

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. **Since the end of last term our school has participated in a couple of big events in the local community. At the beginning of the holidays we participated in the Maldon Easter Parade.** Our school, along with the Maldon Kindergarten, created a float about 'School in the olden days' to celebrate our school turning 150 years old this year! The costumes were fantastic and our school float won 'Best overall float' in the parade. There was lots of clapping and cheering from the crowd and it makes me feel proud to be part of such a connected community! Thank you to all the families and children who came along and participated in this event. A big thank you to Brenda Misso for co-ordinating the float and to the many parents who helped to decorate the float and pull it all together. Thank you also to Kinga for donating the trailer to use and Glen Ballinger for towing the float. It was such a great event and we are already talking about ideas for next year's float!

**Last week we were invited to march and join the RSL members in the Maldon Anzac Day service.** I would like to thank the staff, parents/carers and the students for representing our school to such a high standard. The school captains, Isla and Seth, laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the school. I think that this year we had the highest number of students attending the service that we have ever seen. I was very proud of everyone who attended.



**On Friday, our Grade 3-6 students attended the District Cross Country event. Once again, the students attending displayed our school values – being kind to others, being brave and being their best.** Following this event we have a number of students who have qualified to run in the Division Cross Country championships this Friday in Castlemaine.

**I would like to welcome Analeigh Bruin to our Education Support Staff team for the rest of the year.** Analeigh is well known by staff,



## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Friday 5th May

- Goldfields Division Cross Country championships (selected students)
- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm

### Sunday 7th May

- Working bee, 9am to 12pm

### Monday 8th May

- Footsteps dance lessons, all students

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday 17th May

Open Day, 9.30am-11.00am

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School Council, 6.30pm

### Thursday 18th May

School Concert, 6.00pm

### Monday 22nd May

Special persons afternoon, 2pm-3.15pm

### Thursday 25th May

School photos

### Saturday 27th May

Comedy Night fundraiser, 8pm

### Monday 5th June

Curriculum Day

### Thursday 22nd June

Class expos

### Friday 23rd June

Last day term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

parents/carers and students as she has been relieving in this role, and also runs our Before and After School Care program.

**This week we are focusing on 'Moving around in a safe manner' (Be your best).** Teachers and students will be focusing on these areas:

*I use walking feet when inside or when walking around as a class*

*I make sure I'm not blocking the walk way*

*I go to the toilet with a partner*

*I am mindful of my surroundings*

*I follow playground rules*

*I take turns*

*I keep my hands and feet to myself*

To build on this theme at home, I have included two articles about moving around safely in the community.

Pedestrian and road safety (5-11 year olds) <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/safety/car-pedestrian-safety/pedestrian-safety>

Ways to build independence out and about (5-11 year olds) <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/safety/car-pedestrian-safety/going-out-independently-children>

**Don't forget we have our Working Bee this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, from 9am to 12pm.** We have some weeding, general tidying up, maintenance in the fairy garden and spreading of mulch on the list of things to do. **If you can only make it for some of the time, we would still love to see you.** Please bring along any tools you think may be useful e.g. secateurs, wheelbarrow, shovel etc. I will send out the Volunteer OHS induction handbook on uEducateUs before Sunday for all volunteers to read.

Thanks  
Alisa

## Reminders

### **Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser**

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

- **Grade Prep-2 tabloid sports excursion permission is due by Wednesday 10th May.** The permission form can be found on uEducateUs.

## What's happening in the classroom?

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

**P/1:** Darcy for looking out for others who might be showing feelings in the blue zone, caring for them and using kind words to make them feel better (be kind)

## Classroom Values awards, Digital Technology, Art, Performing Arts and Principal awards



Back row L to R: Xavier, Oliver, Blake, Rilen, Elsa, CJ and Theo

Front row L to R: Emily, Layton, Owen, Darcy and Darcy

## Birthdays



Back row L to R: Chayse, Clementine and Karen

Front row L to R: Archie, Wyn and Lelu

## 100% attendance, term 1



L to R: Chayse, Dean, Darien, Alex, Emily, Nicholas, Xavier, Grace and Karen

Absent: Evi, Mabel, Isla and Frances

2/3: Ollie for always being polite and respectful when communicating with others (be kind)

4/5: Elsa for always being respectful and inclusive of others (be kind)

5/6: Abbey for showing great resilience with challenging tasks (be your best)

**Digital Technology:** Karen for helping others to be successful (be kind)

**Principal awards:** Zavier for taking on the responsibility of doing the Acknowledgement of Country at the interschool cross country with no pre warning (be brave)

Martha for informing the school of a tree branch down in the holidays (be your best)

## Performing Arts:

### SCHOOL CONCERT

The school concert is looming and we ask that families work to get costumes organised for students.

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.



# Easter Hat parade 2023



**Cross Country Grades 3-6:** Well done to all students who participated in last week's cross country event at Wesley Hill. The teachers were very proud of the way all students demonstrated the school values of be kind, be brave and be your best on the day. Thank you to Zoe Aldridge and Jess Carr for volunteering to help out on the day, your support is very much appreciated. Congratulations to Seth, Wilbur, Grace, Mali, Evi, Alice, Elsa, Chloe, Oliver M, Scarlett, Bjorn and Martha who all qualified to compete in the Goldfields Division cross country championships this Friday.



## Fundraising news

### Comedy night, Saturday 27th May 2023:

- The night is just over three weeks away and we need your help to sell LOTS more tickets.
  - \* If every family takes responsibility for selling just TWO tickets we will sell over 120 tickets. You don't have to buy the tickets yourself but promote the event to grandparents, family, friends and neighbours and get them to buy tickets. Word of mouth promotion yields results!
  - \* Organise a group of friends to come along.
  - \* Share the advertising flyer on social media accounts and local noticeboards (see the office to get copies)
  - \* Drop an advertising flyer in at least 4 letterboxes in your neighbourhood. Each student will bring home a sheet of advertising flyers tonight. Please don't bin them! If you live out of town make a detour down a Maldon street when next in town to deliver the flyers!
- 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 are still looking for one more person with a Responsible Serving of Alcohol qualification to assist at the bar on the night. Please let the office know if you can help out.

## Something which may interest our families...

**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.

## 2023 Open Day

Please promote our upcoming Open Day to any families with school aged children



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**OPEN DAY 2023**

**VISIT US AND ENROL FOR 2024**

**Wednesday 17th May, 9:30-11:00am**

- Take a tour with the school leaders
- Meet the friendly staff and students
- Visit the classes and see learning in action
- Talk with staff and current parents/carers at morning tea after the tour



**Be kind, be brave, be your best!**

Contact the school on (03)54751484 to organise an alternative time

## Community Connections

**Newspaper colouring competition:** Congratulations to Olivia and Mabel on winning their respective age groups in the Easter colouring in competition. With over 30 entries submitted by the school alone the judges had a difficult decision!

### *Easter Parade – 150 years of Maldon Primary School*



## What's happening in the community?



### Young at Heart Maldon Playgroup

Open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers, their babies, toddlers and preschool children - from Maldon and beyond.

Have fun, relax and build friendships!

Indoor and outdoor spaces available, play in all weather!



**When:** Wednesdays 10 - 11.30am

**Where:** Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Church St Maldon

**What to bring:** your own snack to enjoy at morning tea time



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**Maldon Neighbourhood Centre Inc**  
Friendship & Learning

# IDAHOBIT family disco!

for kids 3-8 years

Sat 13 May 2pm-4pm

Castlemaine Botanical Gardens  
Tea Rooms

#### FEATURING...

- DJ RAZZBERRY BERET
- BADGE MAKING
- POLAROID PHOTO BOOTH
- FREE PIZZA

Celebrating gender diversity in our community and the right to express your fabulous self



## Creative Kids at Bendigo Writers Festival

Saturday 6 May and Sunday 7 May  
Dudley House, 60 View St Bendigo

Come along to share in story time and art and/or writing activities with some of Australia's most loved children's writers and illustrators. **Session \$12 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



### Saturday 6 May

#### Snap!

**Anna Walker 9.30am-10am**

Discover the sights and sounds of the forest through story time and a fun activity.  
Picture Book: 3-5yrs

#### The Best Of Billie B Brown

**Sally Rippin 10.15am-11am**

Billie can be bubbly, brave and brilliant. And sometimes she can even be a teensy bit boastful. A story time activity session. **Junior fiction: 4-8yrs**

#### School Of Monsters

**Sally Rippin and Chris Kennett 11.15am-12pm**

The weird and wonderful students at the School of Monsters are everyone's favourite friends. Story time and activity with the team behind these fun learning-to-read books.  
First readers: 4-6yrs

#### Zadie Ma's Magical Stories

**Gabrielle Wang 12.30pm-1.15pm**

Zadie Ma writes stories to bring to life the dog of her dreams. Story time and an activity with Children's Laureate Gabrielle Wang. **Novel/Graphic Novel: 8+yrs**

#### Waiting For The Storks

**Katrina Nannestad 1.30pm-2.15pm**

The story of a Polish girl kidnapped by the Germans during the Second World War who must confront the past. How true-life events inspire historical fiction. **Novel: 10+yrs**

### Sunday 7 May

#### Off to the Market

**Alice Oehr 9.30am-10am**

A delightful child's tour of a food market, full of fun facts, delicious new discoveries, and charming characters. Story time and activity. **Picture Book: 3+yrs**

#### Snap!

**Anna Walker 10.15am-11am**

What's that sound? Is it friend or foe? Join Anna to discover the world of Frog's forest.  
Picture Book: 5+yrs

#### Nerd Herd

**Nathan Luff and Chris Kennett 11.15am-12pm**

Join the author and illustrator of this hilarious five-book series to see how they create their nerd herd animal stories. **Junior fiction: 5+yrs**

#### Satin

**Lorena Carrington 12.30pm-1.15pm**

Every early morning, Satin slips out of the forest and walks along the sleepy sunrise streets, looking for blue. Create your own piece of blue with illustrator Lorena Carrington.  
Picture Book: 6+yrs


Lorena Carrington's illustrations from Satin on display in the small gallery at Dudley House throughout the festival.

#### Cross Bones

**Jack Henseleit and Chris Kennett 1.30pm-2.15pm**

Are you ready for the pirate life? Join the creators of this rollicking series as they create a brand new fun pirate story. **Junior fiction: 7+yrs**





# MALDON PRESCHOOL

## Open Day

Thursday May 18, 2.30pm - 4.00pm  
Cnr Camp St and Templeton St, Maldon

Visit us  
where we  
learn, grow  
and play

Meet our  
friendly  
teachers

Experience  
our indoor  
and outdoor  
spaces

Enrolments are open! Enrol online at [ykinders.org.au](http://ykinders.org.au)  
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# TRAILHEAD

## COACHING

**Term 2 Programs  
live for booking!**



Our programs specialise in the development of fundamental MTB skills.

Weekly sessions set kids up to ride off road safely, develop confidence & most importantly have fun on their bike!



### Programs

**BENDIGO**

5-8yr Program  
Wed 4pm-4:45pm  
9-16yr Program  
Wed 5pm-6pm

**CASTLEMAINE**

5-8yr Program  
Mon 4pm-4:45pm  
9-16yr Program  
Mon 5pm-6pm  
Girls 7-10yr Program  
Wed 4pm-4:45pm

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