

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

I can't believe we have only two weeks of this term left. The year is certainly flying by. As mentioned last week, **bookings for our Parent Teacher interviews and Student Support Group (SSG) meetings are now open on uEducateUs, so make sure you log in and book your spot.** We have increased the time to 15 minute slots for Parent Teacher interviews based on parent feedback. **On the 17th July we will employ a relief teacher to release teachers for the Student Support Group meetings, so please book in a time on this day if your child requires an SSG meeting. Booking an alternative date for this interview will be difficult due to teachers being in class.** If you are having trouble booking or are unsure of which type of meeting you require, please phone the office.

You may have noticed the **fabulous decorated kangaroos in the office.** **These were decorated by Kirby and the classes this term and will be displayed in the local shop windows for the Maldon in Winter Festival.** As part of this festival, the grade 5 and 6 students will be invited to undertake the annual window judging on Thursday 22nd June at 3:30pm. Permission slips will be sent out shortly on uEducateUs. On the last day of school, Friday 23rd June, all students are invited to attend the opening of the Kangaroo Art Installation in the main street. This will start at 5pm. Following this, some students will be offered the opportunity to carry the star lanterns (created for the Twilight Festival) and lead the crowd to the Winter Solstice



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Wednesday 14th June

- Andy Griffith incursion, Grades 2-6
- Sustainability incursion, Grade 5/6
- School Council (online), 6.30pm

Friday 16th June

- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm

Monday 19th June

- Semester 1 reports released
- Goldfields Division netball (selected students)
- Footsteps dance lessons, all grades

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 22nd June
Class expos, 9-10am
(please note change of time)

Friday 23rd June
Last day term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

Sunday 25th June
Open Day, 10.30am-12.00pm

Monday 10th July
First day term 3

Tuesday 11th July
Parent teacher interviews

Wednesday 19th July
Parent teacher interviews

Tuesday 25th July
Parent teacher interviews

August 31st - September 1st
Grade 1 and 2 camp

Monday 4th September
School photos

September 11th - 13th
Grade 3 and 4 camp

October 2nd - 4th
Grade 5 and 6 camp

bonfire in Phoenix Street (near the Men's Shed). It would be great to have our students and families support this Maldon Inc initiative.

This week's whole school focus is 'I am helpful' (Be kind). Some of the goals students will be working towards are:

I help others

I show initiative

I co-operate with my classmates

I share with others

Last week I shared an article about developing self-compassion in our children. This week I have included an article about self-compassion for parents. It's important to be kind to yourself because this helps you and your children. Click the link to read the article <https://raisingchildren.net.au/grown-ups/looking-after-yourself/wellbeing/self-compassion-for-parents>

Thanks,

Alisa

Reminders

Notes/forms to be returned:

- The deposit (\$50) and reply slip for the grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp is now overdue. Please return it immediately.

New uEducateUs app: A reminder to all families to download the new uEducateUs mobile app and start using it. If you are unsure of your user name and password please contact the office.

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

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.

Birthdays

Alex



Classroom Values awards

Performing Art and Art awards

Back row L to R: Dean, Martha and Darien

Front row L to R: Auzzie, Jaydah and Elke



What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Fletcher for taking pride in his animal writing. Keep it up! (be your best)

2/3: Layla for always giving her work her best effort (be your best)

4/5: Blake for ignoring distractions to focus on his work and complete it to the best of his ability (be your best)

5/6: Mali for always creating work that is neat, creative and well thought out (be your best)

4/5 assembly presentation: In class last week the Grade 4/5 students participated in a lesson on Achromatopsia, a visual disorder which is characterised by the absence of colour vision, decreased vision, light sensitivity and nystagmus. They then shared their learning with the whole school at assembly on Friday.



What's happening in the community?



Tech Strategies for Families (ages 4-8 years)

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges for parents, guardians, grandparents and carers. Tech is part of our reality but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy.

Join other parents and carers in this workshop which aims to:

- Present current research
- Reflect on tech use in your family, considering both the challenges and opportunities
- Explore strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment for your family.

✓ Health & Safety ✓ Boundaries ✓ Strategies

Workshop dates & locations:

Where: Castlemaine Library

Dates: Tuesday 20 June 2023

Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Facilitated by: Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

Hosted by: Castlemaine Library and Mount Alexander Shire Council

Please note this is a single session workshop only.

There is no charge for this workshop. Kids welcome in the library.



Registration free:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tech-strategies-for-children-tickets-633106838597>



Tech Strategies for Families
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VAPING

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

CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY THURS 15 JUN
bookings at goldfieldslibraries.com 5.15PM-6.30PM



MID-SEASON ENTRY

It's not too late to join the fun!

Register for NAB AFL Auskick now for only \$55 plus receive an exclusive goodies pack!



play.afl/auskick

JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN WITH AFLW STARS



Want to experience football with AFLW Players Kerryn Peterson & Kodi Jacques? This is your opportunity! Footy 4 Fun includes football activities, photo and autograph opportunities, giveaways and a BBQ for all participants. This FREE event is open to all girls aged 5 - 12 years old.

WHERE:

GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL CLUB
WADE STREET, GOLDEN SQUARE

WHEN:

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE
4:30PM - 6:00PM



REGISTER HERE!