

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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September 5th, 2023

Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

We are in the middle of camp season at school. Last week the grade 1 and 2 students went to Boomerang Ranch Camp in Daylesford. There were lots of happy faces and horse conversations as they got off the bus on Friday! Thank you to Lauren, Jesse and Bridie, as well as parent/carer helpers, Tom, Lindsay and Jo, for ensuring a supportive and successful camp experience. Next week we have the Grade 3/4 students heading off to Anglesea for a beach camp.

Today students participated in 'Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson'. Produced annually by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, the award-winning Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson (ABC SL) is live streamed across Australia with important safety messages aimed at junior primary (4 to 7 years of age) and upper primary aged children (8 to 12 years). This year the lessons were focused on consent. The content is age appropriate and presented in a sensitive and responsible manner. It is important to ensure that children receive explicit education on positive and respectful relationships and consent. Communication is key to giving and receiving consent. In today's lesson, children learnt how to recognise the need for consent and practice strategies they can use when they need to give or refuse consent. We understand that discussing such sensitive topics can be challenging, however we encourage parents/carers to engage with their child about the lesson they participated in today. I have included two articles to help parents/carers talk to children and teenagers about consent-

[Consent: talking with children & teens | Raising Children Network](#)

[Consent: autistic children & teens | Raising Children Network.](#)

Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings are set meetings to support students with a disability and/or diverse learning needs. It is a partnership between schools, parents/carers, relevant agencies and the student (where appropriate). Danica, our Disability and Inclusion Co-ordinator, facilitates these meetings each term and classroom teachers are also released from their normal classroom duties to attend the meeting. The SSG meeting date for next term is Monday 16th October and bookings are now open on uEducateUs for parents/carers who have a child with a disability or diverse learning needs, a child of indigenous background or a child in out-of-home care. If this date is unsuitable for you and you require a booking, please phone the office for an alternative time. If you are unsure if you should be booking an SSG meeting, please contact the school.

This week's whole school value focus is: I take pride in my work (Be your best)

Students will be working towards achieving these statements:

I am proud to share my work

I give my best effort to my work



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Wednesday 6th September

- Indigenous Literacy Day, all students

Friday 8th September

- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, Grade 4/5 presenting

Monday 11th September

- Division athletics, selected students
- Coastal Forest Lodge camp, Grades 3 and 4

Tuesday 12th September

- Coastal Forest Lodge camp, Grades 3 and 4
- Andy Griffiths online webinar for all grades

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 13th September
School Council

Friday 15th September
Last day term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

Monday 2nd October
First day term 4

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

I want to learn and improve

My work is neat and organised

I contribute to my group/turn and talk.

We have some happy baby news for a number of staff members. I'm excited to announce that Lauren is expecting a baby in November. Lauren will start maternity leave in October and we are currently in the process of recruiting a teacher to replace her while she is on leave. Our aim is to have a crossover period of staff to ensure a smooth transition for the children. We also have Jesse expecting a baby in October. Bryce and Kirsty (both familiar relief teachers at our school) will be filling Jesse's parental leave beginning in week 2, Term 4. Finally, Callum is expecting a baby early in the new year. Congratulations to Lauren, Jesse and Callum on their exciting news.

A last reminder! The 2023 Parent Opinion survey is open and can be accessed via the link in the uEducateUs announcement sent out this morning. We would love more parents to complete this survey as currently only 10 families have completed it. This is one of our rich sources of information and we appreciate the feedback we are given. **The survey closes this Friday 8th September!**

Take care

Alisa

What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Evie for taking responsibility for her sounds cards (Be brave)

2/3: Nash for his valuable contributions in class (Be your best)

4/5: Blake for being honest and helping to build trust within friendship groups (Be brave)

5/6: Olivia for demonstrating a high level of self awareness and understanding to get the best out of her learning (Be your best)

Art: Alfie and Layla for the amount of thought they put into their Father's Day gifts.

Last week's awards will also be presented at assembly.

Grade 4 to 6 cricket and tennis excursion:





Boomerang Ranch Camp 2023



Reminders

School photos: A reminder to families that if you forgot to send the photo envelope with your child yesterday you can call MSP Photography directly on 03 5333 5577 to organise purchasing of photos. **This needs to be done by Monday 11th September.**

Permission/payments required:

- **Final payment for the Grade 5 and 6 Roses Gap camp is due by Friday 8th September.**

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. **We have decided to relocate the items from the shed (tables, marquees, paint etc) to the school building after school on Monday 11th September in the hope of getting plenty of helpers!** Start time will be 3.30pm and hopefully we will be done in less than an hour. If you can help please contact Debra via phone 5475 1484, email debra.watson@education.vic.gov.au or uEducateUs message.

What's happening in the community?

Introducing...



MALDON KIDS CLUB!

For primary age kids.
Wednesdays in Term 4
starting the 11th of October.
After school till 4:30pm.

The kids will be learning the Christmas story and making costumes to put on a Christmas Concert at the end of term!
Afternoon tea, craft and games.
Lots of fun!



Holy Trinity Hall, 50 Main St Maldon
No cost.
Contact Darcy on 0407 245 951
for more details.

Anglican Parish of Maldon

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In Partnership With
Community Bank, Maldon & District
Present

CONSORTIUM



Consortium unites a band of Australia's finest viol players to explore the beauty of the traditional repertoire for viol consort alongside exciting new music. They will be performing 'The English Consort' including works by Ferrabosco, Jenkins, Coperario, Robert Johnson and Australian composer Brooke Green.

HOLY TRINITY, MALDON

9 September, 2023
2:30pm-3:30pm
Followed by afternoon tea

Tickets \$30
Buy tickets at the door
or online at
www.trybooking.com/CKSBU

Community Bank
Maldon & District
Bendigo Bank
maldonnewsteadap@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023

windarring

TEN-PIN BOWLING



MONDAY **18**

KITES, PLANES & ROCKETS (CENTRE BASED)



TUESDAY **19**

MOVIE AT THE CINEMA



WEDNESDAY **20**

SPRING ART (CENTRE BASED)



THURSDAY **21**

PARKY'S PLAY CENTRE BENDIGO



FRIDAY **22**

PICNIC, PARK & PLAY



MONDAY **25**

PUZZLES & BOARD GAMES (CENTRE BASED)



TUESDAY **26**

INDOOR SWIMMING



WEDNESDAY **27**

NATURE WALK (CENTRE BASED)



THURSDAY **28**

AFL GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY



FRIDAY **29**

SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF EACH ACTIVITY
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
COSTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH SOME EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023

WEEK ONE

Ten-Pin Bowling

Bendigo Bowling Centre or Zone
Bowling Watergardens
BYO or buy lunch
Cost: \$7.00 - \$18.00

Kites, Planes & Rockets

Centre based hands on craft activities
BYO lunch

Movie at the Cinema

Bendigo or Sunbury Cinema.
BYO or buy lunch
Cost: \$14.50 - \$21.00

Spring Art

Centre based hands on craft activities
BYO lunch

Park's Play Bendigo

A giant 4-level Play Centre with slides, trampolines, ball pit plus much more!
BYO or buy lunch
Cost: \$12.00

WEEK TWO

Picnic, Park & Play

Spend the day playing and exploring at Bendigo Botanical Gardens, Kyneton Community Park or Romsey Ecotherapy Park.
BYO or buy lunch

Puzzles & Board Games

Centre based games & activities
BYO lunch

Indoor Swimming

Gurri Wanyarra Bendigo or Gisborne Aquatic Centre
BYO or buy lunch
Cost: \$5.10 - \$7.70

Nature Walk

Centre based day with a focus on getting out and active on a nature walk during Spring.
BYO lunch

AFL Grand Final Public Holiday

No activities run on this day

Windarring will offer exciting trips, outings and activities during the school holidays.

We may utilise public transport to attend activities to allow our youth to meet up and engage together. Please bring along myki & companion cards.

Please keep in mind if your child does not have a companion card and you still want them to attend an excursion, the activity cost may be higher to cover the entry of the support worker.

Centre-based activities will be available every day for those who do not wish to attend excursions.

Each day is 9 am - 3 pm unless otherwise stated. If you require support outside of these times, please let us know at the time of booking.

To book your place or if you have any queries or questions, please contact Paige at:
youthandgetaways@windarring.org.au

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BONFIRE PARTY

@ **MAIDON GOLF CLUB** FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15th

5.30pm "Welcome to Spring" parade by wood-nymphs and fairies

BONFIRE lighting 6pm.....FOOD & BAR from 5pm

LIVE MUSIC from 6.30pm...Jake Fry playing moody acoustic blues



POTATO, LEEK & HAM SOUP...HOT DOGS & KRANSKYS
BAKED POTATO BOWLS with SWEET CHILLI SAUCE or GRAVY
SPICED APPLE JUICE, MULLED WINE & all your BAR FAVOURITES

Children are encouraged to come dressed as wood nymphs and fairies

LA TROBE SPORT

School Holiday Programs
Bendigo



latrobe.edu.au/sport

For more information and to register, scan the QR code!

Looking for something fun for the kids during the School holidays?

Come and experience La Trobe Sport's fun-filled School Holiday programs!

- When: September School Holidays
- Where: La Trobe Indoor Sports Centre (Bendigo)
- Cost: \$50 per child for the ENTIRE day!



BendigoSport@latrobe.edu.au

(03) 9479 2973

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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 20 October 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.

Mount Alexander
Shire Council

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