

Be kind, be brave, be your best

Newsletter no 12 May 9th 2023

Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Our bi-annual working bee was held on Sunday. Even though it was a very cold morning, it was great to see families come along and help out. We made a big difference to the yard, moving soft fall to the play areas, spreading mulch on the gardens, weeding and doing a general tidy up. The yard is looking great ahead of Open Day! Thanks to the families who attended, Azeez, Carr, Cox, Curran, Gross, Mullholland and Salvatore, as well as the staff who attended. It was great to see some of the older students helping out on the day as well.



Last week we had a number of students attend the Castlemaine Division Cross Country. The students all did a fantastic job running their very best and showing our school values. Well done to Seth, Grace, Evi and Elsa who have now qualified to attend the region event in St Arnaud in June.



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S. Wednesday 10th May

Zoo incursion, Grade 5/6

Thursday 11th May

 School concert rehearsals (all classes)

Friday 12th May

- Tabloid sports excursion, Gr Prep-2
- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm

Monday 15th May

 Footsteps dance lessons, all students

Tuesday 16th May

 Education Support staff celebration day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 17th May Open Day, 9.30am-11.00am

Wednesday 17th May 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

Sunday 25th June Open Day, 10.30am-12.00pm On Friday we have the grade prep to 2 students heading off to Castlemaine for the Tabloid Sports morning. Thank you to Debra for co-ordinating the organisation side of things and thank you to the parent helpers who have volunteered to attend.

Next week is Education Week and we will have our school Open morning on Wednesday 17th May, from 9:30am to 11:00am, for any families looking to enrol their child in our school. Student leaders will be taking families on a tour of the school and then visiting families will join some of our current parents and myself in the library for morning tea to get to know each other and ask any questions they have about the school. If you would like to volunteer to talk about our great school with our visitors, please come along to school at 10:00am. As the current parents/carers of our school, you are best placed to promote our school to new families. If you know anyone moving into our area with children, or anyone who has a child attending Maldon Kindergarten, please talk to them about our school and invite them to come to the Open morning. We can also arrange an alternative time for a visit if they can't attend the set time.



The school is celebrating it's 150th anniversary this year. We have heard whispers that a time capsule was buried in the yard many years ago, but we don't know where. If you were a student at the school in the past and know where the time capsule is buried, we would love to hear from you! As part of the celebration, the school will be open to past students and families on Sunday 25th June. This will allow for visitors to also visit the school display at the Maldon Museum. We will also have an olden days dress up day in August for our current staff and students, so start looking for costumes. More information will

Classroom Values awards and Digital Technology award



Back row L to R: Elsa, Abbey and Karen Front row L to R: Ollie and Darcy

Birthdays



L to R: Moirah, Cohen and Sam

Principal Awards



L to R: Zavier and Martha

be shared closer to the date.

Our May School Council Meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday and during this meeting I will be sharing the 2022 Annual Report. This document is a commentary on the school's goals, strategies and outcomes for the year and outlines how the school addresses teaching and learning and wellbeing and engagement. It also provides an outline of the financial position of the school. This meeting is a public meeting and the school community is invited to attend. If you would like to access the 2022 Annual Report it is available on the school website.

This week our whole school values focus is: I am honest (Be brave). As part of this focus, students will be working towards...

I tell the truth even when it is hard (e.g. when I have made a mistake I own up to it)

I think about how my words can help or hurt people.

I have included an article about why children lie and what things you can do around this. Access the link here <u>Lies & lying</u>: what to do when children lie | Raising Children Network (3-10 year olds).

Don't forget our Comedy Night fundraiser is coming up on Saturday 27th May. It will be an entertaining night and we hope to have as many people support the fundraiser as possible to raise funds for our school. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, it's not too late. Go to comedyforacause.net/MPS

Thanks,

Alisa

Reminders

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

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

 Our school photo day is coming up on Thursday 25th May. Photo envelopes for ordering photos will be distributed soon.

What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Ned for always keeping himself and others safe and following our classroom expectations (be your best)

2/3: Luke for keeping his hands and feet to himself and taking turns with others (be your best)

4/5: Edie for always making sure staff members are informed of where she is going (be your best)

5/6: Olivia for always being a calm, kind class member who is respectful of other's space (be your best)

Art award: Addi for the initiative she showed to catch up on her artwork

Performing Art award: Blake for the positive way he engages in concert practiCe

School Concert: Our School Concert is coming up and Kirby has been working very hard with the students to get ready. On Thursday this week, the students will be walking to the Maldon Community Centre for rehearsals. If possible please ensure that your child has their costume with them for rehearsals. The concert will take place next Thursday 18th May at the Maldon Community Centre in Francis Street. The concert starts at 6pm and students will need to be in their costume and at the Community Centre by 5.45pm. Adults attending the concert are asked to contribute a gold coin donation towards hall hire.

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.

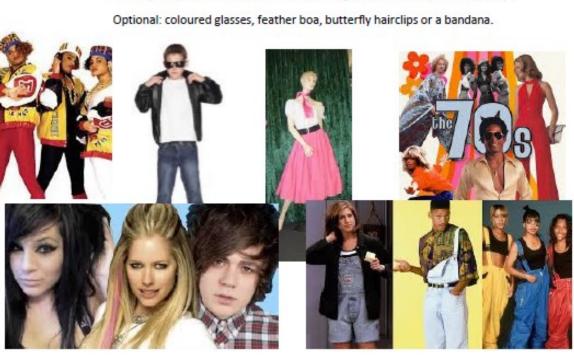
4/5 (1970s and 1980s)

Girls: Black/navy blue tights and white t-shirt. (A skirt will be provided on the night).

<u>Boys:</u> 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.



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Grade 6 polo shirts: Each year our Grade 6 students design a special Grade 6 polo shirt that they can wear throughout the year to celebrate their final year of primary school. The shirts arrived on the last day of term 1 and students were very happy to put them on and pose for a commemorative photo!



Footsteps dance lessons:



Fundraising news

Comedy night, Saturday 27th May 2023:

- Spread the word and get friends, family and neighbours to buy tickets.
- 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.
- Thank you to Kirsty Muller who has volunteered to help at the bar on the night.



Something which may interest our families...

Reduced public transport fares for regional Victoria

On Friday 31 March 2023, the Department of Transport and Planning introduced lower regional public transport fares across Victoria, including on V/Line, local trains, buses and trams.

This means that weekday travel is capped at a daily fare of \$9.20 or \$4.60 for concession. For shorter regional trips, fares cost less. The daily fare to travel on Victoria's regional network on weekends and public holidays is now capped at \$6.70 or \$3.35 for concession.

For more information, refer to the Public Transport Victoria website.

What's happening in the community?





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PARENTING IN THE MODERN WORLD

Join Community Health nurse Bron Grieve as she talks through the

dangers, pressures, and necessary conversations around vaping that

parents want - and need - to be aware of

bookings at goldfieldslibraries.com 5.15PM-6.30PM

CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY

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This week is Bring a Friend Week, where Auskickers are encouraged to experience great Auskick moments with friends. If your Auskicker has a friend that they want to show their footy skills off too, bring them along to this weeks session for FREE! The only thing they have to do is register via Maldon's Bring a Friend registration link - https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/50711e.