

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Last week the grade 3/4 students, along with Jesse and Zoe, visited the residents at the Maldon Hospital. The willingness the students showed to reach out and connect with the residents speaks volumes about their character and the values instilled in them. These interactions not only brighten the residents' day but also leave a lasting impact on the students themselves, fostering empathy and understanding. Such acts of kindness serve as powerful reminders of the importance of community and the positive difference we can make in the lives of others through simple gestures of compassion. I would like to congratulate all children on their efforts and look forward to hearing about their next visit!

On another positive note, the grade prep to 2 students attended the interschool Tabloid Sports at Wesley Hill last Friday. For the prep students this was their first school excursion so they were excited, but also a little nervous. The staff were very impressed with the excellent behaviour the children showed throughout the day. Such behaviour not only fosters a positive experience for everyone involved but also sets a great example for others to follow. Well done to the students and thank you to our parent helpers on the day: Ben Jennings, Cassie Bird and Lindsey Hunt.

It's fantastic to see parents taking the initiative to request meetings in response to the progress reports. The purpose of progress reports is to facilitate open communication between parents and teachers, and these meetings are invaluable opportunities to deepen that communication. If you would like anything clarified from the progress report, please contact the school to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher. Thank you for the feedback we have received so far about the progress reports. This feedback will be discussed with staff and any necessary changes to the reports will be made.

This term our Social and Emotional learning/Wellbeing program focuses on the theme 'Bouncing Back'. This theme is so important, especially in today's world, where children face various challenges and uncertainties. Teachers use the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program (RRRR) to teach children positive coping skills and problem solving skills. By emphasising positive coping strategies, children can learn how to effectively manage and reduce stress in their lives, ultimately improving their overall wellbeing. These skills not only benefit them now but also lay a foundation for lifelong resilience and improved mental health. Teaching children that there are multiple ways to solve problems is empowering. It helps build their resilience and confidence, showing them that setbacks are not roadblocks but rather opportunities for growth and learning. These sessions are taught every Monday, so please have a chat to your child about what they have been learning about.

This week's whole school values/behaviour focus is: I am honest (Be

THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 25th April

- Anzac Day Public Holiday
- Anzac Day march, meet at school at 10.30am. Service starts at 11.00 am at the cenotaph in the shire gardens.

Friday 26th April

- Friday fundraiser
- Assembly, 3pm
- Cascade gallery local excursion, all grades

Saturday 27th April

- Comedy for a Cause fundraiser, get your tickets now!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 12th May
Maldon Market fundraiser

Wednesday 15th May
Open Morning

Wednesday 15th May
School Council

Sunday 19th May
Working Bee

Wednesday 22nd May
School photos

Friday 24th May
Melbourne Zoo excursion

Wednesday 29th-31st May
Grade 5/6 Urban Camp

Friday 7th June
Curriculum Day

brave).

In class, students will be working towards achieving these statements:

I tell the truth even when it is hard (e.g. when I have made a mistake I own up to it),

I think about how my words can help and hurt people.

I have included an article about lying, including why children lie, when it's ok and what to do when it's not appropriate. Click the link to read the article [Lies & lying: what to do when children lie | Raising Children Network](#)

The Maldon RSL has once again invited our students to the Anzac Day March and Commemorative Service. If you would like to come along, please meet at 10:30am at the front of the school to participate in the march or at 10:45am at the Shire Gardens for the service. The student leaders will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school during the service.

Take care

Alisa

Help us find a new before/after school care coordinator



Do you enjoy working with children, supporting their growth and helping them reach their full potential? If so, we have a fantastic opportunity for you!

Mt Alexander FDC is seeking a qualified Early Childhood Educator to run a Before and After School Care Program at Maldon Primary School. The program runs from Monday to Friday, and the role starts in term 3, 2024.

New educators register via Mt Alexander Family Day Care, where our leadership team provides all start-up and administration support.

If you would like further information regarding fees, compliance requirements or qualifications, please don't hesitate to contact Analeigh (Program Facilitator) at 0431 74 5097 or Lisa Girvan (Mt Alexander FDC) at 0474 315 849.

Office information

Permission/payments required:

- **Grade 5 and 6 Urban camp paperwork is due back by Monday 29th April (Medical information form and Parent Consent form plus asthma form if relevant)**
- **Grade 3-6 Cross Country excursion permission (on uEducateUs) is due by Wednesday 1st May**
- **The final instalment of \$125 for the Grade 5 and 6 Urban camp is due by Friday 10th May**
- **Zoo excursion permission (on uEducateUs) and payment is due by Monday 20th May**

Reminders

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

Fundraising news

Comedy night, Saturday 27th April 2024:

Last chance to get your tickets this week!



Maldon Market fundraiser, Sunday May 12th 2024: Maldon Primary School has been allocated the May Maldon Market to raise funds for the school. We require volunteers to assist with the BBQ and gold coin collection on the two entrances. A form is coming home today requesting volunteers so please give generously of your time.

We are also running a grocery hamper raffle and ask families, if they are able, to donate an item to go into the hamper. Please leave any donations at the office by Friday 3rd May.

Community Connections

Maldon Newsagent Easter Colouring Competition: Congratulations to Karen and Mia on their winning entries in the Newspaper colouring in competition. Well done!

Cascade Art Gallery excursion: This Friday all classes will be visiting Cascade Art Gallery to view their current exhibition. Thank you to Jeff and Karen from the Gallery for offering this opportunity to our school free of charge!

IMAGINATION

Dean Bowen
Sam Varian
Jeff Gardner
Jan Palethorpe

THURSDAY 25 APRIL –
SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024



**DEAN BOWEN, SAM VARIAN,
JEFF GARDNER, JAN PALETHORPE**

Gallery Director Karen Anchen cordially invites you to attend the opening of IMAGINATION - an exhibition of paintings, sculptures, fine art prints and artist-made books.

2 - 5PM SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024

To be officially opened by esteemed children's book author, Jen Storer

Artist Floor Talk: 2-3pm Sunday 19 May 2024

No bookings required. All welcome. Free events.

Wine supplied by
Welshmans Reef Vineyard

MALDON



Left (Top-Bottom):
DEAN BOWEN, The Contented Parrot (Green), 2021 (detail)
Oil on Linen 122 x 152 cm
SAM VARIAN, Centre - Best of all Possible Worlds, 2024 (detail)
Ceramic 57 x 43 x 28 cm

Front (L-R):
JAN PALETHORPE, Wave, 2023 (detail) Colour
Lithograph 290 x 400 cm
JEFF GARDNER, Cinnamon, 2022 (detail)
Indian Ink and Oil on Cotton Duck 160 x 300 cm

Cascade Art Gallery, The Church, 1A Fountain Street, Maldon Vic 3463
cascadeart.com.au | e: info@cascadeart.com.au
Karen Anchen - Gallery Director (0408 844 152)
Thursday - Sunday 10am - 5pm (Closed: July, August)



What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Rosie for always using positive self talk (be kind)

1/2: Beau for celebrating his success in mathematics when finding multiple answers to a question (be kind)

3/4: Marcel for always bouncing back and using positive self talk when facing challenges (be kind)

5/6: Gabe for always reflecting positively on both challenges and successes (be kind)

Performing Arts: Lelu for the positive way she approaches all activities in Performing Arts

Art: Beau for the way he follows instructions to ensure he does his very best work

Principal awards: Quinn, Hannah, Nate and James for their extra effort at the hospital where they stepped out of their comfort zone to engage residents in conversation, showing a huge amount of kindness and respect. Well done!



MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY 2024

VISIT US AND ENROL FOR 2025

Wednesday 15th May, 9:30-11:00am

- Take a tour with the school leaders
- Meet the friendly staff and students
- Visit the classes and see learning in action
- Talk with staff and current parents/carers at morning tea after the tour



Be kind, be brave, be your best!

Contact the school on (03)54751484 to organise an alternative time

PREP/ONE

TABLOID SPORTS!

Last week our P/1/2 students participated in the Castlemaine district interschool tabloid sports. Our students had such a great day participating in a range of sports and interacting with lots of other local primary school students.



THE BUS!!

For some of the preps this was the first time they had travelled on a bus! And they were excited! "My favourite thing was sitting on the big bus" - Jack



OUR FAVOURITE EVENTS

"I loved all of it!" - Mia

"My favourite activity was Snowball Tag" - Mara

"The Parachute was really fun" - Hugh



BEHAVIOUR

I would like to congratulate all of our students on their wonderful behaviour. It is always a pleasure to take our students to community events where they uphold and display our values for other schools to see. I had a number of parent helpers from other schools tell me how great our students behaved.

What's happening in the community?



BAROQUIAL
MUSIC
CONCERT

WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY
FAY WHITE, THE BLENDERS
& CELLO TRIO

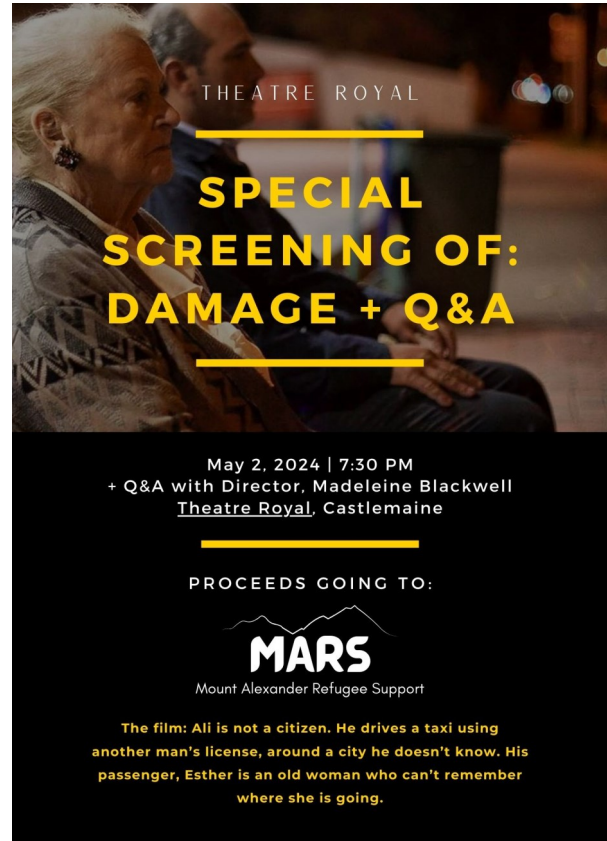
27 APRIL
CASTLEMAINE UNITING CHURCH,
24 LITTLETON ST.

2:30PM
FOLLOWED BY TEA & COFFEE

\$20 / \$15
TO BUY TICKETS GO TO:
BAROQUIALEVENTBRITE.COM.AU
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITING CHURCH,
THIS EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER FOR:

MARS
Mount Alexander Refugee Support



THEATRE ROYAL

**SPECIAL
SCREENING OF:
DAMAGE + Q&A**

May 2, 2024 | 7:30 PM
+ Q&A with Director, Madeleine Blackwell
Theatre Royal, Castlemaine

PROCEEDS GOING TO:

MARS
Mount Alexander Refugee Support

The film: *Ali is not a citizen. He drives a taxi using another man's license, around a city he doesn't know. His passenger, Esther is an old woman who can't remember where she is going.*



TRAILHEAD
COACHING

**Kid's / Youth
Autumn
2024**

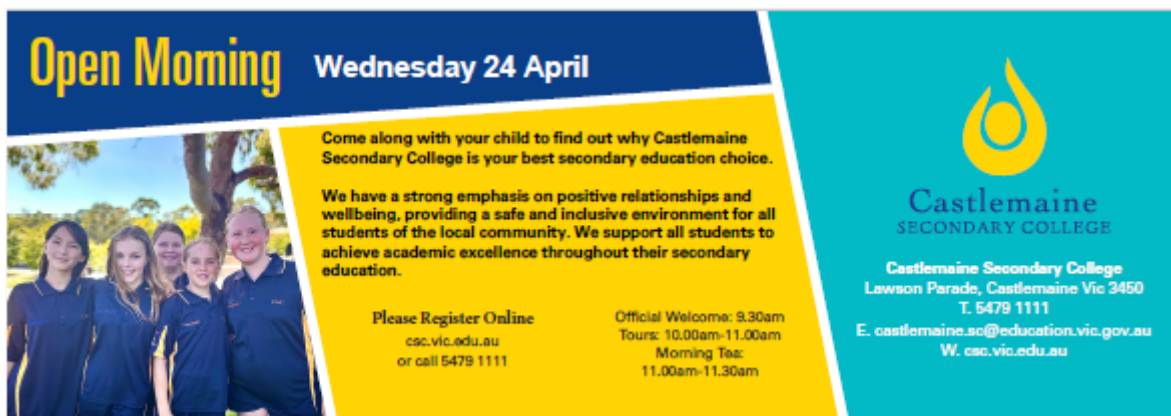
Term 2 Program
15th April to 20th May Bendigo
29th April to 3rd June Castlemaine

Winter School Holiday Program
Bendigo, Castlemaine & Harcourt

Taking bookings
in Castlemaine, Bendigo & Harcourt for:
Homeschool Program
Private sessions - 1:1, pairs, groups
Trail Parties

**Mountain bike
skills sessions**

Fundamental skills for lifelong riding
Internationally certified coaches
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Open Morning Wednesday 24 April

Come along with your child to find out why Castlemaine Secondary College is your best secondary education choice.

We have a strong emphasis on positive relationships and wellbeing, providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students of the local community. We support all students to achieve academic excellence throughout their secondary education.

Please Register Online
csc.vic.edu.au
or call 5479 1111

Official Welcome: 9.30am
Tours: 10.00am-11.00am
Morning Tea:
11.00am-11.30am

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