

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

We have had some hot weather over the last week. When temperatures are in the mid to high 30s, we open classrooms at play breaks and offer students the opportunity to play inside in the cool. There are some days where students may have limited or no play outside due to the weather conditions, as set out in our **Extreme Weather Policy (available on the school website)**. It has been great to see the students actively engaging in different activities during recess and lunch times, with the new students exploring our yard. Lunch clubs are great for students to attend if they are finding play times difficult, are not sure what to play or who to play with or simply want to have some 'time out' inside. **If you would like to encourage your child to attend the lunch clubs, we offer:**

Mondays – Open club (a range of activities, plus coding)

Tuesdays – Library/Reading club

Thursdays – Lego club

Fridays – Art club

The warm weather has also allowed us to complete our **2022 swimming program**. Our first session last week included some introductory activities, sorting of groups again after summer and also some try outs for the older students to enter the Division Swimming event in Bendigo. Students have two more sessions of swimming after today's session. **Our 2023 Water Awareness program for all grades is booked in for December.**

It was very exciting yesterday to see our **Brass Band Program begin**. Vinnie Bourke is teaching small groups of students from grades 3 to 6 how to play a range of brass instruments. The students all left school with their instruments and big smiles on their faces. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn an instrument, as well as be part of a community group in Maldon. If your child would like to be part of this program, please let the school know.



The **Tutor Learning Initiative** is in its third year and is designed to assist students who have not made the expected learning growth over the past 3 years or who need some extra support to progress. **TLI students have been identified and Kirby has already started working with them.** Kirby will be working on maths as well as reading, writing and spelling with students. Each student will have a personal goal, based on their assessments, and will work towards reaching their goal during the tutoring sessions. Kirby will have two sessions per week with each student in the program and should continue working with them until



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Wednesday 22nd February

- Prep rest day
- Division tennis (selected students)

Thursday 23rd February

- Grade 6 School Captain speeches, 9am
- Swimming, Gr 1 - 6

Friday 24th February

- Friday Fundraiser starts
- NO Assembly
- Welcome Picnic 5.30-7.30pm

Monday 27th February

- Swimming, Gr 1 – 6



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 10th March
Curriculum Day
No students required at school

Wednesday 15th March
School Council, 6.30pm

they reach their goal. Kirby may work within the classroom with the students or sometimes they may be withdrawn from class. Kirby has ongoing discussions with classroom teachers in regards to student progress and who should enter or exit the tutoring program.

This week our whole school behaviour focus is: I am calm and in control (Be your best). In class, the students will be discussing their emotional literacy and working on things such as:

- Noticing when their body feels tense
- Practising breathing exercises to calm themselves down
- Establishing mindfulness expectations in the classroom

As a school, every day after lunch break, all classes participate in a mindfulness activity to create a calm and relaxed classroom environment for learning.

Here are some articles with tips and tricks for parents/carers to work on this behaviour.

3 – 8 year olds <https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/behaviour/behaviour-management-tips-tools/helping-children-calm-down-3-8-years>

Pre Teens <https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/development/social-emotional-development/helping-pre-teens-and-teenagers-calm-down>

On Thursday there will be a special assembly where relevant Grade 6 students will present their School Captain speeches. This will take place at the tiered seating area at the back of the school, commencing at 9am.

Our Welcome Picnic is on this Friday 24th February from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This will be an informal occasion for families to come along and get to know each other/catch up. Bring some food along and enjoy relaxing on our new grass footy oval. The Maldon Ice Cream Shop will also be attending with their ice cream/gelato cart! We hope to see you there!

At School Council last week a Curriculum Day was endorsed for Friday 10th March. Staff will use this day to focus on whole school planning and no students are required at school on this day.

As you may be aware this year Maldon Primary School is celebrating 150 years of education. We are planning to embrace this theme with our Easter Fair float so start looking out for/thinking about costumes for your children. If you are willing to take on the role of coordinating this float please let the office know.

Thanks

Alisa

Office information

Camps, Sport and Excursions fund: Do you hold a Health Care Card? If the answer is yes, you may be eligible to apply for the Camps, Sport and Excursion funding of \$125 for your child/children. If you think you may be eligible and have not yet applied please contact the office asap so that you don't miss out on the funding for 2023.

Reminders

- **Don't forget that the school has before and after hours care available for students.** In 2023 both before and after school care is available. Please contact Analeigh on 0431 745 097 to enquire or make a booking.
- A reminder to all families that if a student requires medication to be administered during school hours, eg. antibiotics, a **Medication Authority Form** must be completed and submitted at the office together with the required medication. This form is available at the office and is also on the school website.

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

What's happening in the classroom?

Swimming program:



DATES FOR 2023

School Council meetings

- February 15th
- March 15th
- May 17th
- June 14th
- August 16th
- September 13th
- October 18th
- November 15th

School Photos

25th May

Camps

Grade 3 and 4

September 11th -13th

Grade 5 and 6

October 2nd - 4th

Working Bees

May 7th and October 15th

Fundraising Events

Saturday May 27th

Comedy night fundraiser

Thursday November 30th

Shopping Spree fundraiser

Social /Community events

Friday Feb 24th

Welcome Picnic

Monday 10th April

Easter Parade

Thursday 18th May

School Concert

Monday 22nd May

Special Persons afternoon

T.B.A

150th Celebration Day

Curriculum days

Friday 10th March

Monday 5th June

Third date TBA

Fundraising news

Comedy night, Saturday 27th May 2023: We are very excited to announce a new fundraiser for 2023! Tickets are available online now so get in early and encourage friends and families to buy tickets too! We need lots of help promoting this event (a first for Maldon?) so if you can assist with distributing flyers, posting on Facebook pages etc. please let Debra know a.s.a.p.



**Comedy
for a
Cause**

Saturday 27 May 2023

Doors: 6.30pm / Show: 8pm / 18+

Featuring comedians from
**Sydney & Melbourne
International
Comedy Festivals**

Book your tickets at:
comedyforacause.net/MPS

Maldon Community Centre
6 Francis Street,
Maldon

In Support of:

MALDON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

TICKETS
\$40
CONCESSION
\$30

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Hello from the School Crossing Team

Welcome back to a new school year!! Here are the times for the School Crossing at your school:

8.30am to 9.10am AND 3.00pm to 3.35pm

Please ensure you use the school crossing when the flags are out and the Supervisor is present. It is the safest place to cross the road. Please also ensure you follow the rules (wait for the 2 whistles before crossing, walk don't run across the crossing, walk bikes/scooters etc. across the crossing, do not bounce balls across the crossing).

Student achievements

Congratulations to Grace, Elsa and Evi who competed in the Castlemaine team at the Central Highlands Division Girls Under 14 Country week competition and came out winners! Well done girls!



What's happening in the community?

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!

CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!



Club: **Hockey Central Victoria**

Venue: **Bendigo Hockey Complex, 14 Ashley Street, Ironbark, VIC, 3550**

Program 1 Start Date: **Saturday 25th February, 2023** Time: **9.00am to 9.50am** No. of Weeks: **6**

Program 2 Start Date: **Monday 27th February, 2023** Time: **5.10pm to 6.00pm** No. of Weeks: **6**

Price: **\$90** – (includes annual Hockey Australia and Hockey Victoria fee and insurance.)

Coordinator Name: **Dale Boyd**

Coordinator Email: **hcv.pathways@gmail.com**

Coordinator Phone: **0419 382 053**

TO REGISTER GO TO:



<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/hockeycentralv/events/>



Maldon Toy Library

The Maldon Neighbourhood Centre is starting a toy library and are seeking donations of toys that are in good condition and not broken or missing parts (no soft toys such as teddies please). Toys must be suitable for children aged six months to five years old. Please make your donations to the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre during opening hours