

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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November 28th, 2023

## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Our back shed is now finished and last week we were able to move all of our supplies and furniture into it. Thanks to the following families (and children) for helping out: Ballinger, Cox, Jennings, Ockwell, Robertson, Salvatore and Simms, as well as staff, Ray and afterschool care children. Having so many helpers made the job a lot easier and faster!

Yesterday we had the Lions Club Vision Screening take place. Outcome letters for all children involved in this service will be sent home this week.

On Thursday we have our Annual Shopping Spree fundraiser. Fiona McKnight and Debra have been busy getting everything organised and it is set to be a great night for everyone. If you haven't bought your tickets and would like to be involved, please purchase a ticket at the school office or on the night at the Maldon Hotel. It would be great to have as many people participating as possible, as the fundraising money goes straight back into the school and the fundraiser also supports our local businesses.

Our mango fundraiser is all wrapped up and raised \$1,217.80 for the school. I would like to thank Debra for organising the fundraiser and making sure it all went smoothly. Thanks also to the community for supporting the mango drive. We hope you enjoy your mangoes!

Don't forget we have our Water Awareness program starting next week. Please make sure to return the swimming ability forms so that we can group your child according to their skills. The swimming instructors will assess the children in the first two sessions and will move them into different groups if required. Let's hope the storms stay away and the water temperature is warm enough to enable the students to have the full ten days of the program. We aim to have a Swimming Carnival on the last day of the program, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Parents/carers will be invited to this day with further details to come.

Tomorrow is our third prep transition morning for our 2024 preps. I will also be holding a 2024 prep parent/carer information session during this time to give our new parents/carers an overview of our school and explain why it is such a great place to be.

Take care

Alisa

## Reminders

- Please return your child's swimming ability form AND provide consent on uEducateUs by Thursday 30th November
- 2024 back to school paperwork is now OVERDUE. Please return the following forms immediately: the 2024 Contribution form



## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Wednesday 29th November

- Third transition morning for 2024 Preps-9.15am to 10.45am

### Thursday 30th November

- Set for Secondary session - Grade 6 students
- Shopping Spree fundraiser, starts 5.15pm at the Maldon Hotel

### Friday 1st December

- Friday Fundraiser
- Zooper Doopers for sale for \$1 at lunchtime
- Assembly, 3pm – Grade P/1 presenting

### Monday 4th December

- Water awareness program, all students

### Tuesday 5th December

- Water awareness program, all students

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thursday 7th-Friday 8th December

Smile Squad dental van here for treatments

### Tuesday 12th December

Statewide transition day

### Wednesday 13th December

Library books due back at school

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School Council dinner

### Monday 18th December

Grade 6 Graduation

### Wednesday 20th December

Last day term 4, 1.30pm dismissal

(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.

- **Don't forget to order your 2024 Stationery packs directly from Education Plus.** Orders must be placed by Friday 15th December, 2023.
- Zooper Dooper icy poles will be available for \$1 each at lunch time on Friday 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

**Unexplained absences:** In preparation for the end of year we would like parents to update any unexplained student absences in uEducateUs. At present we have over 20 students with unexplained absences and we need to reduce this to zero.

**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:** Elke and Henry for looking after and including the new preps during transition (Be kind)

**2/3:** Alfie for always being inclusive of others in and outside the classroom (Be kind)

**4/5:** Gabe for always including others both in the classroom and the playground (Be kind)

**5/6:** Evi for being kind and considerate to others at all times (Be kind)

**Art:** Henry for the focused way he completes all art tasks.

**Performing Arts:** Lillie for always participating in dance and drama with focus.

**Principal awards:** Karen and Darien for helping Melissa to take down the Remembrance Day pieces from the front fence; Evi, Alfie, Martha, Wilbur and Seth for helping Debra with the mango distribution; Owen for seeking help from an adult when unsure what to do.

### Birthdays

Athena



### Classroom values, Art and Performing Art awards

L to R: Grace, Martha, Daisy and Archie  
Absent: Owen and Nash



## Library news

The children will have their final borrowing session this week. It would be great if you could check to see if your child has any overdue books at home. All library books should be returned to school by Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Connections

### Castlemaine Old School Boys book donation

Yesterday Ron, from the Castlemaine Old School Boys, visited to present the school with a donation of \$100 worth of books. The group has been doing this annually for many, many years and we really appreciate the contribution they have made to our library.



### Mount Alexander Shire “Name the Grader” competition

Congratulations to Nash who was chosen as one of two winners from 97 entries after submitting the name “Blade Runner” for consideration. Nash was very surprised when former mayor Rosie (right) and competition organiser Freya (left) visited the school last week to announce the winner! Well done Nash.



### 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 Fiona McKnight for the work she has put in organising this 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,  
Beaumonts Store or Maldon  
Primary School ph 5475 1484

# What's happening in the community?

Back to School  
with

**Kyneton Shoes**

Every child is expertly and personally fitted with top quality brands.

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 9am-1pm

 

**Crosby**  
**Bata**  
**Surefit**  
**Wilde**  
**ROC**  
**Clarks**

23 High Street, Kyneton  
03 5422 2090

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.



**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!**  
5443 8322 | central-deborah.com |  



# 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