

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

It was so **lovely to have a school assembly last Friday**. The students in grade 5/6 planned and organised the event and they delivered it to a great standard. I would like to congratulate all the students who spoke in front of the audience. They did a great job and their confidence and their enthusiasm to lead the school was admirable. Thank you to our family members who came along to support the event. **Congratulations to Florence and Meghan on being elected as our School Captains for 2022. Congratulations also to Yoshi (Alexander), Seth (Tarrengower), Alice (Nuggetty) and Grace (Franklin) on being successful in gaining the House Captain positions for this year.** Thank you to every student who applied for these roles as well as the other leadership groups within the classroom. All grade 5/6 students presented speeches as part of their application, either at the assembly or in front of the class. Callum will be announcing the remaining leadership groups to the 5/6 class today. **Students will be given weekly leadership time in class to work on their roles.**

Assemblies will begin this Friday at 3pm. Parents/family members can attend this event if they are fully vaccinated. Please show your vaccination certificate on arrival.

Last Friday we had an Emergency Evacuation Drill. We have different types of evacuations, such as Shelter in Place, Lock Down, Onsite Evacuation and Offsite Evacuation. It is important for all staff and students to be familiar with these evacuations and to practise them to build confidence in an emergency situation and to identify any areas for improvement. **This evacuation was focused on a Shelter in Place scenario**, where all students evacuated their rooms and moved to the library for shelter. The students moved very calmly, but quickly to the space. There were some children who felt anxious and worried, however they recovered well. We always have a brief discussion with the students after the drill. Staff will now review the processes and make adjustments if needed.

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 16th March, 2pm to 6pm. Interviews will be 10 minutes long and will consist of a discussion about how your child has settled in from both the teacher's and parent's/carer's perspectives. You are welcome to bring your child along to this meeting. If you believe you will need to have longer than 10 minutes, you can organise to meet with your child's classroom teacher at another time. Parents/carers can only enter the school building if they are fully vaccinated. We also have the option of a phone meeting or webex video meeting if this is more suitable. **You can book your meeting online, using uEducateUs, from 12pm tomorrow.** Students who are funded under the Program for Students with Disabilities will have a different meeting scheduled where parents/carers and teachers meet.

THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Friday 4th March

- Assembly, 3pm
- NO Friday fundraiser

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 16th March

Parent Teacher interviews, 2-6pm

Wednesday 16th March

School Council AGM and ordinary meeting

DATES FOR 2022

School Council meetings

- May 18th
- June 15th
- August 17th
- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th

School Photos

23rd June

Camps

Grade 1 and 2

TBA

Grade 3 and 4

September 7th-9th

Grade 5 and 6

June 1st-3rd

Working Bees

May 22nd and October 23rd

Fundraising Events

September 11th

Maldon Market fundraiser

October 29th

Market and Fair fundraiser

November 24th

Shopping Spree fundraiser

Social /Community events

Monday 18th April

Easter Parade

Friday 24th June

Special Persons Day

Curriculum days

- Tuesday 14th June
- Friday 16th September

We have started the year with a number of students arriving late, after the Start learning bell at 8:55am. It is important to be at school earlier than 8:55am to ensure the children have a successful day. It helps them socialise with their peers, get organised for the day and get settled, ready to start learning when the bell goes. **Please support your child** in this **and get them to school in time for the Get ready bell (8.52am)**.

We have also had many students being picked up early at the end of the day. Whilst we know that this is sometimes unavoidable, due to medical appointments, **we ask that you support us by ensuring students stay until the bell at 3.15pm**. The last 15 to 20 minutes of the day is often spent doing show and tell, preparing students for the next day, handing out notes and reminding students of information so it is important that they are at school until the bell.

As of 2pm today we have received NO nominations for the four school council positions. **We therefore still have four vacancies for school council to fill**. Please think about volunteering to become a school councillor and helping our school to be the best it can be. If you are willing to fill one of the four positions or would like more information please call the office on 5475 1484.

Keep safe,

Alisa

Office Information

2022 Contributions: Thank you to the families who have made Curriculum and Other contributions for 2022. Your financial support is invaluable and helps us to ensure your students are offered every educational opportunity possible as well as ensuring that we can maintain and revitalise the school buildings and yard. These contributions are used to supplement the funds received by the department to run our school. Contributions can be made at any time throughout the year and the amount of the contribution is up to individual families. If you haven't yet made any contributions but would like to do so please feel free to make payment at your convenience. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, direct deposit or Bpay. Please contact the office to obtain your Bpay details or the school bank account details if you do not have them.

Camps, Sport and Excursions fund: The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps to ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. **Families who hold a valid means tested concession card are eligible to apply**. A special consideration category is also available.

If you are eligible to apply but have not yet submitted an application please contact the office asap.

Reminders

- **Don't forget that the school has before and after hours care available for students.** In 2022 both before and after school care is available. Please contact Analeigh on 0431 745 097 to enquire or make a booking.

Student achievements

We love to hear about student achievements outside of school! Please email details and a photo, if possible, to maldon.ps@education.vic.gov.au so that their achievements can be celebrated in the newsletter.

What's happening in the classroom?

Art: Kirby is looking for donations of old newspapers for the Art room. Donations can be left in the office.

Weekly awards: At our assembly on Friday the following students will be receiving awards:

P/1: All our Preps for a great start to their first year at school (be your best)

2/3: Darien for working hard and improving his reading (be your best)

3/4: Abbey for working hard on her reading (be your best)

5/6: Alice for working hard and taking pride in her work (be your best)

Prep 1 – What's been happening, February

Crossing Visit – Ray came into our classroom to teach us all about how to use the crossing safely and how to be safe around our roads. We practiced walking across the crossing – we learnt to **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN** and **THINK** before you cross.



Maths – 2D Shapes.

We have been investigating 2D shapes. We sorted shapes into groups then we had fun making 2D shape pictures using our shape blocks. Wyn and Ollie are pictured here with their creations.



'Twosday' Tuesday

On Tuesday 22nd of February the date was a unique date as it was a palindrome, 22-02-2022. This means it can be read the same forwards and backwards.

We looked at the number 2 and discussed what makes it a unique number, what things come in 2's and had fun adding up the numbers in this unique date.

Here we all are wearing our Twosday crowns.



Sport

Division Tennis: Well done to Seth, Wilbur, Charlie and Florence who represented our school in the division tennis competition in Bendigo last Thursday. Seth won both of his games and will now be competing in the regional tournament in Swan Hill on April 4th.

Division Swimming: Good luck to Florence, Primrose, Alice, Grace and Seth who will be competing in the Division Swimming event in Bendigo next Monday.

Extra curricular catch up



ENROL TODAY!

2022 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

PIANO | DRUMS
GUITAR | BASS | UKULELE
SINGING | WOODWIND | BRASS | STRINGS
BANJO | MANDOLIN | MARIMBA
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What's happening in our Community?



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PARENTING IN THE MODERN WORLD

TWEENS AND TEENS

Presented by community health nurse Bron Grieve, Tweens and Teens touches on topics that modern parents and carers can relate to.

Information and tips on communicating, negotiating the world of porn, media and technology, and talking about sex with teens.

Q&A and light refreshments included.

Presented in partnership with Mount Alexander Shire Council and Castlemaine Health

BOOKINGS REQUIRED
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THURSDAY 24 MARCH
5.30-7.30PM
CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY



To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parenting-in-the-modern-world-tweens-and-teens-tickets-264872971187>



5-11-year-olds' COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Castlemaine Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is open for registrations for 5-11-year-olds who live in the Loddon Mallee region.

Register for an appointment

Parents/guardians can register their child for a COVID-19 vaccination via the Castlemaine Health website at www.castlemainehealth.org.au

Select 'Castlemaine Health' as your clinic of choice when you complete the form. A booking link will be sent to you within a few days of registering.

Clinic hours

The 5-11-year-old clinic runs in response to demand, so please contact the clinic on 5471 3555 (option 5) for further information. The clinic is closed on public holidays.

What to bring

Parents/guardians should bring a Medicare Card for the child.

Clinic address

The clinic is located next to Main Reception at Castlemaine Health, in Odgers Road.



Maldon town wide garage sale, Saturday 26th March from 8am

If you live out of town but would like to hold a garage sale you are welcome to set up your garage sale on the basketball court/down ball court area at the school. Please let Debra know in the office asap if you would like to hold a garage sale so that the school can be included as a venue on the Garage Sale map.