

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 sessionGrade 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 DecemberStatewide transition day

Wednesday 13th December

School Council dinner

Monday 18th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 20th December Last day term 4, 1.30pm dismissal Bullying: autistic children & teens | Raising Children Network

Cyberbullying: kids and teens | Raising Children Network.

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/carer 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

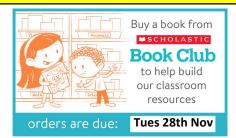
- We will be having a short working bee straight after school this Friday 24th November to move the shed items back into our new back shed. Please come along if you are able.
- Don't forget to order your 2024 Stationery packs directly from Education Plus. Orders must be placed by Friday 15th December, 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



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.

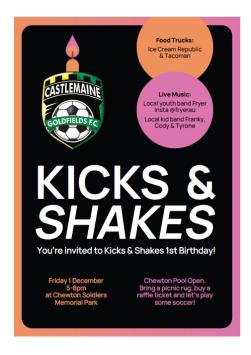
Fundraising news

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.



What's happening in the community?





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

MRLDON 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







