

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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June 6th, 2023

## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

**It is Kirby's last week before she takes leave for 8 weeks. Helen Pyers will be replacing Kirby** and will be teaching Visual Arts on Thursdays and Fridays. Helen was previously a teacher at Maldon Primary, so some of the students and families will know her.

**Melissa and I are continuing our investigation into our current Assessment and Reporting framework and are looking at ways we can improve this in our school.** You may remember last term, we held parent/carer, staff and student forums in regards to reporting. Last week we undertook prep to grade 6 student focus groups where we heard student perspectives about ways we can improve assessments in the classroom and how we can help students know how they are going with their learning. The students were very insightful with their thinking but also considerate of teachers and extra work load. **Teachers are currently working on writing student reports. Reports will be distributed to families on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. We have scheduled our Parent Teacher interviews for the beginning of Term 3, so that follow up discussions from the report can occur during these meetings. Bookings will open tomorrow on uEducateUs. If you have trouble booking, please contact the school. Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings will also be booked through uEducateUs from now on. These meetings will replace Parent Teacher interviews for selected students and will be held on Monday 17th July (all day).** An SSG meeting is where parent/carers, school staff and relevant agencies work together to plan and support the educational, health, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing of students with diverse learning needs. If you are unsure which meeting your child needs (an SSG meeting or a Parent Teacher interview) please contact your child's classroom teacher.

**This week's whole school behaviour focus is: I take pride in my work (Be your best).** Students will be working towards these 'I can' statements -

I am proud to share my work

I give my work my best effort

I want to learn and improve

My work is neat and organised

I contribute to my group/turn and talk

I have included some articles below that focus on good mental health and self-compassion. For children to have pride in themselves, feel proud of themselves and persist when things get challenging they need to have self compassion and good mental health.

[Good mental health for children: 3-8 years | Raising Children Network](#)

[Self-compassion for children 3-8 years | Raising Children Network](#)



## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Thursday 8th June

- Responsible pet ownership incursion (all grades)

### Friday 9th June

- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm

### Monday 12th June

- Public Holiday

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday 14th June**  
School Council (online)

**Monday 19th June**  
Semester 1 reports released

**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

**Tuesday 11th July**  
Parent teacher interviews

**Wednesday 19th July**  
Parent teacher interviews

**Tuesday 25th July**  
Parent teacher interviews

**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

Don't forget there is no school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, as it is the King's Birthday public holiday.

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

### Notes/forms to be returned:

- The deposit (\$50) and reply slip for the grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp is now overdue. Please return it immediately.

**New uEducateUs app:** A reminder to all families to download the new uEducateUs mobile app and start using it. If you are unsure of your user name and password please contact the office.

### **Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser**

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

## 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

### Birthdays

L to R: Maci, Abbey, Hayden and Oliver



### Classroom Values awards

#### Performing Art and Art awards

Back row L to R: Harriet and Will

Front row L to R: Mari, Scarlett, Rosie and Isobelle



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.

## What's happening in the classroom?

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

**P/1:** Noah for his confident voice and body language during show and tell (be brave)

**2/3:** Darien for using a confident voice when speaking in front of a group of people (be brave)

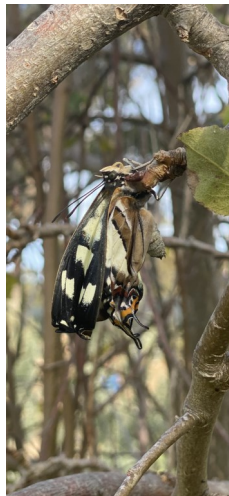
**4/5:** Martha for using a confident voice while sharing ideas and presenting to large audiences (be brave)

**5/6:** Auzzie for the confident way he spoke at our school concert (be brave)

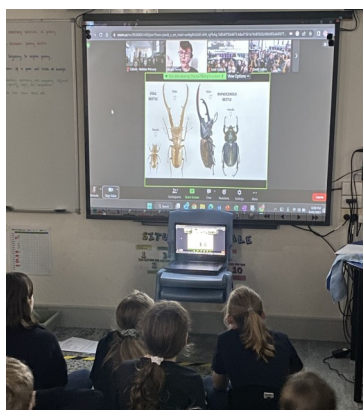
**Performing Arts:** Elke for the creative emotions she acted out to her peers

**Art:** Dean for always being a kind and persistent student in the art room

**Prep/1 butterfly hatching:** In Prep/1 students have been looking at life cycles. The students found a cocoon on a broken branch in the yard and they decided to protect it until a butterfly emerged. On Friday a beautiful butterfly appeared and was released into the garden.



**4/5 Insect-a-cycle incursion:** Last week the Grade 4/5 students participated in an incursion about insects. The students enjoyed the mix of listening to the Entomologist, Shasta, on the screen and doing some hands on learning. They learnt all about insects, their life cycles, what characteristics they have in order to survive and how they are grouped.



## Fundraising news

**A Day in May fundraiser:** Thank you to all families who supported this fundraiser. A total of \$117.65 was raised and will be donated to support kids living with cancer.



## What's happening in the community?

**Sensory Sanctuary**  
JUNE 24 - JULY 7 CASTLEMAINE

Neurodiversity Arts Festival

[www.sensorysanctuary.net.au](http://www.sensorysanctuary.net.au)



### Tech Strategies for Families (ages 4-8 years)

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges for parents, guardians, grandparents and carers. Tech is part of our reality but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy.

Join other parents and carers in this workshop which aims to:

- Present current research
- Reflect on tech use in your family; considering both the challenges and opportunities
- Explore strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment for your family.

✓ Health & Safety

✓ Boundaries

✓ Strategies

#### Workshop dates & locations:

Where: Castlemaine Library

Dates: Tuesday 20 June 2023

Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Facilitated by: Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

Hosted by: Castlemaine Library and Mount Alexander Shire Council

Please note this is a single session workshop only.

There is no charge for this workshop. Kids welcome in the library.



Registration free:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tech-strategies-for-children-tickets-633106838597>



Tech Strategies for Families  
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[www.ccbv.org.au](http://www.ccbv.org.au)



**nab AFL Auskick**

# 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.com.au/auskick](https://play.afl.com.au/auskick)

## JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN WITH AFLW STARS



**AFL play.afl**


Want to experience football with AFLW Players Kerryn Peterson & Kodi Jacques? This is your opportunity! Footy 4 Fun includes football activities, photo and autograph opportunities, giveaways and a BBQ for all participants. This FREE event is open to all girls aged 5 - 12 years old.

**WHERE:**  
GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL CLUB  
WADE STREET, GOLDEN SQUARE


**WHEN:**  
WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE  
4:30PM - 6:00PM



**REGISTER HERE!**

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**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](https://goldfieldslibraries.com) 5.15PM-6.30PM

