

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

We have some more baby news - over the weekend Lauren and Joel welcomed a baby boy, Fletcher Archie Maddern, into the world. Lauren and Fletcher are doing very well. The Grade prep and 1 students were very excited to hear the news yesterday. I'm sure we will get to meet Fletcher in the future!

Over the next two weeks we will be working on classes for 2024. Looking at our current enrolment numbers we will have Grade Prep/1, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 composite classes for 2024. There is an opportunity for parents/carers who will have a grade 1 child in 2024 to provide information to the school (based on educational or social grounds) which you believe is important for us to consider when making our 2024 class placements. This information needs to be provided to me in writing by email or a uEducateUs conversation by Monday 27th November. Please note, it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers. Class groups will be formed and then teachers will be allocated to a class. As we are a small school, any change in enrolments can make a difference to the way our grade levels are split. As a result of this, if you know of any families still considering our school for 2024, please let them know to contact the office as soon as possible. Also if any current families know their child/children will not be attending Maldon Primary School next year please let me know by Friday, 24th November.

Tomorrow we have our second transition day for the 2024 prep students. We look forward to seeing the children at school getting to know the environment and the current grade preps. **A parent information session for the 2024 prep parents/carers will be held next Wednesday 29th November at 9:15am.**

With the weather heating up this week, we are reminded we are coming into the summer season. **We have included a link to our Bushfire Preparedness Policy for you to familiarise yourself with <https://maldonps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Bushfire-Preparedness-Policy-2023.pdf>.** We regularly undertake Emergency drills at the school to prepare staff and students (and any visitors onsite at the time) for a variety of emergency situations. This term staff and students participated in a bushfire emergency drill to ensure we have appropriate practices in place.

This week our behaviour focus is "I help to make our classroom and playground inclusive" (Be kind). Students are working on inviting others to join in, noticing when someone may be feeling left out, speaking up and asking for help, giving people a fair go, taking turns, compromising, sharing equipment, working with a range of learning partners and joining in in group tasks. Today I am sharing some articles around bullying which provide parents/carers with steps and strategies to support their child if they are being bullied.

[Bullying in kids & pre-teens: how to help | Raising Children Network](#)



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Wednesday 22nd November

- Second transition morning for 2024 Preps-9. 15am to 10.45am

Thursday 23rd November

- Set for Secondary session - Grade 6 students

Friday 24th November

- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm – Grade 2/3 presenting
- Working Bee, 3.15pm

Monday 27th November

- Lions Eye Health free screening

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 30th November
Shopping Spree fundraiser

Thursday 7th-Friday 8th December
Smile Squad dental van here for treatments

Tuesday 12th December
Statewide transition day

Wednesday 13th December
School Council dinner

Monday 18th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 20th December
Last day term 4, 1.30pm dismissal

If you feel that your child is being bullied it is also vital that you let the school know so that we can investigate the situation and support your child.

Last week at School Council I shared our Parent Opinion Survey data for this year. 28 of 62 families completed the parent Opinion Survey earlier in the year.

2023 PARENT OPINION SURVEY	Maldon PS % Positive	Maldon PS % Neutral	Maldon PS % Negative	State Average % Positive
Parent/Carer participation and involvement	90%	5%	5%	78%
School Communication	86%	6%	8%	82%
Teacher Communication	66%	20%	14%	72%
General Satisfaction	82%	18%	0%	83%
Physical Environment	100%	0%	0%	83%
School Improvement	73%	21%	5%	75%
School pride and confidence	82%	14%	4%	83%
High expectations for success	82%	11%	7%	86%
Student motivation and support	84%	16%	0%	77%
Stimulating learning environment	82%	11%	7%	78%
Effective Teaching	76%	19%	5%	77%
Student agency and voice	69%	23%	8%	77%
Confidence and resiliency skills	82%	14%	4%	84%
Managing bullying	73%	14%	13%	77%
Not experienced bullying	63%	15%	22%	64%
Promoting positive behaviour	80%	14%	5%	85%
Respect for diversity	77%	17%	6%	87%
Student connectedness	93%	5%	2%	88%
Positive transitions	75%	21%	4%	82%

The data shows that we are performing above or equal to the State average in a lot of the areas, especially parent/carers participation and involvement, which we are very proud of. The factors we have been rated lower in have been shared and discussed with staff. **If parents/carers would like to offer suggestions on ways of improving in these lower areas, please send me an email or uEducateUs message.**

Take care

Alisa

Reminders


- We will be having a short working bee straight after school this Friday 24th November to move the shed items back into our new back shed. Please come along if you are able.**
- Don't forget to order your 2024 Stationery packs directly from Education Plus. Orders must be placed by Friday 15th December, 2023.**
- 2024 back to school paperwork is now OVERDUE. Please return the following forms immediately: the 2024 Contribution form (one per child), Acceptable Use Agreement (one per child), Local Excursion consent form and uniform order form (if required).** Families are also encouraged to return other relevant forms e.g. bus travel, conveyance and CSEF forms.
- If you would like your child to undertake the Free Vision Screening provided by Lions Eye Health Program please return the consent form by Friday 24th November.

- **Icy pole fundraiser:** Beginning this Friday 24th November, Wilbur, Theo and CJ will be selling Zooper Dooper icy poles for \$1 each. They will be available at lunchtime at the back of the school. All money raised will go towards buying resources for the school. This project is part of the grade 5/6 business topic this term.

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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



Buy a book from
SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
to help build
our classroom
resources

orders are due: **Tues 28th Nov**

Office information

EFTPOS is now available: We now have EFTPOS facilities available for your convenience. Please be aware that there will be a 2% surcharge on all EFTPOS transactions. This equates to \$1 for every \$50 spent. Cash, BPAY and direct deposit are still available for payments as well.

What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Owen for making positive choices when those around him are choosing not to (Be your best)

2/3: Daisy for being a positive role model by looking out for others (Be your best)

4/5: Martha for speaking up when she needs help (Be your best)

5/6: Grace for always being a respectful class member and looking out for others (Be your best)

Art: Archie P for the creative, well planned way he has created his African festival mask.

Performing Arts: Nash for the persistent and focused way he has been learning the marimbas.

Thank you

- To Cantwell Property for the enrolment signs which are now displayed along both High and Hospital streets. They look great!

Classroom Values awards, Art and Performing Arts award

Back row L to R: Blake, Wilbur and Myra
Front row L to R: Abbey, Oliver and Ollie



Birthdays

L to R: Hannah, Yoshi and Dean



Principal Awards

Back row L to R: Rilen, Darcy, Alex, Yoshi, Harriet and Alice

Front row L to R: Layla, Isobelle, Isla, Grace, Wyn, Seth and Fletcher



Community Connections

Maldon Twilight Festival Night Market and Lantern Parade, Friday 19th January, 2024

Don't forget to keep this date free if you are able. Festivities start from 6.30pm and the lantern parade commences at 9.10pm from Maldon's Bank Corner.

Fundraising news

Shopping Spree fundraiser, Thursday 30th November:

- Buy your tickets for \$20 each at the office now! Not only are you supporting the school, you are also supporting the traders who help to make Maldon so special!
- Thank you to Jellis Craig for sponsoring the champagne flutes for the night.
- Thank you to Urban Dust Hat Bar and Boutique for sponsoring the shopping bags for the night.

Maldon Shopping Spree

AN EVENING OF SHOPPING AND FUN IN
THE STREETS OF MALDON

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30th, 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




MALDON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tickets \$15 (or \$20 if purchased after November 17th).

Tickets available from Maldon Newsagency,
Beaton's Store or Maldon
Primary School ph 5475 1484

What's happening in the community?



Food Trucks:
Ice Cream Republic
& Tacoman


Live Music:
Local youth band Fryer
Insta @fryerau
Local kid band Franky,
Cody & Tyrone

KICKS & SHAKES

You're invited to Kicks & Shakes 1st Birthday!

Friday 1 December
5-8pm
at Chewton Soldiers
Memorial Park

Chewton Pool Open.
Bring a picnic rug, buy a
raffle ticket and let's play
some soccer!



Castlemaine Circus Show

Sun 10 Dec - 2pm

Featuring:
MC Malia Walsh
Nichola Hall
Luko Taylor
& Sam Thomas
Naomi Wilde
Reece Cooper &
Brandon Aroy

and
Aerial Troupe
Circus Troupe
plus the
Kyneton
Street Band

Adults \$20
Teens \$15
Kids \$12

Old High School Gym, 35 Etty St Castlemaine
tickets: events.humanitix.com/castlemaine-circus-show
www.castlemainecircus.com.au

Maldon Neighbourhood Centre and the
Maldon Anglican Parish present...

MALDON PANTRY

Are you feeling the pinch of the rising cost of living?
Then the Maldon Pantry is for you!

The Maldon Pantry is a safe and welcoming space for
anyone and everyone to access some of the essentials
that are becoming increasingly hard to afford.

From milk and bread, canned and dried foods to hygiene
essentials and items for pets, the Maldon pantry is here
to make sure you have the things you need.

Every Wednesday from
22nd Nov - 20th Dec. 9-11am.
Holy Trinity Hall, 50 High St.

For more details contact
the Neighbourhood Centre on 5475 2093.



BIG SUMMER READ

JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!

December 1 - January 31

Register for the Big Summer Read at <https://plv.beanstack.org>
or visit your local library to find out more.

Goldfields Libraries
Public Libraries Victoria

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CASTLEMAINE
ROTARY

TRUCK SHOW

SAT 25 & SUN 26 NOV 2023 CAMPBELL'S CREEK RECREATION RESERVE

CELEBRATING THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY & RAISING VALUABLE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY

ADMISSION
\$15 Adults | \$25 Family
Children U16 free
Tickets via website or at the gate

GROUNDS OPEN
Saturday 12 noon and Sunday 10.00am

SPECIAL FEATURES
Saturday 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Live music on stage
Sunday 9.00am Truck Convoy
Sunday 3.00pm Trophy Presentations

GREAT ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Live music
Free children's rides and entertainment.
Full catering and bar onsite.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT CASTLEMAINETRUCKSHOW.COM

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ELF ACADEMY

CLASS IN SESSION: 16-23 DECEMBER 2023

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT REALLY TAKES
TO BE ONE OF SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS?**

Central Deborah Gold Mine will transform into
a Christmas wonderland from 16-23 December.

Through a series of craft activities, games and challenges,
gain your Certificate IV in Elf Training and be elf-icially
inducted into Santa's renowned team!

**BOOK YOUR
TICKETS NOW!**

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