

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

This week we have our **Athletics Carnival on Friday**. Thank you to the parent/carer helpers who have put their name down to come along and help out. **Please make sure your child is dressed in their House Colours for the day.**

Last Friday, the classroom teachers and I attended a **Maths Professional Learning Day with Maths Guru, Jo Boaler**. The day emphasised that maths should be taught in connected ways, where persistence, reasoning and sharing our thinking is promoted and celebrated. **We want children to know that maths is fun, creative, often involves team work and that depth is valued over speed.** The teachers will continue to work on improving the teaching and learning of maths at our school as well as encouraging the students to have a growth mindset and know that everyone can learn maths. We have heard some very positive feedback from parents/carers about how much their children are enjoying maths this year.



Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/carers think of Maldon Primary School. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. **The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate.** Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. **All families are invited to participate in the survey and a link and information on how to login to the survey was sent out in an announcement yesterday.** The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.** The survey is conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. Last year we used the survey results to inform part of our School Review and to plan for ways we can further change our school for the better.

This week's whole school behaviour focus is: I have a 'have a go' attitude and show good sportsmanship.



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 10th August

- Preparation for Puberty, Grade 5 and 6

Friday 11th August

- Athletics Carnival
- NO Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3.00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday 15th October
Working Bee

Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day

Thursday 30th November
Shopping Spree fundraiser

Tuesday 12th December
Statewide transition day

Monday 18th December
Grade 6 Graduation

This focus links in perfectly with our Athletics Carnival and the 'I can' statements we will be promoting and acknowledging will be -

I am a leader,
I try challenging things,
I try again,
I have fun,
I know that winning isn't everything,
I cheer for others,
I give my best try,
I keep trying,
I congratulate others,
I help and encourage others.

I have included an article on playing fair and how this is not only about playing by the game rules. Have a read for some strategies to help your child [Fair play for children | Raising Children Network](#). Here is an article for parents whose child may not be interested in playing sport [Sport: encouraging a good attitude in kids | Raising Children Network](#)

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 third 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 on Friday 11th August.

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 rescheduled photo day is coming up on Monday 4th September. The online ordering system is still open for any parents who have not yet ordered. All online orders placed previously will be carried over to the new photo day and any photo envelopes which were returned to the office will be given back to students on the day. If you are new to the school please collect a photo envelope from the office. Family photo envelopes are also available at the office.



The poster is blue with white and yellow text. It features the MSP Photography logo at the top left, which includes a stylized camera lens icon. The main text is centered and reads 'PHOTO DAY IS COMING' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'Monday 4th September 2023' in smaller white text. A yellow box at the bottom left contains the slogan 'LIFE IS EASIER WITH MSP'. At the bottom right, it says 'Please call MSP on 5333 5577 if you have any questions.' The poster also includes a list of instructions for ordering photos, such as 'Read all the relevant instructions carefully before making your package choice' and 'Order online www.msp.com.au or by placing cash inside the envelope. Please enclose correct amount as no change will be given.'

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PHOTO DAY IS COMING
Monday
4th September 2023

MSP Photography will be visiting our school on the above day.

- ❑ Read all the relevant instructions carefully before making your package choice.
- ❑ Order online www.msp.com.au or by placing cash inside the envelope. Please enclose correct amount as no change will be given.
- ❑ Discounted orders close 7 DAYS after photo day, please order early to avoid a late fee.
- ❑ Sibling photos can be ordered online, or spare envelopes are available at the school office on request.

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What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Wyn for spreading her kindness to others and always offering a helping hand (be kind)

2/3: Nate for always being polite and using his manners (be kind)

4/5: Connie for always using kind words and being polite (be kind)

5/6: Zavier for being respectful when a relief teacher was in the classroom (be kind)

Community Connections

Kangaroo Art Project: Fleur, the kangaroo created by Grade 5/6, was purchased at auction and has been transported to Mount Gambier in SA where she is now featured at a children's therapy centre. She is much loved by her new owner. The auction of the kangaroos from the project raised over \$5,000 for the Red Box Wildlife Shelter.



Anita Louise

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New addition to the Side by Side family. This is "Fleur". Fleur combines three things I love: my work, art, and animals. The Maldon Kangaroo Art Project held a charity action to raise money for [Red Box Wildlife Shelter](#) and Fleur became mine. She is a "stunning floral pop of texture" created by Maldon Primary School students in years 4, 5 and 6 and their art teacher Kirby Kneebone. Maldon is in Victoria. I'm going to use her as a talking piece and springboard for a new Side by Side community art project, similar to one we created in Beijing. ❤️❤️❤️



Sport

Today Seth, Wilbur, Grace, Isla, Elsa, Alice, Evi, Scarlett and Martha are competing in the region netball competition in Swan Hill. We wish them the best of luck!



What's happening in the community?

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn how to support young people experiencing a mental health problem.



Come along to Youth Mental Health First Aid training where you'll learn:

- The difference between normal adolescent development and a developing mental health problem
- How to have open conversations with young people
- Signs and symptoms of possible mental health problems
- Where to seek further help.

Over a 1-day face-to-face session, plus 3-4 hours of self-directed online learning you'll learn all this and receive take home resources.

What: Blended Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
When: 9am to 4.30pm | Friday 1 September 2023
Where: Civic Centre, 27 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine
Cost: \$75 per person
Book: <http://tix.yt/ymhfa-blended-sept-2023>
Contact: Shannon Lacy | 5471 1700 | s.lacy@mountalexander.vic.gov.au



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