

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

Newsletter no 28 September 12th, 2023

## **Principal's Chat**

Hi everyone,

I can't believe we are in the last week of Term 3. The year is certainly flying by. This term students have been involved in many great learning experiences and opportunities. Some of these include:

- Athletics Clinics and our whole school Athletics Carnival
- Division sporting events for selected students
- Preparation for Puberty (Grade 5 and 6 students)
- Grade 1/2 Boomerang Ranch Camp and Grade 3/4 Coastal Forest Lodge Camp
- Hospital Visits for the Grade 2/3 class and the Penpal students from grades 4 to 6
- Book Week Dress Up Day and class rotations, 100 days of prep celebrations and Wear your Pyjamas to school day
- Celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary through dress ups, old fashioned games and classes from the olden days
- National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
- Daniel Morcombe Foundation Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson
- Tarrengower Times fortnightly page (Grade 5/6) and the Castlemaine Mail Newshounds Page (Grade 4/5)
- National Indigenous Literacy Day
- Interschool Tennis and Cricket (Grades 4 to 6)
- Andy Griffiths online webinar
- Castlemaine Secondary College Science Experience Day (Grade 5 and 6 students)

Every term is busy with lots of different experiences for all classes. Next term, we will add Clubs to our calendar where we link in with community groups/people in Maldon to give students some new experiences such as learning to play lawn bowls, art lessons with a professional artist, learning croquet etc. This is something the children always look forward to and enjoy.

Our grade 3 and 4 students headed off to Anglesea yesterday for their three day camp at Coastal Forest Lodge. Today they were very brave and had a go at body boarding with Sea Life Adventures instructors. Thanks to Callum and Jesse for taking the children on camp, as well as our parent helpers Caitlin and Peta for supporting the staff and children during this adventure! We hope they enjoy the camp as much as the children do. On the first day of next term, the Grade 5 and 6 students will head to Roses Gap for their three day camp.



#### THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

#### Wednesday 13th September

- Coastal Forest Lodge camp, Grades 3 and 4
- School Council, 6.30pm

#### Friday 15th September

- Casual Clothes Day, NO gold coin required
- Friday Fundraiser
- NO Assembly
- Last day term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

#### **Monday 2nd October**

- First day term 4
- Roses Gap camp, Grades5 and 6



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Even though there has been a lot of illness around this term, there are children who managed to avoid the germs and attend at or above 98% of the term. A big congratulations to Rilen, Emily, Isobelle, Oliver M, Thomas, Alex, Darien, Karen, Henry, Edie and Dean who attended every day of the term (100%). I would also like to congratulate Fletcher, Martha, Seth, Blake, Beau, Archie P, Flynn, Ned, Maci, Zavier and Logan for having only one day absent this term (98%).

A big thank you to the parents/carers who completed the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey. We had 45% of families complete this survey. This survey is now closed and I will share the data with the school community next term.

Over the break, our back shed will be demolished ready for a new shed to be built in early October. Thank you to Debra, Vivienne Azeez, Gaetano Salvatore, Glen Ballinger, Brent Ockwell and Zoe Aldridge for volunteering some time last night to move the contents of the shed and fill the skip with rubbish.

I wish all staff, students and families a relaxing and enjoyable term break!

Take care

Alisa

#### Reminders

 Please return all library books to the school by tomorrow, Wednesday 13th September, for end of term processing.

#### **Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser**

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

# **Fundraising news**

- The Mango fundraiser is back for 2023 with order forms coming home with students tonight. Please encourage family and friends to order up big and support our school! The 2023 mango season isn't shaping up to be a good one and mango prices in the supermarket will be high so order from us instead!!!
- We need to get some Mango fundraiser posters up around the town before the holidays. If any families are able to assist with this please contact the office.

# Thank you

To Kylie Trott from Beaton's Store for organising a fundraising raffle for the school on Father's Day. The raffle raised \$423 for the school and this will be put towards a new shade sail over the playground area.

#### **Birthdays**

Back row L to R: Isla, Addi, Lillie, Olivia, Wilbur, Nash Front row L to R: Gabe, Henry, Logan, Dakotah, Billie, Ned



#### Classroom Values

Art, Performing Art and Digital Tech awards

Back row L to R: Rilen, Layla, Olivia, Moirah, Bailey, Addi

Front row L to R: Flynn, Blake, Jasta, Evie, Billie, Nash



## Smile Squad is coming in term 4..

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in term 4 2023. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

#### How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <a href="https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic">https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic</a>

OR use the below QR code:



Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

#### Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) are receiving a free dental pack to bring home today. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

#### Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Bendigo Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.

# **Sport**

 Congratulations to Seth on placing 3rd in the 800m event at the Division Track and Field event yesterday and to Elsa who placed 2nd in both the 80m hurdles and the 800m event. As a result of her achievements Elsa will progress to the Region event to be held next term.

### Student achievements

 Congratulations to Elsa who was awarded the MCDFNL Under 11's Netball Best and Fairest for 2023. Elsa won by one vote in a very exciting vote count. Well done Elsa on an excellent season!

# What's happening in the community?



Muckleford Cricket Club

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



#### BONFIRE PARTY

@MALDON 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









**EMOTIONS, FRIENDSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS CAN** BE BIG ISSUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. BRON GRIEVE, **COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE FROM DHELKAYA HEALTH, SHARES INSIGHTS PLUS TIPS AND TRICKS** FOR PARENTS AND RESPONSIBLE ADULTS TO HELP **GUIDE THEIR TWEENS AND TEENS THROUGH THE** TOUGH PARTS OF THESE TOPICS.

**THURSDAY** 12 OCTOBER 5.15-7PM



#### **Castlemaine Circus school holiday** program



Upcoming spring holiday programs at Castlemaine Circus, with Parkour and Circus options for kids 5 -12 yrs old. We have Circus Fun classes for ages 6 -12 yrs and Parkour Fun for kids aged 5 -12 yrs.

All levels welcome at both, for more info or to book:

Circus: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/spring-circus">https://events.humanitix.com/spring-circus</a>

Parkour Fun: https://events.humanitix.com/spring-

parkour-fun

or email Bek at info@castlemainecircu.com.au

# **BUSH TUCKER HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Mondo and Murnong Mumma's have teamed up this September to deliver an Indigenous cooking bush tucker program! This program will include an excursion to a bush tucker plot to harvest produce, then in to the kitchen to learn how to process and cook with local, native ingredients.

#### Primary ages 10-12 years

Wednesday 20th September 10am - 3pm

#### Secondary ages 12-18 years

Thursday 21st September

10am - 3pm

To book your place, please scan the QR Code or visit our website www.mountalexandershireyouth.com For more information email

youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or call 5471 1700



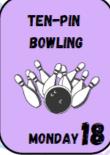
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# SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023







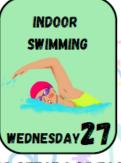
















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# SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023

#### **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

#### Parky'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

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

youthandgetaways@windarring.org.au

