Principal's chat

Last Friday we were very lucky to have great weather and sunshine for our Japanese Cultural Day visitors. We welcomed approximately 70 students and 10 adults for the day.

We welcomed our friends with four songs and they also sang a song, in return, about Mount Fuji. All students enjoyed a morning of tabloid sports and then the older students travelled with their buddy on the steam train to Castlemaine.

This year was our 18th year of hosting our friends from Japan. It is such a rich cultural experience and all students take so much away from the day. Here are some of their thoughts:

Eva– I liked Japanese Day because it was fun hearing the different language they spoke.

Abi– It was fun listening to the song they sung.

Hugh– I liked the sports especially the parachute.

Essie– I liked the games. I liked them all.

Caitlyn– I enjoyed meeting the Japanese students and getting to talk to them about what they like. The train ride was lots of fun.

Sonya– It was fun learning about their differences and sharing what we had in common. The train ride was very scenic.

Abby– I enjoyed Japanese Day because it was my first year of having a Japanese buddy.

Tom– I enjoyed Japanese Day especially doing the activities, going on the train and having a buddy for the first time.

We were very fortunate to have a great team of parent volunteers who helped out with tabloid sports and also worked in the kitchen preparing food. Shelley Woods, Mickey Noy and their team of helpers are to be congratulated on the effort and hard work that they put into preparing and serving a delicious morning tea and lunch. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Japanese Day- your help is VERY much appreciated.

Just a reminder that this Sunday our school is collecting a gold coin donation, selling raffle tickets and cooking a sausage sizzle at the Maldon Market fundraiser 8am-2pm.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Market from 8am to 2pm. Thank you to the families who have volunteered to assist on Sunday however we still need more help. A further note accompanies the newsletter today.

On Thursday the school nurse will be visiting Maldon Primary school to carry out free health assessments of our Prep students. Families with students in Prep are asked to return their Health Questionnaire by Wednesday of this week. The assessment is optional but all families are asked to return the envelope, even if you are opting out of the assessment.

Our Preparation for Puberty program is commencing this Wednesday for our grade 5 and 6 students and we are also offering it as an option for grade 4 students. The program is part of the curriculum for grade 5 and 6 students. Parents of grade 4 students can choose for their child to participate by returning the permission slip accompanying the newsletter today. Apologies for the late issue of the permission notes for this activity.

Last week I met with department staff, our architect, project manager and Raysett constructions who will be working on our building project. The builders have been busy getting organised and work is expected to commence on Wednesday. Please remember that, for safety reasons, the back entrance to the school is not to be used as an access point.

Warm regards
Jodie

What’s happening this week?

- John will be absent on Wednesday and is being replaced by Rebecca Magee
- Jodie will be attending a meeting at Newstead Primary school on Wednesday morning
- Debra will be attending a meeting on Thursday morning. Please leave non urgent matters until her return Thursday afternoon.
- Bernadette will be attending a professional development day on Friday and will be replaced by Kathryn Treloar.

Fundraising news

Wood raffle: A reminder to all families to sell and return their raffle ticket books IMMEDIATELY. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 14th August at the Maldon Market.

Maldon Market help DESPERATELY needed: A note accompanies the newsletter today requesting more volunteers for the market this Sunday. Please give generously of your time to support our school and your children.

Office info

Permission notes to be returned:

- Grade 3 and 4 AFL 9’s and Grade 5 and 6 AFL 9’s permission slips and payment are now overdue, please return them TOMORROW.
- Writer’s Festival permission slip and payment is now overdue, please return them TOMORROW.
- Grade 5 and 6 (Gr 4 is optional) Preparation for Puberty permission slips are due back TOMORROW, payment is due by Wednesday August 24th.
- Grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp consent and medical forms are due back by Friday 12th August. Payment is due by Friday 26th August.

A reminder that all current permission slips are available on the school website www.maldonps.vic.edu.au if you didn't receive or have lost your hard copy.
School community

Lunch box reminders:
1. Students are not permitted to use the microwave at school to heat food due to issues with supervision.
2. If you are sending food which requires cutlery please ensure that you pack the necessary cutlery for your student to use.

Fresh Fruit Friday:

This week’s volunteers: Anita Mason and Genna Hines

Next week’s volunteers: Kylie Trott and Jackie Gautam

The Fresh Fruit Friday rosters for terms 3 and 4 can be found on the Maloon Primary school website under About/Parent Community http://maldonps.vic.edu.au/about/parent-club/

What’s happening in the classroom?

Whole school behaviour this week: I match my behaviour with our school values

Grades 3 and 4 Newshound page:
**Prep-2 inquiry:** Prep to two students have been continuing their inquiry work, dividing into three groups to work on coding with John, construction with Bernadette and cooking with Kay and Nicole. Here are some photos of the fairytale houses and tunnels that were made by Bernadette’s group.

**Grade 5 and 6 Kids as Catalyst:** The Boys and Men group have been visiting the Maldon Mens Shed to gain the knowledge and expertise needed to make three billy carts. Once complete the billy carts will be donated to the Neighbourhood Centre and will be used at the Maldon Easter Fair.
Extra curricular catch up

More Japanese day photos:

Instrumental music and drama:

**DTM STUDENT GIG 2016**

*A performance aimed at giving students a real life musicians experience*

**27th. August 2016**

**Salvation Army Hall**

**Mundy St. Bendigo**

Gig 1: School Groups Performance 11am
Gig 2: Choir, Band & Orchestra
Performance 2pm
Students due 1 hour before commencement time

Entry $5 Adults, kids under 16 free

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**MUSIC & DRAMA LESSONS**

- Piano and keyboards
- Violin, Viola & Cello
- Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute & Brass
- Singing and Vocals
- Electric, Acoustic & Bass Guitar
- Ukelele & Banjo
- Drums and Percussion
- Drama Classes

For enquiries & bookings, please contact Drew

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Maldon Neighbourhood Centre

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Join us for fun and affordable workshops and maybe become a blue ribbon winner at the 153rd Annual Spring Show on Sunday 16th October 2016. All the community is encouraged to enter the Show. Remember, “you have to be in it to win it!”

www.maldonshow.com.au

Scone and Cake Baking with Alby & Cathy
for all the family, including the men!
Time: 10-11.30am, Saturday 10 September

Learn to Make Marmalade & Preserves
Time: 6-8pm, Wednesday 14 September

Workshops cost $15 per person or $10 conc. To book, please contact the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre on 5475 2093 or info@maldonnc.org.au

CIRCUS SKILLS

Have fun, build confidence and coordination while learning basic circus and gymnastic skills. All skills are taught progressively with an emphasis on building strength and confidence. Suitable for ages 5—12 yrs.