

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

Newsletter no 19 July 11th, 2023

# **Principal's Chat**

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I hope you all had a nice break and enjoyed some time together. On the first weekend of the holidays, our school opened to the public to celebrate 150 years of education. We had many visitors to the school on the Open Day, including past students, past teachers and principals, as well as family members of students who attended the school. We even had the great grandson of the first Principal visit. It was lovely hearing the different stories our visitors shared and the connections they had with the school. Thank you to Coby Cox for coming along to host the day with me. We have another event planned for our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and that is our 'Old Fashioned Dress Up Day' on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August. On this day, students and staff will dress up in old fashioned clothing and will get to experience what school life was like back in the late 1800s, early 1900s. Please start planning a costume to ensure all students feel included in this exciting day.

Our Parent Teacher Interviews start this afternoon and many bookings have been made. If you are yet to book in for an interview or a Student Support Group (SSG) meeting, and would like to do so, please phone the office to organise a time.

This term we are holding our annual Athletics Carnival. Today John Bond, Maryborough Little Athletics Coach, ran throwing sessions with the classes. He taught children the correct technique for shot put and discus. John will be visiting again before the carnival to teach students the correct techniques for other athletics events. Teachers will also work through the different track and field events in PE sessions throughout the term. Our Athletics Carnival is set for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August. We will require some parent helpers for the day, so please mark this date in your calendar.







#### THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

## **Thursday 13th July**

 Preparation for Puberty, Grades 5 and 6

#### Friday 14th July

- Friday Fundraiser
- NO Assembly

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday 19th July Parent teacher interviews

Tuesday 25th July
Parent teacher interviews

Tuesday 1st August
Maldon P.S.150th celebration— Old
fashioned dress up day

Friday 11th August
Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 16th August School Council (online)

**Thursday 24th August** Book Week dress up day

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

Friday 6th October
Curriculum Day

Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day

### This week our whole school values focus is: I am aware of my feelings and how I respond (Be kind)

I can identify my feelings

I can identify my triggers

I can describe how my body feels (happy, angry, frustrated, sad etc)

I can name strategies to help me manage my emotions (get a drink, take a break, ask for help, go for a walk)

I have included a link to an article which gives tips and strategies to help parents/carers talk with their children about emotions and regulation. This article, <u>Understanding emotions: children & teens | Raising Children Network</u> will help consolidate the learning the children are doing in the classroom this week.

Lily Fraser, our Art Therapist, continues to come to the school on a fortnightly basis. Lily works with students on resilience, confidence, grief, social skills etc. There are many areas Lily can cover and her sessions and conversations are worked through in fun, creative ways. If you believe your child would benefit from working with Lily, please contact the school to share information about your concerns.

Drew Thorpe (our instrumental music teacher) has advised us today that he will be taking leave for term 3 and anticipates returning for classes in term 4. Drew will be contacting all families who have enrolled students this week.

Now that we are in the second semester of the year, we are starting to think about prep enrolments for 2024. The new state wide prep enrolment deadline is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. If you know of any families considering Maldon Primary School for 2024, please encourage them to contact the office as soon as possible. If you have a prep student starting school next year, please phone the office to obtain an enrolment pack and return it by 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Take care

Alisa

# Reminders

#### Permission/payments required:

- If paying by instalment, the second instalment of \$60 for the Grade 1 and 2 camp is now overdue. Please pay immediately.
- 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 this Friday 14th July.

**Absence notifications:** Parents are reminded that if a student is absent from school they are required to notify the school of the reason for the absence. Parents can notify the school of student absences in four ways:

- the preferred method is by creating an absence note in uEducateUs. Please ask Debra in the office if you need help with doing this.
- by calling the office on 5475 1484.
- sending an absence form in with a sibling.
- sending an email to maldon.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

If you are aware of an upcoming absence e.g. dentist appointment you can give us prior notification of this using uEducateUs or an absence form.

If you are taking a family holiday during term time please let the school know in advance so that a learning plan can be prepared for students if required.

**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

# Inquiry expo



# **Japanese Cooking Classes**



Thank you to Ron, Anya and Alex for helping with the lessons-we couldn't have done it without you!

# What's happening in the community?





# 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

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.



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