

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

**We have our first lot of baby news! Florence May Berry-Smith was born on Wednesday 18th October.** Congratulations to Jesse and Bella. Everyone is doing well and they are enjoying some precious family time.

**I would like to welcome Rainer Canobie to our school. Rainer started yesterday and will be replacing Lauren in the Prep/1 classroom while Lauren is on maternity leave.** Rainer and Lauren will be working together over the next week or so to ensure a smooth transition for everyone. Please introduce yourself to Rainer when you see him!

**This Friday 27th October we celebrate World Teachers' Day. This is an opportunity to say thank you for the incredible contributions teachers make to our community.** We recognise the passion and dedication our teachers show every day. We thank Melissa, Lauren, Callum, Jesse, Kirby, Danica, Sharyn and Rainer for being such passionate and dedicated teachers who ensure they are making a positive impact and building strong connections with every child in the school every day. Thank you also to our Casual Relief Teachers, especially Jess, Carmen, Fiona, Bryce and Kirsty, who regularly step into the classrooms when our teachers are away. We will be celebrating World Teachers' Day by providing a special morning tea for all the teachers at our school. Please show your appreciation of the teachers by saying 'thank you' to them when you see them at the gate or in the yard.

**Last week RSL members Peter and Kevin visited the grade 5 and 6 students to share information about Remembrance Day and to kickstart the Remembrance Day writing competition.** The students will now work on their writing pieces and will present their work to a panel of RSL members for judging on Tuesday 31st October. **The winner of this competition will read out their writing at the Remembrance Day service on Saturday 11th November,** as well as have their name engraved on the school plaque alongside past winners.

**Last week we had our School Council meeting for October.** Some of the things we discussed were:

- Our new back shed and garden projects
- Fundraisers for the rest of the year
- 2023 student Attitudes to School Survey results
- Our Respectful Relationships program this term
- 2024 School contributions for parents

**I have included the Attitudes to School survey data below, showing how our grade 4 to 6 students positive endorsement compares with that of Similar Schools, Schools in our network area and the State Average.**



## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Thursday 26th October

- Kelly Sports incursion, all classes
- Red Socks Day, gold coin donation
- "Day for Daniel"
- MAKS radio station Interviews – Prep to 2 students

### Friday 27th October

- Kickball excursion, Prep to 2
- World Teacher's Day
- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm – Grades 5 and 6 presenting

### Tuesday 31st October

- Clubs (all students)
- RSL visiting to judge Grade 5 and 6 writing competition

## 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

## Attitudes to School Survey 2023 – Grade 4-6 students

Factors	2023 Maldon PS	Similar Schools	Schools in our Network	State Average
Effective teaching time	83	82	80	83
Differentiated learning challenge	78	83	81	84
Stimulated learning	71	73	74	77
Effective classroom behaviour	82	75	76	77
High expectations for success	94	92	93	93
Effort	79	74	73	78
Teacher concern	77	72	71	73
Sense of confidence	75	72	73	76
Perseverance	76	71	71	75
Motivation and interest	69	72	74	77
Self-regulation and goal setting	82	81	81	83
Attitudes to attendance	88	82	83	85
School connectedness	81	72	75	77
Student voice and agency	74	64	62	66
Sense of inclusion	88	87	86	88
Advocate at school	85	86	85	86
Respect for diversity	83	76	80	78
Not Experiencing bullying	89	83	77	83
Managing bullying	86	74	75	75
Life satisfaction	74	70	68	74
Resilience (normal to high)	79	64	64	69
Emotional awareness and regulation	77	69	67	72

38 students in grades 4-6 completed this survey earlier in the year. The results show that the majority of the factors have been positively endorsed by students equal to or higher than similar schools, schools in our network and the State average. This is something we are very proud of.

I have included the questions students were given (below) in the factors which were rated lower than similar schools, schools in our network and the State average.

### Differentiated learning challenge

*My teacher helps me to do my best*

*My teachers understand how I learn*

*My teachers explain things in different ways to students who need it*

*My teachers give extra help when students need it*

*My teachers give different work to students depending on their ability*

*If I don't understand something, my teachers explain it another way*

### Stimulated learning

*My teacher makes the work we do in class interesting*

*My teacher makes learning fun*

*My teachers motivate us to think in our learning*

*My teachers are inspiring*

### Motivation and interest

*I want to learn new things*

*I am learning things that really interest me*

*Things I am taught are worthwhile learning*

This survey is just one data set undertaken on one day, that we use to assess how our school is going. The next step is to share this information with groups of students to get their perspective on the things that are going well at our school and to discuss ways of improving the above areas.

## This week our whole school behaviour focus is: I speak up for myself and others (Be brave)

Some areas the classes will learn about are:

I am an upstander and speak up to support others  
I speak up for myself  
I make sure I contribute my ideas  
I give others an opportunity to speak and contribute  
I am honest  
I stand up for what I believe in  
I speak with kind words.

I have included an article link with tips and strategies to encourage honesty in children. Click the link to access the article [Lies & lying: what to do when children lie | Raising Children Network](#)

**Don't forget this Thursday is Red Socks Day, so make sure children bring a gold coin and wear red socks or a splash of red with their uniform.**

Take care

Alisa

## Reminders

- **Permission for the Prep-2 Kickball incursion is due on uEducateUs by Wednesday 25th October.**
- **Our lost property bin (located inside the entry door near the office) is overflowing with items! If you are missing a jumper (or three) please have a look and see what you can find.**
- **If you would like your child to be seen by the Smile Squad free school dental program please sign them up at [bit.ly/smilesquadvic](http://bit.ly/smilesquadvic) or ask for a paper copy of the consent form at the office. To date we only have 11 students signed up for the program. **Sign ups need to be completed by Tuesday 31st October to allow the Smile Squad to plan their time at our school.****

## Community Connections

**Mount Alexander Shire Council:** Mount Alexander Shire Council has purchased two new graders in the past 12 months and would like to involve the local pre and primary schools to assist in naming them. The graders perform maintenance on the Shire's unsealed roads and are a very visible parts of their fleet. The Council is holding a competition for children 12 and under to 'Name the Grader'. Students need to come up with a name for the grader and colour in the grader on the entry form which is coming home to all students today. All entries must be returned to the office by Wednesday 8th November. Winners will be notified via the school before the end of November and

### Birthdays

Layton



### Classroom values, Art and Performing Art awards

Back row L to R: Yoshi and Will  
Front row L to R: Dakotah, Flynn, James and Bjorn  
Absent: Bailey





will receive a prize of CAT products from William Adams. The winning name will also be placed proudly on the Grader, located on a panel directly under the Mount Alexander Shire logo.



**Mount Alexander Kids MAK radio show:** If you didn't catch the second Mount Alexander Kids MAK Radio show please find the link below. **Chewton Primary School** made a fantastic show.

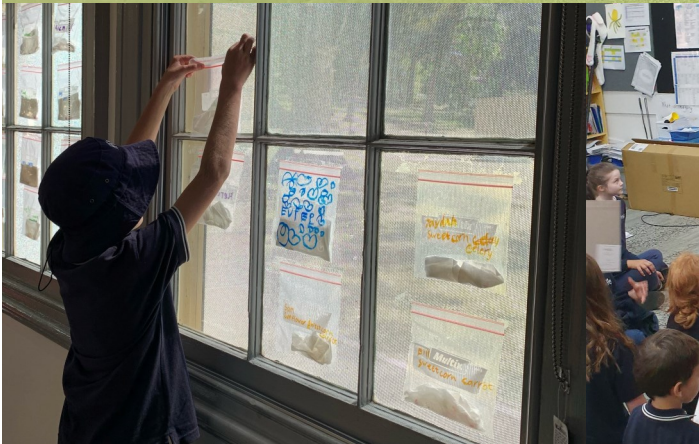
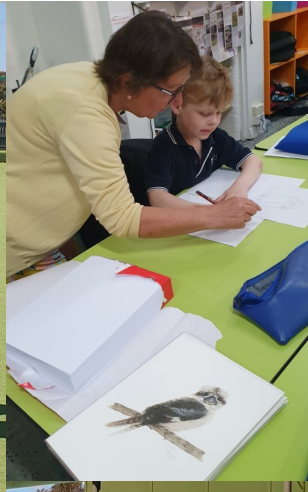
<https://www.mixcloud.com/MainFm/mak-radio-at-chewton-primary-school-2023/>

MAK will be visiting Maldon Primary School on Thursday to interview some Prep to 2 students for our upcoming show!

**Maldon and Baringhup Agricultural Show:** Well done to all prize winners who received their ribbons at assembly on Friday.







# 2023 Clubs





# What's happening in the classroom?

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

**P/1:** Iris for thinking of other people and always giving lovely compliments to make their day (Be kind)

**2/3:** Darien for helping Leon when he fell over in the school yard (Be kind)

**4/5:** Gabe for recognizing and complimenting the achievement of his peers (Be kind)

**5/6:** Yoshi for always being supportive and helpful to his prep buddy during recess times (Be kind)

**Art:** Mali for the enthusiasm she puts into everything she does in Art.

**Performing Arts:** Athena for the initiative she showed in helping a peer learn the marimba.

## Fundraising news



### **Red sock day!**

Red sock day is a day where students wear something red to raise money to help combat kidney disease. You can wear red socks, red hair ties or other red things to raise money for people with kidney disease.

**When: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
**What: Wear something red.**  
**Bring a gold coin donation!**  
Students are to still wear school uniform.

### **Maldon Shopping Spree**

AN EVENING OF SHOPPING AND FUN IN  
THE STREETS OF MALDON

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
5.15pm to 8.00pm

FORGET MELBOURNE  
FORGET BENDIGO  
SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS IN MALDON!



Ticket price includes  
a Maldon shopping bag,  
discount vouchers,  
refreshments and music  
whilst  
shopping and a free ticket  
in the raffle on the night

Exclusive discounts from  
participating traders and a huge  
raffle on the night

Fundraiser Supporting



Tickets \$15 (or \$20 if purchased after  
November 17<sup>th</sup>).

Tickets available from Maldon Newsagency,  
Beatons Store or Maldon  
Primary School ph 5475 1484



## What's happening in the community?



**Castlemaine Kindergarten Fete**  
Proudly supported by Castlemaine Kindergarten FAZ

**Coffee stop** **Ice cream** **Book stall** **Coloured hairspray** **White elephant stall**

**Cake stall** **BBQ** **Craft stall** **Raffles** **Face Painting and more...**

**10 AM - 2PM**  
**28 OCTOBER 2023**

Castlemaine Kindergarten - 7/9 Berkeley St. Dja Dja Wurrung

All proceeds go to improving resources for our Kindergarten

This event is supported by the Mount Alexander Shire Council Events Grants Program.



YAG, FREEZA & THEATRE ROYAL PRESENT

**COSCARS YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL 2023**

Featuring all films, announcement of winning films and live music

Theatre Royal Castlemaine  
50 Hargraves St, Castlemaine VIC 3450

3-5PM  
Sunday 29th October

**FREE ENTRY ALL AGES EVENT**

To register: [www.mountalexandershiroyouth.com.au](http://www.mountalexandershiroyouth.com.au)

For more information or for additional support to attend this event, contact Shannon Lacy on 5471 1700 / [youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@mountalexander.vic.gov.au)

Alcohol, drugs and smoke free, fully supervised event, no pass outs u/18

scan me to RSVP

Logos: YAG, SEABARZ, Mount Alexander Shire Council, THEATRE ROYAL CASTLEMAINE, VICTORIA State Government



**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

**Includes 2hr Mother/carer session**  
Wednesday 8th November 7-9pm

Bookings at Eventbrite

For more information contact Rachel Pilgrim 0430 450 967 or [rachel.pilgrim@yahoo.com](mailto:rachel.pilgrim@yahoo.com)

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**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](mailto:childcare@maldonnc.org.au) for more information.