

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

The individual student NAPLAN results will be sent home today for students in grades 3 and 5. There have been some changes to this year's reporting. These changes have been introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels.

These are:

- · exceeding
- · strong
- · developing
- · needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels. Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers, provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and indicate where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how they can continue to support your child. Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

Parent Teacher interviews are part of our student assessment and reporting and our final afternoon of interviews is taking place today. If you would like a meeting and were unable to book an appropriate time, please see your child's teacher or contact the office.

This week our whole school values focus is: I can build my stamina for learning (Be your best). Some of the 'I can' statements the classes will be focusing on are :

I can stay focused on my learning task

I can track my progress

I can do a self assessment about my learning stamina.

I have included some articles which give information and strategies to parents/carers on things that can impact focus, concentration and stamina.

https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/development/adhd/managing-adhd-<u>5-11-years</u>

https://raisingchildren.net.au/toddlers/sleep/understanding-sleep/sleeplearning

Prep enrolments for 2024 are being accepted and should be submitted



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 27th July

 Preparation for Puberty, Grade 5 and 6

Friday 28th July

- Pyjama day, all classes, gold coin donation
- 100 days of school celebrations, Prep/1
- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm, grade 4/5 presenting

Tuesday 1st August

 150th celebration/ old fashioned dress up day, all classes

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 to the office by this Friday, 28th July. If you know of families interested in attending Maldon Primary School in 2024, please encourage them to contact the school office.

Zoe (Education Support Staff member) is on leave for four weeks and Kate O'Sullivan and Anna Robertson will be replacing her in the prep/1 classroom during this time. The students are familiar with both Anna and Kate.

This Friday is PJ day where students can come to school in their PJ's and bring a gold coin to donate to Autism Spectrum Australia.

Don't forget we have our 150th celebration next Tuesday 1st August, where staff and students will be stepping back in time, wearing old fashioned clothing, playing games and experiencing what school life was like 150 years ago! It will be a great day!

Take care

Alisa

Reminders

Permission/payments required:

- If paying by instalment, the final instalment of \$65 for the Grade 1 and 2 camp is due on Monday 14th August.
- If paying by instalment, the second instalment of \$50 for the grade 3 and 4 Coastal Forest Lodge camp and \$60 for the grade 5 and 6 Roses Gap camp is due this Friday 28th July.





Classroom Values awards L to R: Oscar and Maci Absent: Bill and Isla



<u>Birthdays</u>

Back row L to R: Alice, CJ and Myra Front row L to R: Quinn, Caleb and Archie Absent: Iris



Principal awards

Back row L to R: Karen, Connie, Elsa, Scarlett, Martha and Maci Front row: Hayden



What's happening in the classroom?

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

- P/1: Archie for always sharing his thinking by raising his hand during learning time (be brave)
- 2/3: Marcel for using strategies to ensure he is ready to learn (be brave)
- 4/5: Lelu for having her equipment out and being ready to learn (be your best)
- 5/6: CJ for willingly asking for help when finding a task challenging (be brave)

Athletics coaching:



What's happening in the community?



The kangaroo art project is an initiative of Maldon Inc Business Association (nonprofit). All kangaroos created for the Maldon in Winter window displays are now being auctioned.

The proceeds of this art auction will be donated to <u>www.redboxwildlifeshelter.com.au</u> to assist with **the purchase of an ultrasound machine & other medical equipment**..

Our wildlife rescue shelters are self-funded.

The kangaroo art auction is now live at <u>www.galabid.com/kangarooartproject</u> and we would love the support of the school community particularly for the Maldon Primary School artwork and our local community groups including the Mount Alexander Girl Guides and Castlemaine Joey Scouts.

The auction will close next Monday 31st July at 6pm.







July 29 th Sati

Saturday at 5.30 Maldon Bowls Club

MENS FASHION PARADE



AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SO GET THOSE BALLS ROLLING ... COME ON DOWN TO SEE MALDONS FINEST GENTS STRUT THE LATEST FASHION ON THE CATWALK in Beatons latest Menswear....

SUPPORT THE FUND RAISER FOR RAISING MENS HEALTH AWARENESS. Sausages , Alcohol and Fun ...come and catcall, whistle, and cheers our lads on..

MC Kylie Beats On..... Berrymans snacks

Prizes raffle and all sort of cock ups, balls up, and lets go nuts !

All money donated to the cancer research

\$15 entry gets you a bevvie and a good perve

SILENT AUCTION FABULOUS DONATIONS

Sandy Creek Clydesdales, Taits Iron, Shedshaker, 48 Main, Forest Creek Tattoos, Maldon Machinery MuseumPlus many more local businesses donating for a great cause !

