

Be kind, be brave, be your best

Newsletter no 38
December 12th, 2023

Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

We are in the last full week of school for 2023. We have had great weather so far for our water awareness program with students being able to swim every day. To finish our two week program, we will hold a swimming carnival where students will be swimming for their house!

Friday is a day of celebration where parents/carers are invited to join us:

8:45-9:15am – grade 5/6 Market Stalls

9:15-10:00am - Class Expos (all classes) for students to share their learning for the term

12:00-2:00pm Whole school swimming carnival

2:45-3:15pm – Whole school assembly (students from the Brass Band will be performing)

It would be great to see lots of parents, grandparents and other members of the school community attend these events.

Our whole school values focus for the week is: I am a good sport and show good sportsmanship (Be your best). We are continuing with the 'I can' statements from last week to support this focus and these will be reinforced in the classroom, during the swimming program and out in the yard.

I accept the rules and play fairly, if I go out I move on quickly,

I accept the umpire's decision,

I encourage others,

I have a go at new things.

Last Wednesday Callum and Livi welcomed a little girl, Ella Grace, into the world. Ella was born prematurely but she is healthy and doing very well. **Thank you to Carmen Bunting for stepping in to the grade 4/5 room as the classroom teacher over the past two weeks.** Carmen will continue in the room until the end of the school year.

Today the students 'stepped up' into their 2024 class with their peers and teacher. This was a very successful day with all students excited and ready to start fresh. The 2024 prep students got to meet and spend time with their buddies during the day. This concludes our transition days for the 2024 preps and we look forward to seeing them again at the beginning of the 2024 school year. **Our staffing for 2024 will be:**

Acting Principal – Alisa Burdett

Business Manager – Debra Watson

Grade Prep/1 teacher – Rainer Canobie-Harris

Grade 1/2 teacher – Callum Arrowsmith



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Wednesday 13th December

- Water awareness program, all students
- All library books due back at school
- School Council dinner, 6.30pm

Thursday 14th December

- Water awareness program, all students

Friday 15th December

- **NO Friday Fundraiser**
- Grade 5/6 Business Expo, 8.45am-9.15am. Bring along some money to purchase gifts etc.
- Class expos, 9.15am-10.00am
- Swimming Carnival, 12.00pm - 2.00pm
- **Assembly, 2.45pm-3.15pm, Brass band presenting**

Monday 18th December

- Grade 6 Graduation dinner, staff and students, 6pm at the Maldon Hotel
- Grade 6 Graduation movies and speeches with parents, 7.30pm in the 5/6 classroom

Tuesday 19th December

- Class parties, all grades

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 20th December

Last day term 4, 1.30pm dismissal

Wednesday 24th January, 2024

Stationery pack pick up day/
contributions payment day, 10am-6pm

Grade 3/4 teacher – Jesse Berry-Smith

Grade 5/6 teacher – Melissa Usher

Performing Arts and Visual Arts teacher/ Tutor – Kirby Kneebone

Digital Technology teacher/ Disabilities and Inclusion Coordinator – Danica Flett

Japanese Language teacher – Sharyn Morrice

Education Support staff – Debbie O’Byrne, Zoe Aldridge, Anna Robertson and Lauren Jeffreys.

We are saying farewell to both Analeigh Bruin and Bridie Rodwell who have worked as Education Support staff at our school for a year and two years respectively. They have both helped support the teachers and students and have built some strong connections during their time here. **Bridie will be studying for her teaching degree next year and Analeigh will continue to run the Before and After School Care program at the school. We wish them both the very best in their future endeavours.**

We will welcome both Anna Robertson and Lauren Jeffreys to our staff in 2024. Anna is very well known by the school community and Lauren has done some relief Education Support work at our school this year. We look forward to working with them both.

Next Monday evening we have our grade 6 graduation which Melissa and the grade 6 students have been working hard to prepare for. **On the last day of term, next Wednesday 20th December, we will share the grade 6 movies with the school community at 12:00pm followed by the annual grade 6 Guard of Honour at 1:15pm. Families are welcome to come along for these events. Students will be dismissed for the term at 1.30pm.**

Take care

Alisa

Reminders

- **We still have 6 families who have not returned their 2024 Contribution forms, Acceptable Use Agreements and Local Excursion consent forms.** To ensure planning for 2024 can continue smoothly please return them to the office immediately.
- **Don't forget to order your 2024 Stationery packs directly from Education Plus. Orders must be placed by this Friday 15th December, 2023.**
- **If you received an unexplained absence form for your child last week please complete the reason for the absence/s and return it to the office immediately.**
- Friday Fundraiser/hot lunch has now FINISHED for 2023. Please remember to pack lunch for your child this Friday.
- 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.

Community Connections

Maldon Twilight Festival Night Market and Lantern Parade, Friday 19th January, 2024: A reminder to families that the Maldon Night Market and Lantern Parade will take place as part of Maldon’s Twilight festival weekend on Friday 19th January, 2024. Kirby has been working with all students to create Sea of life lanterns for the night. Students (and their family members) are invited to join in the festivities from 6.30pm and participate in the lantern parade which will commence at Maldon’s Bank Corner at 9.10pm and progress along Main Street. It should be a special night so if you can make it please do! Students are asked to dress in sparkly and/or bright clothes.

What’s happening in the classroom?

300 nights of reading awards: Congratulations to Grace, Chayse, Myra, Karen, Mabel, Layla, Nate, Alex, Isobelle and Sam who have all completed 300 nights of reading over the school year. Well done on your amazing effort!

Business expo, grade 5/6: The grade 5/6 class has spent this term working on their businesses and their work will culminate in a business expo on Friday from 8.45am to 9.15pm. Lots of goods will be for sale and parents/carers and students are encouraged to have a look and buy an item or two.

Grade 5/6 - Market Day - BUSINESS EXPO

Friday 15th December

8.45 am – 9.15 am

Under cover at the back of the school

Lots of goods to buy:

- Art Gallery – students' artwork for sale – Evi, Alice, Chloe
- Popcorn - \$2 a bag – Seth, Yoshi, Chayse
- Toys for Sale – Zavier
- Cookies and Craft – Moirah, Olivia, Myra
- Jewellery, Candles and other lovely goods – Grace, Abbey, Isla, Mali

All parents and students welcome to come along and buy from our student created businesses.

All money is going to non-profit organisations OR to buy much needed school resources.

What's happening in the community?

Join us for a free

Community Christmas Lunch

Monday 25 December 2023

Hosted by Castlemaine Community House and friends
 12.30pm to 2.00pm
 Castlemaine Town Hall, 25 Lyttleton Street
 (entry via Frederick Street)

Share a delicious meal with good company on Christmas Day

Come alone or bring your family and friends

Enjoy music, activities and festivities

RSVP, book transport and find out more
 Call 5472 4842
 Email reception@cch.org.au

You can also volunteer your time or make a donation.



For more information scan the QR code.





Maldon Kids Club

Christmas Show

5pm, Wednesday
 13th December
 Holy Trinity Church
 50 High St

The kids are putting on a show! Get in the Christmas spirit and bring all the family along for cute costumes, Christmas carols and a joyous time!

Social summer soccer is back at Chewton Oval



KICKS & SHAKES

\$2 milkshakes, no coaches, no formal rules. Just kicks and shakes with ya mates.

Milkshake kiosk open from 5-7pm.

Every Friday arvo from 1 Dec - 25 Feb. 5pm until the sun goes down.

For more info, contact Kaso - 0425 862 834

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










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