

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Hats are back, which means nicer weather is on the way! If your child has misplaced their hat and needs a new one, please see Debra in the office. We have hats in stock ready to go!

On Monday grade 5 and 6 students visited Castlemaine Secondary College to get a taste of what a Science class is like in Year 7. The students were very engaged learning about liquids and observing changes when different substances were mixed together. They also enjoyed being introduced to the bunsen burner. Well done to the students for their excellent behaviour during the experience session.



On Thursday we have our Book Week Dress Up Parade. This is always a highlight of the year and it is wonderful to see the creativity and imagination students (and parents) use when putting together their costumes. **If you would like to come along to our parade, it will start at 9:30am to give the Maldon Kindergarten children time to arrive.** During the day, students will participate in rotations across the classrooms where the nominated Book Week books will be a feature with activities based on the themes, ideas and characters in these books.

Last week we held our School Council Meeting online. In this meeting I shared our school's overall NAPLAN results compared to Similar Schools and the Network. There are new achievement levels in the NAPLAN test this year (Needs Additional Support, Developing, Strong and Exceeding), therefore previous tests cannot be compared with this year's



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 24th August

- Book Week dress up day, parade at 9.30am

Friday 25th August

- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3.00pm–
Grade 5/6 presenting

Monday 28th August

- School nurse here for
Prep student
assessments

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

data. **The tables below show the percentage of students who were in the Strong and Exceeding levels for each area.** There were only 12 students in grade 3 and 9 students in grade 5 who participated in the tests, meaning that one student is worth approximately 10%. **Taking into account our low cohort numbers, our 'orange' areas are only 1 or 2 students out from the similar school or network school percentages.** We will use this data along, with our internal school data, to determine where our next focus areas need to be.

READING	
YEAR 3	YEAR 5
Our school – 75%	Our school – 78%
Similar Schools – 63%	Similar Schools – 70%
Network Schools – 54%	Network Schools – 74%

WRITING	
YEAR 3	YEAR 5
Our school – 67%	Our school – 44%
Similar Schools – 76%	Similar Schools – 65%
Network Schools – 68%	Network Schools – 63%

GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION	
YEAR 3	YEAR 5
Our school – 55%	Our school – 56%
Similar Schools – 49%	Similar Schools – 57%
Network Schools – 42%	Network Schools – 57%

SPELLING	
YEAR 3	YEAR 5
Our school – 55%	Our school – 44%
Similar Schools – 51%	Similar Schools – 56%
Network Schools – 41%	Network Schools – 55%

NUMERACY	
YEAR 3	YEAR 5
Our school – 50%	Our school – 56%
Similar Schools – 65%	Similar Schools – 61%
Network Schools – 58%	Network Schools – 56%

I also shared at the meeting that our predicted enrolment for 2024 is 84 students. If you know of any families in the area with primary school aged children, please suggest to them to come and look at our great school. Knowing our enrolment numbers helps with planning our staffing and classes for 2024, so if your child will not be attending Maldon Primary School next year, please advise us as soon as possible.

Last Friday all classes participated in activities linked to the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence **Bullying—No Way! Day**. The grade 2/3 class focused on developing their understanding of the different connections they have in their lives and how they can use these to help support themselves if they are feeling bullied. To visually represent these connections the class made a colourful paper chain with all of the connections

Birthdays

L to R: Bailey and Auzzie



Classroom Values awards

Back row L to R: Alice, Karen and Athena
Front row L to R: Alex, Elke and Flynn



linking together.



This week's whole school behaviour focus is: I am grateful for my learning opportunities (Be your best).

Students have been working on showing the following statements:

I show gratitude towards others

I give new things a try and I am grateful for new opportunities

I notice the small things people do or contribute

I can give and receive compliments.

I have included an article about thinking positively and how this can improve our happiness and wellbeing. Click the link to read the article [Positive thinking: kids, teens & parents | Raising Children Network](#)

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. Currently 9 families have completed the survey which equates to 15% of our families. Our aim is for at least 40% of families complete the survey.

Take care

Alisa

Reminders

Permission/payments required:

- Paperwork (medical form and permission form) for the Grade 3 and 4 Coastal Forest Lodge camp and Grade 5 and 6 Roses Gap camp is due back this 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**

- 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: Caleb for his amazing questioning during learning time (be kind)

2/3: Frances for using her voice to stand up to others (be kind)

4/5: Cohen for using kind words and tone when discussing important issues (be kind)

5/6: Chayse for always displaying a kind, caring manner in the classroom (be kind)

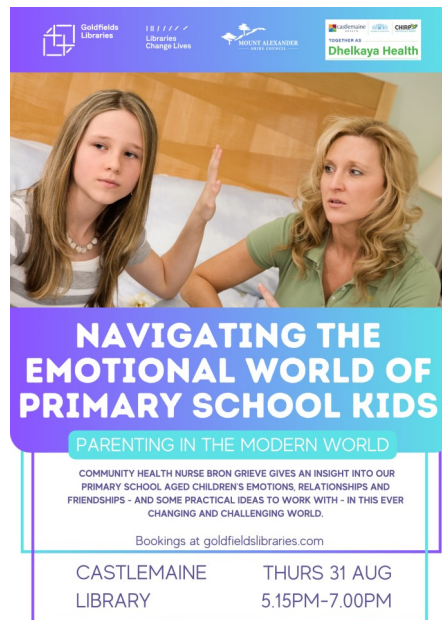
Digital Technology: Wyn for being kind and helpful to her classmates and making sure others are successful (be kind)

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 families...

may interest our



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

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/ymfa-blended-sept-2023>

Contact: Shannon Lacy | 5471 1700 | s.lacy@mountalexander.vic.gov.au



COME AND TRY!

Maldon Tennis Club Come and Try Day!

- 2:00-3:30pm
- Saturday August 26th
- Maldon Tennis Club
- Lower primary school years ages
- Racquets will be available



Lots of music, games and fun! No matter what your ability, come and try!

