

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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December 19th, 2023

## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Last night we celebrated our grade 6s completing their primary school education. The graduation ceremony is always a very special event with children sharing their experiences and memories of their time at the school. The staff went out for dinner with the students then students returned to school and welcomed two guests each to view their graduation movies and hear their graduation speeches. All students did an amazing job and deserve to feel very proud. Thank you to Melissa for organising the night, as well as Danica and Kirby for helping with the preparations. **On behalf of the school staff and community I would like to wish the grade 6 students all the best for next year at secondary school and into the future. We hope that Maldon Primary School has been one special chapter in their life with many more exciting things to come! Goodbye and good luck to Alice, Auzzie, Bailey, Chayse, Chloe, CJ, Evi, Grace, Isla, Mali, Moirah, Olivia, Seth, Theo, Yoshi, Wilbur and Zavier. We are also saying farewell to eight families as their youngest child finishes primary school: the Carr family, the Egleton family, the Drew family, the McEachran family, the Smith family, the Taylor family, the Turner family and the Wings family.**



**Our swimming program was very successful this year and it was great to celebrate with a Swimming Carnival on the last day.** The students showed great kindness and bravery and continued to give their very best in all races. Thank you to the house captains and other student leaders for helping to cheer on their houses and for jumping in the pool to assist the younger students be successful in their races. **I was very proud to see how supportive the older students were to the younger students. The winning house will be announced tomorrow just before the Grade 6 guard of honour.** Well done to everyone for their great participation and positive attitude towards the carnival.

**The Southern Cross Lodge Maldon has once again donated two Citizenship Awards to the school to award to two grade 5 students who always display our school values, are connected with the community and are genuinely great citizens.** These scholarships were first awarded in 2020 and are named after two special men from the Maldon Southern Cross Masonic Lodge, Les Sheehan and Ernie Bell.

**I would like to congratulate both Elsa and Karen who have been**



### THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

#### Wednesday 19th December

- Casual clothes day
- Grade 6 graduation movies, 12pm in the Grade 5/6 room. School community welcome to attend.

#### Friday 19th January, 2024

- Twilight Market and Lantern parade from 6.30pm

#### Wednesday 24th January, 2024

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

#### Tuesday 30th January, 2024

- First day term 1

### DATES FOR 2024

#### Curriculum days

Monday 26th February  
Friday 7th June  
Friday 19th July  
Monday 4th November

#### School photos

Wednesday 22nd May

#### Camps

5/6 Urban camp, May 29th-31st  
3/4 Swan Hill camp, Sept 11th-13th  
Grade 1/2 TBA

#### Fundraising Events

Comedy night fundraiser, March 23rd  
Maldon Market, May 12th  
Shopping Spree, November 28th

#### Class expos

Tues 26th March, 2.30-3.15pm  
Thursday 27th June, 9-9.45am  
Thursday 19th Sept, 2.30-3.15pm  
Term 4 TBA

#### Sport Carnivals

Athletics, Friday 16th August  
Swimming TBA

**awarded these scholarships for 2024.** Both of these students are great role models for their peers and younger students. They are always there to help others, they are kind and accept people for who they are and try their best at all times. Elsa and Karen and their families enjoyed a special awards ceremony followed by a dinner at the Masonic Lodge last Thursday night. Les and Ernie's widows, Jean and Lois, were present to award the girls with their scholarships. This was a very memorable occasion for both Elsa and Karen who were praised by many people on the night. I would like to thank the Southern Cross Lodge and Freemasons Victoria for once again sponsoring these scholarships and acknowledging the great citizens we have at our school.



**Last week Melissa and I were asked to present our school's maths improvement journey to the DET North Western Region's School Improvement Team in Melbourne.** We shared the work we have undertaken with the students around maths mindsets, including self belief, being curious and open to try new things, as well as valuing the thinking behind the maths work, not just the correct answer. After interviewing the staff and students for the presentation it showed how much of an impact our new model has had on everyone. **We look forward to sharing our maths work with parents/carers next year.**

Yesterday the Semester 2 reports were made available for viewing on uEducateUs. **When reporting to parents/carers, teachers use all the evidence and knowledge they have gained over the semester to place every child at a level of the Victorian Curriculum.** These scores are shown in the student report like this:

Mathematics			
Number and Algebra	Standard		○ ——— ●
Measurement and Geometry	Standard		○ ——— ●
Statistics and Probability	Standard		○ ——— ●
English			
Reading and Viewing	Standard		○ ——— ●
Writing	Standard		○ ——— ●
Speaking and Listening	Standard		○ ——— ●

What the dots and shading mean:

Icon	Description
■	The expected level of achievement
●	The student's achievement this semester
○	The student's achievement 12 months ago
---	The student's progress since last year

The teachers have dedicated a lot of time and effort to ensure these reports are individualised and accurately reflect on how each child has progressed over the semester. When reading through these reports, it is clear that our teachers know the children very well and ensure that they are reporting on the academic, social and emotional aspects of your child's learning. I would like to thank the teachers for their continued commitment to teaching and learning and knowing each and every student so well. It would be great if parents/carers share the report with their

child, discussing their strengths and what they have achieved, along with any areas of improvement. **This year we included more Work Habits to give parents/carers extra information on how their child works within the classroom. This came from feedback from our parent forum earlier in the year.** Next year we will be releasing more regular reporting to ensure parents/carers get an accurate picture of where their child is at throughout the school year.

**I would like to congratulate Nicholas, Elsa, Sam, Abbey, Alex, Darien, Henry, Bill, Leon, Chayse, Maci, Zavier, Logan and Dean on their 95% attendance this year. A big congratulations to Emily, Karen and Edie who missed less than 2 days of school for the whole year. An amazing effort girls!**

**As the year draws to a close I would like to thank our School Council members for supporting the school to provide the best possible educational outcomes for our students.** Thank you to Coby Cox (School Council President), Linda Wilson, Brenda Misso, Emma Karst, Glen Ballinger and Catherine Jones. Thanks also to our staff school councillors Callum Arrowsmith, Melissa Usher and Debra Watson.

**Thank you again to all families for your support throughout this year. I am very proud of the calm and supportive environment we have at the school, and I would like to thank the staff, students and the parents/carers for consistently showing our school values and creating such a great place to teach and learn. I look forward to working with staff, students and parents/carers again in 2024 to ensure the students at our school thrive.**

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and get to spend some quality time with family and friends over the break.

Take care

Alisa

## Fundraising

With the introduction of the Victoria wide Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) our school has the opportunity to raise funds to spend on new equipment and facilities. We would love it if families could get on board and collect drink bottles, cans and UHT cartons marked with the 10c logo (usually located near the bar code) rather than putting them in the recycling bin. Take your collection to SP Machinery and Hardware in Maldon and ask for the funds to go towards Maldon Primary School. Funds will then be deposited directly into the school bank account. Can't get much easier than that in terms of fundraising!

## Classroom Values awards, Art and Performing Arts award

Back row L to R: Isla, Moirah, Laylah  
Front row L to R: Evie, Hayden, Darcy and Scarlett



## Birthdays

Back row L to R: Evi, Liam, Edie, Leon and Elsa  
Front row: Scarlett



## Principal Awards

L to R: Darcy, Nicholas, Frances, Emily and Addi



## What's happening in the classroom?

**Grade 5/6 business expos:** Well done to Melissa and the grade 5/6 students on their first, very successful, business expo. The students raised over \$1000 with their business endeavours, with the money going towards either charities of their choice or new equipment for the school.



## 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. 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.

**Maldon Brass Band:** Earlier this year the Maldon Brass Band engaged with the school to provide free brass instrument lessons to interested students in Grades 3 and above. The students had weekly lessons with tutor, Vinnie Bourke, and have recently started playing with the brass band in preparation for the Maldon Carols by Candlelight to be held on December 23rd at the Bill Woodfull oval. At assembly last Friday the students gave us a sneak peak of some of the songs they will be performing! They did a brilliant job and should be very proud of the progress they have made this year! Thank you to the band for their commitment to this program and the opportunity for our students.



# What's happening in the community?

## JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2024

<b>BOWLING</b>  <b>MON 8</b>	<b>CENTRE-BASED SUPPORTS</b> <b>TUE 9</b>	<b>SWIMMING</b>  <b>WED 10</b>	<b>CENTRE-BASED SUPPORTS</b> <b>THUR 11</b>	<b>LITTLE NINJA WARRIORS</b>  <b>FRI 12</b>
<b>PARK PLAY</b>  <b>MON 15</b>	<b>CENTRE-BASED SUPPORTS</b> <b>TUE 16</b>	<b>JUMPZ</b>  <b>WED 17</b>	<b>CENTRE-BASED SUPPORTS</b> <b>THUR 18</b>	<b>JIRRAHLINGA WILDLIFE PARK</b>  <b>FRI 19</b>
<b>CENTRE-BASED SUPPORTS</b> <b>MON 22</b>	<b>SPLASH PARK</b>  <b>TUE 23</b>	<b>CENTRE-BASED SUPPORTS</b> <b>WED 24</b>	<b>PARKY'S</b>  <b>THUR 25</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY (NO SUPPORTS)</b> <b>FRI 26</b>

SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF EACH ACTIVITY - BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

## JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2024

### ACTIVITIES

#### Ten-Pin Bowling

Bendigo Bowling Centre or Zone Bowling Watergardens.  
BYO or buy lunch.  
Cost: \$7.00 - \$18.00

#### Indoor Swimming

Gurri Wanyarra Bendigo or Gisborne Aquatic Centre.  
BYO or buy lunch.  
Cost: \$5.10 - \$7.70

#### Little Ninja Warriors

Multi-level playground in Bendigo.  
BYO or buy lunch.  
Cost: \$18+

#### Park Play

Bendigo Botanical Gardens, Kyneton Community Park or Romsey Ecotherapy Park.  
BYO or buy lunch.  
No cost

#### Jumpz

Bendigo Trampoline Park.  
BYO or buy lunch.  
Cost: \$22.00 - \$25.00

#### Jirrahlinga Wildlife Park

Wildlife Park in Castlemaine.  
BYO or buy lunch.  
Cost: \$22.00

#### Splash Park

Bendigo zero depth water splash park.  
BYO or buy lunch.  
No cost

#### Parky's Play Bendigo

A giant 4-level Play Centre with slides, trampolines, ball pit plus much more!  
BYO or buy lunch.  
Cost: \$12.00

Windarring will offer exciting trips, outings and activities during the school holidays.

We may utilise public transport to attend activities to allow our youth to meet up and engage together. Please bring along myki & companion cards.

Please keep in mind if your child does not have a companion card and you still want them to attend an excursion, the activity cost will be higher to cover the entry of the support worker.

Centre-based activities will be available every day for those who do not wish to attend excursions. Please supply your own lunch on these days.

Each day is 9 am - 3 pm unless otherwise stated. If you require support outside of these times, please let us know at the time of booking.

To book your place or if you have any queries or questions, please contact Paige at:  
[youthandgetaways@windarring.org.au](mailto:youthandgetaways@windarring.org.au)

# TRAILHEAD COACHING

## KID'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY 2 DAY MTB SKILLS PROGRAM!!!!

**WALMER DAY VISTOR AREA, CASTLEMAINE**  
MONDAY 22ND & TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2024

**MULDOON RESERVE, BENDIGO**  
WEDNESDAY 24TH & THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2024

**Dirt Riders**

- 9 am to 9:45 am
- Ideal for newer riders (balance bikes welcome)
- Introduction to off-road riding with skills tuition, games & trail time

**Rad, Flow & Shred Riders**

- 10 am to 12:00 pm
- Rider groups based on current skill & riding experience
- Fundamental skills tuition & trail time

**CASTLEMAINE bookings**      **BENDIGO bookings**

[www.trailheadcoaching.com.au](http://www.trailheadcoaching.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.



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](mailto:reception@cch.org.au)

You can also volunteer your time or make a donation.



For more information scan the QR code.



# HOLIDAY HQ



## Winters Flat

3 Roberts Avenue, Castlemaine 3450

Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 26 January 2024

Ph: 0497704 916

7AM  
TIL  
6PM

Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your service for detailed information.

MON  
8  
JAN

### HAWAIIAN

Aloha, adventurers! Embrace the island spirit with activities such as crafting your own Lei, sipping on a refreshing Piña Colada Mocktail, taking on the Hula Hoops Challenge, testing your flexibility in a Limbo Contest and dancing away to The Hukilau song.



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

MON  
15  
JAN

### SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Step into the enchanting world of Santa's Workshop! Activities include crafting personalised ornaments, engaging in festive Reindeer Games, building your very own DIY Gingerbread House, and having fun with a Snowball Fight. Dive into the magic of the season with us.



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

TUE  
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JAN

### BLOCK BLITZ

Step into a world built by imagination! Activities may include embarking on whimsical journeys with Minifig Adventures, honing your design skills in the Building Block Bonanza, creating fantastical creatures with Monster Mix Up, and getting creative in the Colour Building Challenge.



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

TUE  
16  
JAN

### SPY KIDS EXCURSION: PARKOUR FUN

ARRIVE BY 08:30 AM  
Learn the art of parkour at Parkour Fun, combining movement, agility, and adventure for an adrenaline rush.



BASE FEE \$65  
EXC/INC FEE \$48  
DAILY TOTAL \$113  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$11.30



WED  
10  
JAN

### EUROPEAN

Embark on a grand European adventure! Activities may include a thrilling Treasure Hunt, singing your heart out with Opera Karaoke, savoring delectable French Crepes, and engaging in an exciting game of Extreme Bocce. Let's explore the wonders of Europe together!



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

WED  
17  
JAN

### DISCO FEVER

Get ready to groove! Activities may include unleashing your inner dancing star at the Disco Extravaganza, strutting your stuff in Funky Disco Fashion Relays, delighting in delicious Microphone Cupcakes, and painting the beat with Canvas Choreography.



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

THU  
11  
JAN

### NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS INCURSION: SELFGUIDED NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS BUNDLE

Ring in the New Year with creative flair using the Self-Guided New Year Celebrations Bundle.



BASE FEE \$65  
EXC/INC FEE \$22  
DAILY TOTAL \$87  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$8.70

THU  
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JAN

### NERF DAY INCURSION: NERF AND WATER GAMES

Engage in Nerf battles and water games for a splash of excitement with Nerf And Water Games.



BASE FEE \$65  
EXC/INC FEE \$24  
DAILY TOTAL \$89  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$8.90



FRI  
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JAN

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Celebrate like it's your special day with our "Happy Birthday" theme! Dive into festivities such as grooving at the Birthday Disco, crafting your own Pinata, baking delightful Bday Cupcakes, and engaging in the timeless game of Pass the Parcel.



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

FRI  
19  
JAN

### TENNIS FEVER

Catch The Tennis Fever This Summer! Swing Into Action With Activities Such As Superhero Tennis, Challenging Your Agility With Tennis Ball Balance, And Leaving Your Mark With Tennis Ball Prints. Game, Set, Match For A Smashing Good Time.



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65  
AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

\*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

Please note that programs may be subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.



Scan for further information and to secure a spot in one of our holiday programs today!

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## GAMING UNPLUGGED INCURSION: SELF-GUIDED POKEMON TRAINER

Become a Pokemon Trainer with a self-guided Pokemon Trainer experience, capturing the imagination of Pokemon fans.



BASE FEE \$65  
EXC/INC FEE \$15  
DAILY TOTAL \$80

AFTER MAX CCS\* \$8.00



TUE  
23  
JAN

## SPORTS DAY

Get Set For An Action-Packed Sports Day! Activities May Include Testing Your Knowledge In Name That Athlete, Refueling With Special Energy Smoothies, Racing Your Heart Out In Sports Relays, And Gearing Up For The Ultimate Showdown In Children Vs Educators Dodgeball. Ready, Set, Play!



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65

AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

WED  
24  
JAN

## AUSTRALIAN FAIR EXCURSION: VICTORIAN GOLDFIELDS RAILWAY

ARRIVE BY 08:30 AM

Take a step back in time with the Victorian Goldfields Railway, offering a historic and scenic train journey.



BASE FEE \$65  
EXC/INC FEE \$38  
DAILY TOTAL \$103

AFTER MAX CCS\* \$10.30



THU  
25  
JAN

## ALL THINGS SCIENCE

Dive deep into the world of discovery! Spark curiosity with a range of activities such as unraveling the mystery of Osmosis Magic, witnessing the spectacle of Erupting Volcanoes, creating mesmerising Giant Bubbles, and capturing the cosmos by crafting a Galaxy Jar.



BASE FEE \$65  
DAILY TOTAL \$65

AFTER MAX CCS\* \$6.50

FRI  
26  
JAN

Service Closed

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