

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

We are in the last week of Term 1. It has been a long term and everyone is ready for some rest and relaxation time. **Even though there has been some illness around, we have had some students who have attended every single day of the term so far. I would like to congratulate Emily, Nicholas, Evi, Mabel, Isla, Alex, Darien, Karen, Grace, Chayse, Xavier, Frances and Dean on their 100% attendance record.** I have included an article later in the newsletter with some tips on how to improve attendance.

Last week the grade 3 to 6 students attended the network AFL 9s/ Netball day. It was great to see the students showing our values and being great sportspeople throughout the day. Thanks to the staff who attended, Melissa, Jesse and Callum, as well as the parent helpers, Luke Kneebone and James Robertson for volunteering their time. It was a great day for everyone!

On Thursday our grade 4/5 class visited the Maldon Kindergarten to help the kindergarten children make their hats for our Easter Hat Parade. It will be great to have the kindergarten children join in this school event as well as join us in the Maldon Easter Parade on Easter Monday.

Zoe Aldridge will be joining our Education Support staff team for the rest of the year. Zoe has been working at the school as a relief ES staff member and has already built great relationships with the staff and students.

This week's whole school behaviour focus is: I use my personal strengths to be my best (Be your best). Some of the areas we will be working on are:

- I can name my personal strengths
- I can use my strengths to help others
- I notice personal strengths in others
- I use my strengths to keep a positive mindset/attitude

I have included some links for both children and adults to complete to find out which animal they are and the strengths they have. This is a great quiz for all family members to do.

Aus Identities quiz (Child) <https://ausidentities.com.au/quizzes/child/>

Aus Identities quiz (Adult) <https://ausidentities.com.au/quizzes/adult/>

Don't forget we have our end of term Expos this Thursday after our Easter hat parade and brief assembly. Please come along to see and acknowledge some of the strengths the children have shown and to celebrate the learning that has taken place this term. The students and staff have put a lot of effort into their Me Museums and other displays for our visitors.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter and holiday period. The second day of Term 2 is Anzac Day. The Maldon RSL has



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 6th April

- Casual clothes day, gold coin donation supporting Royal Children's Hospital
- Assembly and Easter Hat parade, 9.30am
- Class Expos, 10.00am to 11.00am
- Last day term 1, 2.30pm dismissal

Monday 10th April

- Easter parade, meet at school at 9.45am



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24th April

First day term 2

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC day public holiday
ANZAC day march, meet outside school at 10.30am
ANZAC day service, 10.45am in the Shire Gardens

Sunday 7th May

Working Bee, 9am-12pm

Wednesday 17th May

School Council, 6.30pm

Thursday 18th May

School Concert, 6.00pm

Monday 22nd May

Special persons afternoon

Thursday 25th May

School photos

once again invited our students to the Anzac Day march and Commemorative Service. If you would like to come along, please meet at 10:30am at the front of the school to participate in the march or at 10:45am at the Shire Gardens for the service. The school leaders will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school during the service.

Thanks
Alisa

Reminders



- **Grade 3-6 Castlemaine district cross country excursion permission is due Wednesday 26th April.** The permission form can be found on uEducateUs.
- **Footsteps dance lesson permission is due Wednesday 26th April.** The permission form can be found on uEducateUs. **For Prep and new students to the school the cost for this excursion is \$25 which can be paid by cash, direct deposit or BPAY.** Please ask Debra for your BPAY details if you do not have them. All other students paid for this excursion in May 2022.
- **Friday Fundraiser (hot lunch)** is organised by our grade 5/6 students which means that if they are on an excursion etc. there will be no hot lunch. Please make sure you read the newsletter weekly and check if hot lunch is happening!

What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Emily for her confidence presenting to the whole class, speaking clearly and proudly in front of her peers (be brave)

2/3: Layton for having confidence in himself to catch up on the work he missed when he was away (be brave)

4/5: Oliver for always being confident in sharing his ideas and thoughts with the class (be brave)

5/6: Zavier for the confident way he offers ideas and willingly speaks in front of a large audience (be brave)

Art: Darcy R for the efficient way he used one lesson to complete his Easter bonnet.

Performing Arts: Oliver M for the contagious enthusiasm he brings to every lesson.

Digital Technology: Blake for being confident to complete his voice recordings for his interactive poster.

Principal award: Darcy O for being brave enough to open the sports shed for the students when the sports shed monitors were at a sports day (be brave and be kind)

Performing Arts:

SCHOOL CONCERT

The school concert is looming and with school holidays beginning it may be a good time to get costumes organised...

Please remember that you do not need to buy new clothes for the concert...close enough is definitely good enough or search the op shops for a bargain!

What student will need to arrive in on concert night:

P/1 (1920s and 1930s)

Denim bottoms, flannelette shirt or a plain button-up shirt. If they have it, students can wear country boots/ work boots, braces and/or an Akubra.

2/3 (1950s and 1960s)

Girls: Black/navy blue tights and white t-shirt. (A skirt will be provided on the night).
Boys: Black or denim jeans (turned up at the bottoms) and white t-shirt or shirt.

4/5 (1970s and 1980s)

Girls: Black/navy blue tights and white t-shirt. (A skirt will be provided on the night).
Boys: Black bottoms and colourful top -blue, green, orange or purple. Optional: big gold necklaces, a brightly coloured peak cap/sweat band.

5/6 (1990s and 2000s)

Denim jeans, shorts, overalls or skirt (with tights underneath) and white top.
Optional: coloured glasses, feather boa, butterfly hairclips or a bandana.



Something which may interest our families...

Attendance:

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE EARLY IN SCHOOL. SUCCESS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) of the school year can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.

Good attendance will help children do well in high school, tertiary education and at work

What you can do

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots
- Introduce your child to teachers and classmates before school starts to help transition
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
- Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session

Maldon Museum display “Days of the Old Schoolyard”: Maldon State School No. 1254 celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2023. The volunteers at the Maldon Museum have put together a special display featuring the many different aspects and growth of the rural schooling system. Explore the world of education as it developed in some of our rural primary schools: the teachers, the students and the activities – including the dreaded warm milk days of the late 1940's, early 1950's. See workbooks, teacher reports and many class photographs.

An evocative photograph and text display from the museum's unique photographic collection. Old School days are explored through text and photographs of several Maldon and district schools.

The museum is open every Wednesday and Sunday between 11.30am and 2.00pm.

Admission \$2.50. Children under 17 and Members free.

Community Connections

Grade 4/5 kinder visit for easter hat making:



Fundraising news

Comedy night, Saturday 27th May 2023:

- Tickets are available online now so get in early and encourage friends and families to buy tickets too!
- On the night we will be running further fundraisers e.g. silent auction, raffles etc. If you are able to donate prizes for these (wine, gift vouchers, products e.g. 10 bales of straw) or know of someone who can please let Louise Clarke or the office know.
- We URGENTLY need parents to assist with distributing flyers in Maldon and surrounding areas e.g. Castlemaine, Harcourt etc. Also if you have access to an appropriate Facebook page for posting we would love you to post the flyer. Please let Debra know a.s.a.p. if you can assist.



Sport

Well done to Seth and Elsa who represented Maldon Primary School at the regional tennis competition in Swan Hill yesterday. They played fantastically, were great sports and had lots of laughs and chats with other competitors. They both won some of their matches but didn't make it through to the finals.



Thank you: to Cheryl Bottomley for covering our new thesaurus and dictionaries ready for use in the classrooms.

What's happening in the community?



- Egg toss
- Running races
- Nail drive
- Lollie hunt
- Wheelbarrow races
- Tug-o-war
- Gumboot toss
- Goal kicking
- Gold panning
- Kids Rides
- Yabbie Auction/Races
- Face Painting
- Vintage Car Display
- Motorbike rides
- Silent auction
- Raffle
- Food + drinks
- Asthma education & much more!

RACE YA FAMILY FUN DAY

Supporting Asthma Australia in memory of Ned Cameron



**SUN
APR
16TH
11AM-4PM**

BILL WOODFULL RESERVE - MALDON FOOTBALL GROUND

Francis Street, Maldon VICTORIA

ADULTS \$10, CHILDREN \$5, FAMILY \$25

ALL PROFITS + DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO ASTHMA AUSTRALIA RACE YA
BSB 633000
ACCT 165285826

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
KRISTY 0427 759 328 OR TRACEY 0499 997 034

MY HOME NETWORK



**SATURDAY
APRIL 22ND
1.30-3.30PM**

HOUSING FORUM

CASTLEMAINE SENIOR CITIZENS MECHANICS LANE

BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPS

Panel members include: Lisa Chesters (Federal MP), Maree Edwards (State MP), Clare Richards (Housing Solutions Broker), Councillor Rosie Annear (Mayor), Lauren Watt (Coordinator of Strategic Planning)

Free registration

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHCFI>



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Host an exchange student in 2023!

Ready to welcome a new culture into your home?

There are so many reasons why a family may choose to host an exchange student!



Rediscover your backyard through new eyes!



Understand another way of life and a different way of thinking!



Gain a new family member and help make an exchange student's dream come true!

Who are our host families?

Host families are volunteers who open their home and hearts to international exchange students.

Families come in all shapes and sizes. They live anywhere in Australia, from beaches to cities to farms!

Host families integrate their exchange student into their daily life. They are caring and open, and many form strong bonds and become friends for life!

Enquire about hosting



wepwep.org.au

03 9598 4733

wep.org.au





JOIN THE FUN!

Maldon Auskick Centre

Maldon Recreation Reserve

Tuesday's 4:00pm starting April 18th

Coby Cox - 0408 138 890

coby.cox@outlook.com

Scan the QR Code to register!



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FREE: Family friendly. Bring a friend. Go solo.

When: Start 9:00am – 11:30am
Saturday April 15th, 22nd, 29th

Bring: water, hat, sports shoes

Meet: Castlemaine Botanic Gardens (near playground)

E: schools@vicorienteering.asn.au

M: 0498 008 392



www.vicorienteering.asn.au



Occasional Childcare at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre

There are vacancies for 3 to 5 year olds at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre's Occasional Childcare Program.

The sessions run on Mondays 9.30am - 2.30pm. \$60 per session (Eligible families can claim the childcare rebate).

Ongoing enrolment or casual sessions are available. We run a quality program with a relaxed, friendly and inclusive environment.

Please email us on childcare@maldonnc.org.au for more information.

TENNIS LESSONS

Available at Maldon tennis club on Thursdays

Currently classes are:

- Red stage 4-7year olds - 3.30 to 4pm (\$12 session)
- Orange Stage 7-10 year olds - 4 to 4.45pm (\$18 session)
- Orange stage 7-10 year olds - 4.45 to 5.30pm (\$18 session)
- Green stage 9+ years old - 5.30 to 6.15pm (\$18 session)
- Squad session 10+ years old - 6.15 to 7.45pm (\$30 session)

Cardio tennis adults - 7.45 to 8.45pm (\$22 session)

We have a few spots available for each class.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE AT \$160

CASUAL TENNIS AVAILABLE ALL THE TIME