

Be kind, be brave, be your best

Newsletter no 30
October 10th, 2023

Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

We have a long but busy term ahead with many exciting events and activities booked in.

Last Friday the staff participated in a day of Inquiry Learning with Sharon Bailey, extending our learning from the curriculum day last year run by Kath Murdoch. **This was a very beneficial day, giving staff the time to think, discuss and plan the way we deliver our 'Units of Inquiry' as well as work on how we encourage students to be inquirers in everything they do.** Inquiry learning promotes the skills children will need for the future such as being open minded, looking at new possibilities, collaborating and working as a team, wondering about the big ideas and deepening their knowledge of the world. **Each term staff will choose a whose school concept for inquiry and plan their units of inquiry around this concept.** Teachers will be directed by the students' questions and wonderings to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the concept. **This term all units of inquiry will focus on the concept of Consumerism.**

This week we start our five week Clubs program where we link in with Maldon community groups/individuals who have expertise to share with the children. We will be working with four community groups/individuals - the Maldon Croquet Club, the Maldon Bowling Club, the Men's Shed and Robyn Riley (local artist). We will also have a gardening/coding club at school. All students have submitted their preference of which club they would like to be in. Our clubs program builds great local connections for our children and allows them to explore and enhance their interests.

This week's whole school value focus is: I am proud of who I am (Be your best).

Some areas the classes will learn about are:

I am proud of my achievements

I give and receive compliments

I can identify my strengths and weaknesses

I accept individual differences

I take pride in my work

I am proud of my behaviour, words and actions

I share the qualities that make me unique

I have included some readings to give parents/carers tips and strategies on building their child's confidence through their strengths and interests. Please click the link to read the articles:

[How to build confidence in teenagers | Raising Children Network](#)

[Confidence for autistic children & teens | Raising Children Network](#)



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Friday 13th October

- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm

Sunday 15th October

- Maldon and Baringhup Agricultural Show, 9am-4pm

Monday 16th October

- From Garden to Kitchen incursion, Gr 2-6

Tuesday 17th October

- RSL visiting Grades 5 and 6



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 18th October
School Council

Sunday 22nd October
Working Bee
(please note change of date)

Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day

Thursday 30th November
Shopping Spree fundraiser

Tuesday 12th December
Statewide transition day

Monday 18th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Everyone has a role to play in keeping children safe. One way our school works on this is through our Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program. Every week throughout the year all classes hold RRRR sessions with different topics covered each term. **This term the classes will be focusing on Gender and Identity as well as Positive Gender Relations.** The Gender and Identity topic is all about exploring their identity and who they are. Students will also look at challenging gender stereotypes and learning to value and show respect for diversity and difference to ensure we have respectful gender relations. In the second half of the term, we will move onto Positive Gender Relations which will focus on what respectful, gender inclusive behaviours look like in action, as well as what gender based violence is and the impact this has on people. If you would like to learn more about what is covered in these sessions please talk to your child's teacher, as the content differs depending on the age group.

Children are safest when they are listened to, respected and believed. All adults can play a part by 'tuning in' to children in everyday situations about small worries, then they are much more likely to feel comfortable telling us if something big is wrong. Ways to talk with children about safety:

- Be open to talking about all kinds of feelings including anger, joy, frustration, fear and anxiety. This helps children to develop a 'feelings vocabulary'.
- Support children to identify trusted adults (both within the family and outside) they can talk to if they are worried, upset or don't feel safe. Make sure these adults know they are on your child's list.
- Remind children that they can talk to you or a trusted adult about anything, no matter how big or small their worry might be.
- Talk to children about how they know when they feel safe or unsafe. Help them to listen to their early warning signs (how their body feels) and to trust their feelings and instincts.
- Use everyday activities as opportunities for conversations (e.g. preparing meals and snacks, going for walks, playing, shopping). If children are used to having lots of communication, it can make it easier to talk when big or tricky issues come up.

We have completed the teacher recruitment process and Rainer Canobie-Harris is the successful applicant who will be replacing Lauren while she is on family leave. Rainer is an experienced teacher and is currently working at Castlemaine Primary School. He will start at Maldon P.S. on Monday 23rd October and will hopefully have a chance to work with Lauren before she leaves to have her baby, to ensure a smooth transition for staff and students. **I would also like to let the community know that Jodie Mengler has taken a further 12 months parental leave and I will be continuing in the Acting Principal role for the 2024 school year. I have now been in this role for just over six years and I am very proud to be leading a great school with such dedicated staff and supportive families. Visitors to our school always comment on the calm and collaborative environment we have established at the school.**

As it is now Term 4, we are increasing our interactions with the Maldon Kindergarten to assist with transitioning children from kindergarten to primary school. It was great to have the kinder children visit the Grade prep/1 class today for the morning session. **We are currently in the process of finalising enrolments and formulating classes for 2024. If you know of anyone who lives in our school's catchment area <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/> with school aged children for 2024 who have not yet enrolled, please encourage them to call the office to organise a tour of our great school. Also if your child will no longer be attending Maldon P.S. in 2024 please let the office know as soon as possible.**

Take care

Alisa

Reminders

- The school nurse will be returning to school on Monday 23rd October to finish the Prep assessments. If you have a child in Prep and are yet to **complete and return your School nurse form** please do so **by Friday 20th October.**
- **Mango fundraiser order forms/payment are due at the office by Monday 23rd October.**
- A reminder to all families that if students arrive late to school they **MUST** sign in at the office. Rolls are marked first thing in the morning and consequently students may be marked as absent for the day if they are not signed in as a late arrival.

- **Please remind your child/children that they are to use the pedestrian bridge on Hospital street to enter and leave the school. Students MUST NOT enter and leave using the drain.**
- As the weather warms up a reminder to all families that if a Catastrophic Fire Danger rating is declared for North Central region our school will be closed. In addition if a Catastrophic Fire Danger rating is declared for Northern Country the school bus will not run as it travels through that region.
- 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 by typing the following link into your browser: bit.ly/smilesquadvic

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

Resources required

Next Monday students in grades 2 to 6 will participate in a "From Kitchen to Garden" incursion. For this incursion the following items are required:

- Used plastic garden pots
- Empty soft drink and water bottles
- Fruit and vegetable food waste e.g. rotten strawberries, celery bottoms, apple cores, beetroot tops, pumpkin inners, sprouting potatoes, avocado pips, lettuce roots, herbs etc. Please ensure that these have not been in contact with eggs/egg shells.

Please bring pots and/or food waste to school by Friday 13th October.

Community Connections

Maldon and Baringhup Agricultural Show: The show is on this Sunday 15th October, 9am-4pm. Kirby has organised for all students to submit one art entry into the show so don't forget to go along and have a look at the pavilion as well as the multitude of other activities on offer!

What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Sam for taking pride in his writing and working hard to achieve his writing goal (Be your best)

2/3: Hannah for showing excellent active listening skills during class learning time (Be your best)

4/5: Karen for giving challenging tasks her best go on camp (Be brave)

5/6: Chayse for giving his all and showing amazing courage during all activities on camp (Be brave)

Digital Technology: Billie for being a responsible learning partner and being proud of her coding work

Art: Marcel for the brave and focused way he approached learning a new skill

Performing Arts: Gabe for the respectful way he makes suggestions in class

Roses Gap camp 2023



What's happening in the community?



**OUTDOORS
NON-CONTACT
INCLUSIVE**

HAVE A BLAST!

Dive into the exciting world of cricket! It's a super fun, inclusive & energetic sport that's perfect for all kids, no matter if you're new to batting or already a backyard cricket champion. Join us at our clinic and let's have a blast together - parents, you're invited too!

MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friday, October 13 2023
3:45PM - 4:45PM
COST: FREE
Contact: Brett Cole +61439 882 765



Muckleford Cricket Club



SCAN ME!



Introducing...

MALDON KIDS CLUB!

For primary age kids.
Wednesdays in Term 4
starting next Wednesday
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 High St Maldon
No cost.
Contact Darcy on 0407 245 951
for more details.
Anglican Parish of Maldon




gen
ALPHA
children's
choir

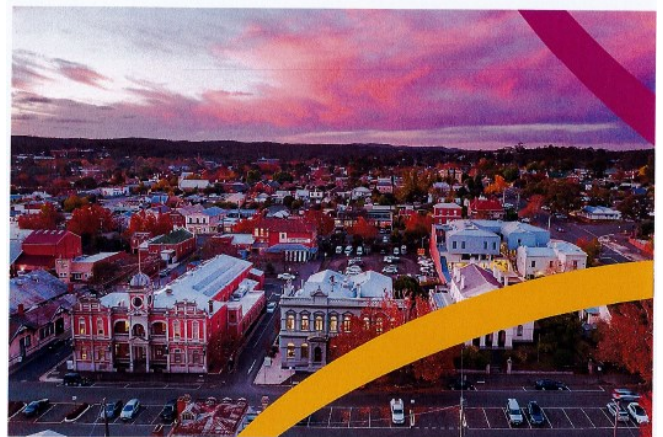
A singing group for ages 7 to 15

*Do you love to sing?
A shower diva? A bedroom hairbrush rock star?*

*A great mix of music
led by a professional vocal teacher*

*Tuesdays 4pm
Saturdays 10:30am
West End Hall
View St, Castlemaine
\$15 per week*

*for more info, contact
Scott Sanders [MMus, Dip. Ed]
0401 411 881
thehouseofandersen@gmail.com*



Jobs and Training Expo

11am – 3pm

11 October 2023

Castlemaine Town Hall

Hosted by Mount Alexander Shire Employment,
Education and Training Network (MASEETN)

**This is your chance to find your ideal
job role or training opportunity.**

At the Mount Alexander Jobs and Training
Expo you will find:

- Employment opportunities
- Volunteering information
- Gain free career and training advice
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Book online at
bit.ly/MtAlexJobSeeker
or scan the QR code below



Supported by:



Bendigo

Occasional Childcare at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre

There are vacancies for 3 to 5 year olds at Maldon Neighbourhood Centre's Occasional Childcare Program.

The sessions run on Mondays 9.30am - 2.30pm. \$60 per session (Eligible families can claim the childcare rebate).

Ongoing enrolment or casual sessions are available. We run a quality program with a relaxed, friendly and inclusive environment.

Please email us on childcare@maldonnc.org.au for more information.



Mount Alexander Kids Radio

for 3-8 years olds

by 3-8 years olds

Listen up: Saturdays 8am

94.9 Main FM



94.9
main
FM

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 four evening sessions you'll learn all this, receive take home resources, meet other parents and enjoy a delicious meal.

What: Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

When: 5pm to 9pm | Thursday 26 October, 2, 9, 16 November 2023

Where: Castlemaine Community House, 30 Templeton Street, Castlemaine

Cost: \$75 full / \$55 concession per person

Book: www.mountalexandershireyouth.com.au/training

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



Parenting in the Modern World TEEN EMOTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH



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**



Book Here

or at goldfieldslibraries.com