

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Today we had some teachers from Harcourt and Chewton primary schools visiting our maths classes to see our Launch-Explore-Summarise model in action. Walking around the classes, watching the engagement of the students and the way they interact is something I am always proud of. Thanks to the staff for opening up the classrooms and sharing our great work with teachers from other schools.

Last Tuesday, our Clubs program started and the enthusiasm and discussion after the first session was inspiring. Here are some comments from the students:

Henry – In gardening I planted snow peas and carrot seeds. I learnt how to make flowers.

Darcy R – I liked learning how to play lawn bowls. It was the start of the sessions and it was so fun, so who knows how fun it will be in the next four weeks.

Karen – I liked learning all the new skills at the Men's Shed. We used a hammer. It was hard to hit the nail straight in without bending it. We had to also line up the wood. I can't wait to see what my pencil box will look like at the end.

CJ – Croquet was very fun. It was exciting to see who won the competition in my group. It was a tie between Auzzie and Dean. We also got some yummy fruit at the end.

Chloe – It was great to see Robyn Riley's artwork and how realistic her drawings were. My favourite artworks were Robyn's drawings of a kangaroo and koala.

Next week we will include some photos from the clubs program.

This week's whole school value focus is: I am grateful for my classmates (Be kind)

Some areas the classes will focus on are:

I notice the strengths and achievements of others and acknowledge them

I notice when someone may be having trouble and offer to help them

I am respectful and open minded

I give and receive compliments

I recognise that we are all unique

In the yard, staff often hear children helping each other out or checking in on someone. Our visitors often talk about the positive culture at the school and how respectful the children are. 81% of the students in Grade 4-6 positively endorsed 'Sense of Connectedness' at our school in the 2023 Attitudes to School Survey and 88% positively endorsed 'Sense of Inclusion'. These results are equal to or above the State average



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Wednesday 18th October

- Hospital visit, Grade 2/3
- School Council, 6.30pm

Thursday 19th October

- Kelly sports incursion, all classes

Friday 20th October

- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm – presenting of show awards

Monday 23rd October

- School nurse visit- Preps
- Making the Leap program at CSC (selected students)
- Mango orders due at office

Tuesday 24th October

- Clubs (all students)
- Kinder visiting for Teddy Bear's Picnic

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day

Thursday 30th November
Shopping Spree fundraiser

Tuesday 12th December
Statewide transition day

Monday 18th December
Grade 6 Graduation

percentages for these domains. **This is something to be very proud of!**

I have included some readings to give parents/carers tips and strategies on starting/ending friendships, as well as encouraging positive, supportive friendships. Please click the link to read the articles:

[Frenemies & toxic friendships: teenagers | Raising Children Network](#)

[Kids with disability: play & friendship | Raising Children Network](#)

The Working Bee that was scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to a date to be advised as our shed is not yet complete!

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.**
- **Permission for the Prep-2 Kickball incursion is due on uEducateUs by Wednesday 25th October.**
- 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.

Community Connections

Maldon and Baringhup Agricultural Show: Congratulations to all students who submitted school and/or private entries into the show yesterday. The pavilion looked amazing and it is great to see families supporting the event. Many students received awards for their school entries and these awards will be presented at assembly on Friday.

Birthdays

L to R: Will and Oliver



Classroom Values

Art, Performing Art and Digital Tech awards

Back row L to R: Chayse, Karen, Hannah and Gabriel

Front row L to R: Marcel, Billie and Sam



What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Flynn for being proud of his achievements in reading (Be your best)

2/3: James for proudly presenting his show and tell and confidently answering questions (Be your best)

4/5: Bjorn for taking pride and using perseverance to complete great writing pieces (Be your best)

5/6: Bailey for always being proud of his work, especially during writing tasks (Be your best)

Art: Yoshi and Will for the kind and engaged way they helped their buddies.

Performing Arts: Dakotah for the way she persists when learning the marimbas.

From Garden to Kitchen incursion: On Monday all students participated in an incursion which explored ways to reduce food waste including composting fruit and vegetable scraps and growing new food from vegetable and fruit scraps which we might normally throw away. All students really enjoyed the incursion and learnt a lot from it!



What's happening in the community?

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.

A CELEBRATION DAY FOR GIRLS

A Celebration Day for Girls is a one-day workshop for girls aged 10-12 years, and their mother or female carer. Designed to support you both at this special threshold in your lives, and to provide an affirming, grounded and connected celebration of the journey to womanhood



Saturday 11th November

10am-4pm

Castlemaine

Bookings at
Eventbrite

Includes 2hr Mother/carer session

Wednesday 8th November 7-9pm

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