

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,





We have our **Class Expos this Thursday (9am-10am) where students will be displaying and sharing their learning from this term.** We would love to see as many parents/carers attend the morning as possible. It is always wonderful to see how proud the students are of the work they have produced.

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 Rilen, Darien, Karen, Edie, Chayse, Zavier, Logan and Dean on their 100% attendance this term.

Yesterday the Semester 1 reports were made available for viewing on uEducateUs. **When reporting to parents/carers, teachers use all the evidence and knowledge they have gained over the semester to place every child at a level of the Victorian Curriculum.** These scores are shown in the student report like this:

Mathematics			
Number and Algebra	Standard	○	●
Measurement and Geometry	Standard	○	●
Statistics and Probability	Standard	○	●
English			
Reading and Viewing	Standard	○	●
Writing	Standard	○	●
Speaking and Listening	Standard	○	●

What the dots and shading mean:

Icon	Description
	The expected level of achievement
	The student's achievement this semester
	The student's achievement 12 months ago
	The student's progress since last year

The teachers have dedicated a lot of time and effort to ensure these reports are individualised and accurately reflect on how each child has progressed over the semester. When reading through these reports, it is clear that our teachers know the children very well and ensure that they are reporting on the academic, social and emotional aspects of your child's learning. I would like to thank the teachers for their continued commitment to teaching and learning and knowing each and every student so well. It would be great if parents/carers share the report with their child, discussing their strengths and what they have achieved, along with any areas of improvement. **You may have noticed we have included more Work Habits this semester to**

## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Wednesday 21st June

- Japanese cooking classes, Gr 2-6
- Gr 2/3 Hospital visit

### Thursday 22nd June

- Class expos, 9am-10am
- STEM Brighter futures incursion, Gr 4-6
- Winter in Maldon window judging, Gr 5 and 6

### Friday 23rd June

- Poem in your Pocket day
- Making Friends with Worry program, all classes
- Friday Fundraiser
- NO Assembly
- Last day term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

### Sunday 25th June

- Open Day, 10.30am-12.00pm

### Monday 10th July

- First day term 3

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

give parents/carers extra information on how their child works within the classroom. This came from feedback from our parent forum earlier in the year. Staff will continue to work on improving reporting to ensure parents/carers get an accurate picture of where their child is at throughout the school year. **If you haven't already, please book in your Parent/Teacher Interview or Student Support Group Meeting on uEducateUs or phone the office for assistance.**

**Yesterday we did our quarterly emergency drill with the students.** This term the focus was a lockdown drill. For this drill, the students, staff and anyone onsite are required to lockdown in their space and move away from any windows and doors to be out of sight. Even though these drills can unsettle students for a short time, it is very important for us to practise them. It helps show what's working well and what needs to improve. Afterwards, staff discuss the drill with students and answer any questions. All classes seemed very calm and settled throughout this process. You could discuss the drill with your child, ask them what they did and how they felt.

**This week's whole school behaviour focus is: I set learning goals and strive to be my best.**

Some of the areas the classes will be working on are:

I can find my strengths and weaknesses  
I can set learning goals and personal goals  
I can make a plan to achieve my goals.

I have included an article for parents/carers to read to get tips and strategies to help children learn in both primary and secondary school. Click the link for the article [How children learn: learning at school | Raising Children Network](#)

**This Thursday all grade 5 and 6 students are invited to judge the Maldon Shop Windows after school as part of the Maldon in Winter Festival.** Parents/carers have received permission forms for this event on uEducateUs. The three kangaroo art pieces decorated by Maldon Primary students will be in the shop windows. **As a continuation of this celebration, Maldon Inc. have invited staff, students and their families to the opening of the Maldon Kangaroo Art project on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June starting at 5pm in Main Street. There will be a Didge Circle didgeridoo performance and trail maps to spot all the kangaroos. This will be followed by the winter solstice bonfire near the Maldon Men's Shed. Some of the students attending will have the opportunity to carry a lantern as we all walk to the bonfire in Phoenix Street, Maldon.** If your child would like to be part of the lantern walk, please meet at the Bank Corner at 6:15pm on Friday night.

**A reminder that Friday is an early finish of 2:30pm.** I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable two week break and come back refreshed and ready for Term 3.

Take care

Alisa

## Reminders

### Permission/payments required:

- Grade 5 and 6 Winter in Maldon window judging permission (on uEducateUs) is due tomorrow Wednesday 21st June.
- If paying by instalment, the second instalment of \$60 for the Grade 1 and 2 camp is due by Monday 3rd July

### Birthdays

L to R: Beau, Bill and Nate



### Classroom Values awards

L to R: Layla, Fletcher and Blake

Absent: Mali



- The deposit (\$100) and reply slip for the grade 3 and 4 Coastal Forest Lodge camp and the grade 5 and 6 Roses Gap camp is due on Friday 14th July

**Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser**  
 Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.  
 Available each Friday are: **Sausage rolls \$3.50 and Juice Box \$1.50**

**Unexplained absences:** This morning several families will have received an email reminder that we have unexplained absences in our uEducateUs system for their child/children. If you receive an email please go into uEducateUs and provide an explanation for any absences. If you need help doing this please contact the office.

**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.

## Sport

**Division netball success:** Congratulations to Seth, Grace, Elsa, Isla, Scarlett, Martha, Chloe and Alice who competed in the Goldfields Division netball competition yesterday and came out winners on the day! As a result they will now go on to the Region competition in Swan Hill later this year. Well done on an amazing achievement and thank you to Lisa Jennings (coach), Emily Girdwood (umpire) and Roger Curran (scorer) for assisting on the day.



## What's happening in the community?


  
**Dhelkaya Health**



**BEFORE THE HORMONES HIT THE FAN**  
 PARENTING IN THE MODERN WORLD

Join Community Health nurse Bron Grieve for tips and tricks to fill your parenting toolbox. Take home ideas to support your primary school child through tricky topics BEFORE those hormones hit the fan!

bookings at [goldfieldslibraries.com](http://goldfieldslibraries.com)      **THURS 20 JUL**  
**CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY**      **5.15PM-6.30PM**

**Maldon Inc invites you to the opening of the**  
**MALDON IN WINTER KANGAROO ART PROJECT**  
**5PM FRIDAY, 23 JUNE 2023**  
**Bank Corner, Main & High Street**

**Didge Circle didgeridoo performance, guest speaker Dr Mark macropod vet**  
**Red Box Wildlife Shelter, turning on the exhibition lights & trail map to spot**  
**the art kangaroos & meet the artists.**

**Everyone is welcome**  
**Followed by a solstice bonfire @7pm near the Maldon Men's Shed**





## 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  
178 - 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550  
T (03) 5438 1300  
[www.cccvic.org.au](http://www.cccvic.org.au)

# ADHD IN SCHOOLS PARENT/CARER INFO SESSION

This session is for parents/carers of school aged children with an ADHD diagnosis, attending school in Mount Alexander. The session will cover:

- What is ADHD
- How to support your child
- How to ensure your child's teacher is on board and is in partnership with you
- How to ensure your child's school is meeting its legal responsibilities towards your child under the Australian Disability Standards in Education laws (and what you can do if they're not)

The session will be delivered by Victoria Gelberg, founder and director of ADHDvantage - ADHD education and coaching. Victoria is a teacher with over 25 years experience working across Primary, Secondary and Specialist Schools, and has undertaken training with international ADHD educator and advocate Cindy Goldrich.

Friday 28 July 4:00-6:00pm  
Winters Flat Primary School  
3 Roberts Avenue Castlemaine

Places are limited and registrations are essential

For more information or to register contact [adhdmountalexander@gmail.com](mailto:adhdmountalexander@gmail.com)

This session is for parents/carers only. Subsidised after school care is available through OSHClub at Winters Flat. If necessary, Conditions apply and registration is essential.



This project is supported by the Mount Alexander Shire Council's Community Grants Program

## TRAILHEAD COACHING

Winter School  
Holiday programs  
are live for  
bookings!



3-day program for progression in the development of fundamental MTB skills & to have fun!

### Age Groups:

3 - 5 yrs (Castlemaine only)  
6 - 10 yrs & 11 - 16 yrs

Fun group activities that build essential skills & confidence helping your child to ride safely, smoothly & with good control.



## Programs

Bendigo  
Tuesday 27th June to  
Thursday 29th June 2023

Castlemaine  
Tuesday 4th July to Thursday  
6th July 2023

## Book Here

[www.trailheadcoaching.com.au](http://www.trailheadcoaching.com.au)



Castlemaine Circus have two awesome Winter Holiday Classes coming up!

Circus: July 4th and 6th, 9am - 12pm

Parkour Fun: July 3rd multiple sessions 9am til 3:20pm

Both of these classes are suitable for all levels! Both workshops will focus on different skills but will be jam packed, a great way to be social and move around lots! And you will come away having learned lots of cool new tricks.

The Circus Workshop is for kids 6-12yrs.

The Parkour Fun classes have the following age brackets and sessions:

9:00am - 11:00am - 5 - 8 yrs

11:10am-1:10pm - 9 - 12 yrs

1:20pm - 3:20pm - 5 - 8 yrs



For more info or to book,

Circus: <https://events.humanitix.com/winter-circus>

Parkour Fun: <https://events.humanitix.com/winter-parkour-masterclass>

The Immune Deficiencies Foundation proudly presents...

# CIRCUS QUIRKUS 2023

Relaxed Performances for children and young adults who might require a more flexible environment when going to the theatre. Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an inclusive, accessible, safe environment where you feel welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

A one-hour show, suitable for all ages.

All tickets are COMPLIMENTARY and generously sponsored by businesses from the Greater Bendigo Region..

Ideal for school and community group excursions and families.

**THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST 2023 @ 11.00 AM**  
**RED ENERGY ARENA / BENDIGO STADIUM**



Jonas Jost: Show Host & Magician



Luke Forrester: Mouth Balancer



James Bustar: Comedy Juggler

**TO BOOK, PLEASE EMAIL OR TEXT YOUR TICKET ORDER AND CONTACT DETAILS TO...**

✉ [MEREDITHNEWMAN@SHOWINTENT.COM.AU](mailto:MEREDITHNEWMAN@SHOWINTENT.COM.AU) ☎ 0404-367-782

-Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families and carers are welcome, including tentative bookings.

-All tickets are complimentary - One ticket per person is required when booking tickets.

- Bookings for multiple dates and showtimes are welcome.

- Tickets distributed on a first-come first-served basis.



## La Trobe Sport

School Holiday Programs  
Bendigo



[latrobe.edu.au/sport](https://latrobe.edu.au/sport)

Looking for something fun for the kids to do during the Winter holidays?

Come and experience La Trobe Sport's fun-filled School Holiday programs!

- When: Winter School Holidays
- Where: La Trobe Indoor Sports Centre (Bendigo)
- Cost: \$50 per child ENTIRE DAY UP TO 5PM



For more information and to register, scan the QR code!

✉ [sport@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:sport@latrobe.edu.au)

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