Change Lives | MOUNT ALEXANDER | Dhelkaya Health



## VAPING

### PARENTING IN THE MODERN WORLD

Join Community Health nurse Bron Grieve as she talks through the dangers, pressures, and necessary conversations around vaping that parents want - and need - to be aware of

**CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY THURS 15 JUN**  
 bookings at [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com) 5.15PM-6.30PM

Over the Moon  
**WINTER SCHOOL**  
 3-5 July 2023



<b>AGE 3 1/2 - 5 1/4</b> 9am - 10.30am \$85 (*\$75)	<b>TEACHERS:</b> Belinda Priest, Edna Reinhardt, Amber Riches. <b>STYLES:</b> Creative Yoga, Creative Dance, Circle Dances, Musical Theatre, Ballet.	<b>AGE 5 1/2 - 8</b> 9am - 11.30am \$155 (*\$125)	<b>TEACHERS:</b> Belinda Priest, Edna Reinhardt, Amber Riches, Rob Brassington. <b>STYLES:</b> Creative Yoga, Creative Dance, Circle Dances, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Jazz.
<b>AGE 9 - 12</b> 11.15am - 5.30pm \$200 (*\$185)	<b>TEACHERS:</b> Amber Riches, Rob Brassington, Rosie Loverton, Michelle Heaven, Meredith Davies. <b>STYLES:</b> Choreography, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Physical Theatre, 5Rhythms, Musical Theatre.	<b>AGE 13+</b> 10.30am - 5.30pm \$235 (*\$200)	<b>TEACHERS:</b> Amber Riches, Rob Brassington, Rosie Loverton, Michelle Heaven, Meredith Davies. <b>STYLES:</b> Choreography, Contemporary, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Physical Theatre, 5Rhythms, Musical Theatre.


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 \*EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT, BOOK BEFORE 21 MAY

## TOP TENNIS!!

### Let's got together and have fun!

**Date:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
**Where:** Castlemaine Lawn Tennis Club.  
**Age for:** 8-11 years olds  
**Time:** 10.30am to 1pm  
**Activity:** Mini comp.

**Lunch:** Pizza provided [homemade] please bring a plate to share [savory or sweet]  
**Entry fee:** 5 buckaroos - please pay on the day  
 Please let Graham Forbes know if you can come by 25<sup>th</sup> May  
 Email: [forbesgk@gmail.com](mailto:forbesgk@gmail.com)




## MID-SEASON ENTRY

### It's not too late to join the fun!

Register for NAB AFL Auskick now for only \$55 plus receive an exclusive goodies pack!



[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



# Sorry Day Commemoration & Reconciliation Week Events

Friday

May 26 Sorry Day

Castlemaine Secondary College Oval 10.30am  
Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony  
Guest Speakers Kelly Blake Wadawurrung woman  
Castlemaine student representatives  
MC Vic & Zeppelin

BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS: Act Today For A Reconciled Tomorrow



Sorry Day Friday May 26 at CSC 2 Lawson Parade, Castlemaine

Reconciliation Exhibition Market Building Saturday 27 to Sunday June 4

Saturday  
May 27

Reconciliation  
Week Launch  
10.30am Market Building  
including Peace Choir  
7.30pm Taproom  
PubSing  
We won't Cry

Monday  
May 29



Tuesday  
May 30

10am & 1pm  
School  
Sessions

Wednesday  
May 31



Thursday  
June 1

History Walk  
10.30 - 11.30am  
with Uncle Rick  
Book through CHIRP

Friday  
June 2

Reconciliation  
Walk  
10am  
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www.trybooking.com/  
CIJSE](https://www.trybooking.com/CIJSE)

Saturday  
June 3



Sunday  
May 28

Guided  
Story Walk  
1.00- 1.30pm with  
Kath Coff  
Booked Out



Story Time  
10.30am  
at the Library  
with Kath Coff

Reconciliation  
Walk  
10am  
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White  
Privilege Facilitated  
Conversation  
10.30am-12.30 pm  
Register at  
[goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com)

Sunday  
June 4

Theatre Royal  
2pm Walkabout  
4pm Limbo

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Sand Talk  
6-7pm  
Tyson Yunkaporta  
Register at  
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Theatre Royal  
5pm Walkabout  
7.30pm  
Welcome to Country  
Fighting Giants  
Q&A

Theatre Royal  
5pm Limbo  
8pm  
Survival of  
Kindness

Market Building  
11am Peace Choir  
Theatre Royal  
7pm Survival of Kindness  
Also 5pm  
Short Films at Yandoit Hall  
Featuring: Lake of Scars  
Uniting Church Rd  
Entry by donation

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WEDNESDAY 7TH OF JUNE  
7:30PM  
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MUST BE 14 AND OVER