

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Comedy festivals have such a vibrant energy, and our comedy night on Saturday was no exception! It's always great to see a community come together for a good cause and have a lot of fun in the process. Laughter truly is a universal language that brings people together. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the night. **A big thank you to Debra for her coordination efforts and to all the parent helpers who pitched in to make the event a hit! The night raised approximately \$3,000 for our school so it was well worth the effort.**

Last Thursday I was very proud of the student's exemplary behaviour and active participation in the Anzac Day commemorative march and service. Our students not only represented our school with dignity and respect but some also showcased their talents as members of the Maldon Brass Band. Thank you to Elsa and Dean, our school captains, for laying a wreath on the cenotaph on behalf of the school. **After the event, I received some positive feedback from a member of the community about the children's fantastic behaviour on the day, which shows the impact our students have beyond the school gates.** Thank you to the staff, students and families who came along and represented our school.



THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Friday 3rd May

- Friday fundraiser (Grades Prep-2 only)
- NO Assembly
- Cross Country excursion, Grades 3-6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 12th May

Maldon Market fundraiser

HELP NEEDED

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

Monday 11th June

Quantum Excursion, Grades 3-6

Tuesday 12th June

Quantum Excursion, Grades Prep-2

Thursday 27th June

Class Expos, 9am-9.45am

SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday 10th September
Special Person's Day**



Classroom Values awards, Art and Performing Arts award

L to R: Gabe, Rosie, Marcel, Beau and Lelu



Birthdays

Back row L to R: Karen and Lelu

Front row L to R: William, Oliver, Bjorn, Clementine and Wyn



Principal Awards

L to R: Nate, Quinn, Hannah and James



This week's whole school values/behaviour focus is: I take risks with my learning (Be your best).

Some of the 'I can' statements the students will be working towards are-

- I have a go even if my idea is different to other people in my class
- I am prepared to make mistakes
- I try different ideas
- I try using a different strategy
- I work with different learning partners
- I push myself to try more challenging tasks

Today I have included an article that gives parents/carers ideas on how to talk to their children about how they are going at school (primary and secondary). I hope you find the tips and strategies useful. [Talking about school with kids and teens | Raising Children Network](#)

During May/June, the students in grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to complete the Attitudes to School Survey online. This survey gathers feedback from students to understand their perspectives on school experiences and provides the school with valuable insights to enhance our learning environment and address

any areas of concern. Parents/carers of grade 4-6 students will receive an announcement on uEducateUs with further information.

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 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**
- **Grade 6 Application for Year 7 placement form 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: On Saturday night a crowd of 100 came, laughed, purchased raffle tickets and enjoyed a show with the same professionalism and entertainment value that you would see at an event at the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Thank you to the families who purchased a ticket and supported our school. Thank you to the many local businesses who donated fabulous raffle and silent auction prizes. Thank you to the Tarrengower Times, Maldon Inc. and Nicki from the Community Bank who helped with the advertising. Thank you to Coby Cox for splitting wood for the silent

auction and Blasi Mulholland for organising and collecting the raffle prizes. Thank you to the parents who assisted on the night: Zoe Aldridge, Anna Robertson, Daniel Clarke, Glen Ballinger and Louise Clarke.

How lucky are we to live in such a supportive community! Who would choose to live anywhere else?

Maldon Market fundraiser, Sunday May 12th 2024: And we are asking for help again! May is a busy month... Maldon Primary School has been allocated the May Maldon Market to raise funds for the school. Whilst we have filled the entrance collection positions we still require volunteers to assist with the BBQ. We acknowledge that the market is on Mother's Day but are only asking for an hour and a half of your time. It should be a busy market given that it is Mother's Day so please give generously of your time. Please complete the form sent home last week and return to the office or call/message Debra to volunteer your time. Remember we are doing this for your children!

We are also running a grocery hamper raffle at the Market and ask families, if they are able, to donate an item to go into the hamper. Any type of grocery item from pasta to treats to canned goods to coffee is welcome! Please leave any donations at the office by Friday 3rd May.

What's happening in the classroom?

Weekly awards: The following students will be receiving awards at assembly NEXT WEEK:

P/1: Mara for always being honest and upholding school values (be brave)

1/2: Dakotah for speaking up and making sure her peers are being their best (be brave)

3/4: Luke for owning up to his mistakes and telling the truth even when it is hard (be brave)

5/6: Karen for always being an upstander and doing the right thing (be brave)

Performing Arts: Quinn for always showing persistence and kindness to herself during music and dance lessons

Art: Elsa for the impressive leadership she showed in supporting her buddy during the Art Gallery excursion



MALDON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

HOSPITAL VISIT

CREATING NAMETAGS

During the first week of term grade 3/4 students went to the hospital to visit the residents. While we were there students created name tags for the residents. During the creation of these name tags students engaged in great conversation with the residents and shared stories based on common interests. It was a great afternoon to be a part of and heartwarming to see big smiles on the resident's faces. Students will be going to the hospital on the first Wednesday of every month for the rest of the year.



STUDENT COMMENTS

Nate- I liked how we got to ask them questions and how we made them happy.

Alex- I enjoyed making the residents happy by making them their tags.

Ollie - I enjoyed making name tags for them and asking them questions about their life.

Lillie - A great moment was when me and Isobelle made a tag for them.



Community Connections

Cascade Gallery excursion:

Cascade Gallery Visit: Imagination Exhibition

LAST FRIDAY ALL CLASSES VISITED MALDON'S CASCADE GALLERY. WE LOOKED AT BEAUTIFUL ART WORKS BY JEFF GARDNER, DEAN BOWEN, JAN PALETHORPE AND SAM VARIAN.

WE WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HEAR JEFF GARDNER TALK ABOUT HIS WORK, DISCUSS WHAT INSPIRES HIM AND GOT TO DO A COLLABORATIVE ART PIECE. KAREEN WAS A FABULOUS HOST AND GAVE US A LOT TO THINK ABOUT WHEN WE CREATE OUR OWN ART WORKS.



Extra curricular catch up

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What's happening in the community?

Maldon Preschool OPEN DAY

Tuesday May 14, 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Cnr Camp St and Templeton St, Maldon

- Visit us where we learn, grow and play
- Meet our friendly teachers
- Experience our indoor and outdoor spaces

Enrolments are now open!

Enrol online at ykinders.org.au Enquiries: Please contact 4311 1500 or earlyyears@ykinders.org.au.

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the Y Kinders

Parenting in the modern world

A beginner's guide to LGBTQIA+ & gender diversity for families

PRESENTED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE BRON GRIEVE

Thursday 16 May 2024
5.15 pm – 7.00 pm

FREE Event at Castlemaine Library

Why are pronouns a big deal?
What does LGBTQIA+ stand for?
These and other questions answered, or bring your own non-political questions about supporting LGBTQIA+ young people.

Suitable for parents, carers & family members.

Presented by community health nurse Bron Grieve in partnership with Mount Alexander Shire & Dhelkaya Health.

Q&A & refreshment break included. Bookings required.



Bookings at goldfieldslibraries.com

For more information contact Bron on 0439 187 051 or email bgrieve@castlemainehealth.org.au

