

Be kind, be brave, be your best

Newsletter no 24
August 15th, 2023

Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

There was lots of excitement and plenty of smiles at last **Friday's Athletics Carnival**. I heard many comments from parents about the respectful behaviour displayed by the students. I was very proud to see the older students helping the younger ones with the long run around the oval and to hear students cheering on both their own house mates and students from other houses. It was a fantastic day. Thank you to Jesse for setting up and packing up the events, and also to the parent helpers on the day. It was great to see so many people come along to support students. Well done to Franklin House for winning the most points on the day!



This week's whole school behaviour focus is: I speak with kindness (be kind). Students have been working on showing the following statements:

I can use a pleasant/friendly tone even if I disagree

I am mindful of my body language

I think about my words and how they could make others feel

I use my voice to stand up for others

I am respectful and confident

I use positive self talk

I have included a link to an article on non-verbal communication which discusses how we communicate with our body language and tone of voice. [Nonverbal communication with children | Raising Children Network](#).

This value links in with the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, Bullying - No Way! Day this Friday. Classes will be focusing on how to create a safe and supportive environment at school, what bullying is and learning ways of preventing and responding to bullying behaviours. Next week we will share some of the work the students do on the day.

It's that time of year again to start getting costumes ready for Book Week (19th - 25th August, 2023). This year, our **Book Week parade will take place on the soccer field on Thursday 24th August at 9:30am**. We will



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Wednesday 16th August

- Hospital visit, Grade 2/3 and penpals
- School Council (online)

Friday 18th August

- National Day of Action - say no to bullying
- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3.00pm - Grade 2/3 presenting

Monday 21st August

- CSC experience day - Grade 5 and 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

also have the Maldon Kindergarten joining us to parade their costumes. Costumes may relate to a character from a book, comic or movie or this year's theme 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. Parents/carers/family members are welcome to attend and enjoy the parade. During the day students will participate in rotation activities relating to books that have been nominated for CBCA Awards in 2023.

Don't forget our Parent Opinion Survey is open for your feedback until Friday 8 September 2023. We would like as many parents/carers to complete the survey to ensure the data is as informative as possible. Please see the uEducateUs announcement (7th August) for the website and school pin to access the survey.

Take care

Alisa

Reminders


Permission/payments required:

- **Paperwork (medical form and permission form) and payment for the Grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp is now OVERDUE.** Please return forms/make payment immediately.
- **Paperwork (medical form and permission form) and payment for the Grade 3 and 4 Coastal Forest Lodge camp and Grade 5 and 6 Roses Gap camp is due back by Friday 25th August.**
- **Final payment for the Grade 3 and 4 Coastal Forest Lodge camp is due by Friday 25th August.**
- **Final payment for the Grade 5 and 6 Roses Gap camp is due by Friday 8th September.**

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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



Buy a book from
SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
 to help build
 our classroom
 resources

orders are due: **Tues 29th Aug**

Classroom Values awards and Principal award

Back row L to R: Hayden, Zavier, Myra and Nate
 Front row L to R: Thomas, Connie, Wyn, Henry and Archie



Birthdays

L to R: Grace and Flynn



Athletics sportsperson awards

Back row L to R: Olivia (Gr 6) and Oliver (Gr 5)
 Front row L to R: Clementine (Gr 1), Maci (Gr 4),
 Iris (Prep), Isobelle (Gr 2) and Thomas (Gr 3)



- 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.



msp photography
www.msp.com.au

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.

LIFE IS EASIER WITH MSP

Please call MSP on 5333 5577
if you have any questions.

What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Elke for giving everything a go at our athletics day and her positive mindset when competing in the 400m (be brave)

2/3: Alex for showing good sportsmanship during sports lessons (be brave)

4/5: Athena for challenging herself in all athletic events and encouraging her peers (be brave)

5/6: Alice for always giving her best in sports activities and helping and encouraging others (be brave)

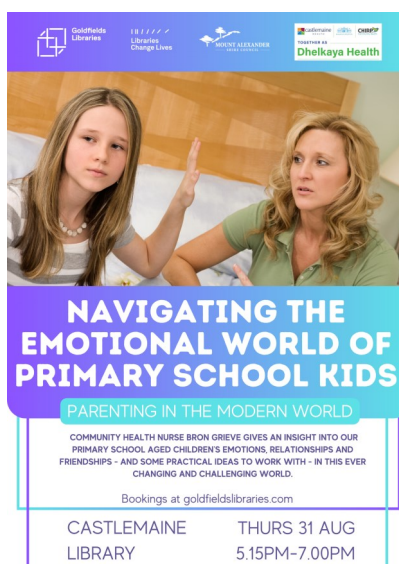
Art award: Flynn for the focused way he worked on his turtle.

Performing Arts award: Karen for the way she persisted when learning a new circus skill.

Can you help?

In the September school holidays we will be demolishing our storage shed at the back of the school in preparation for a new shed to be erected at the beginning of October. On Sunday 10th September we are looking for 6 volunteers to relocate items (tables, chairs, marquees, paint etc) from the shed into the school building. Start time will be 10am and hopefully we will be done in an hour! If you can help please contact Debra via phone 5475 1484, email debra.watson@education.vic.gov.au or uEducateUs message.

Something which may interest our families...



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NAVIGATING THE EMOTIONAL WORLD OF PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS

PARENTING IN THE MODERN WORLD

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE BRON GRIEVE GIVES AN INSIGHT INTO OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN'S EMOTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS AND FRIENDSHIPS - AND SOME PRACTICAL IDEAS TO WORK WITH - IN THIS EVER CHANGING AND CHALLENGING WORLD.

Bookings at goldfieldslibraries.com

CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY | THURS 31 AUG 5.15PM-7.00PM

Athletics Day 2023



What's happening in the community?



Rotary
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**CASTLEMAINE
BILLY CART CHALLENGE**

*It's happening
Time to get building!*

SUN 1ST OCTOBER

Trophies ★ Fame ★ Glory

"Keeping kids on the street since 1949"

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MALDON TOY LIBRARY LAUNCH

Thank you to all families who donated toys to the new Maldon Toy library. The library will be open Monday and Wednesday mornings. Please contact the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre for more information.

ENQUIRIES 54752093
info@maldonnc.org.au

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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




YAG, FREEZA &
THEATRE ROYAL PRESENT

COSCARS YOUTH FILM COMPETITION

FOR 8-25 YEAR OLDS

Winners screened @ the
2023 COscars Film
Festival in October
2023 in Castlemaine

CATEGORIES:

Snapshot: 1 minute film

Short: 1-5 minute film
(Snapshot and Short have 3 age categories 8-12, 13-18 and 19-25 years)

Short Film: 5-10 minutes
(14-25 years)

Cash prizes of \$50 - \$150

Entries close → Midnight 1st October 2023

Entry forms: www.mountalexandershiroyouth.com.au

For more information contact Shannon on 5471 1700 or youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au



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