

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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May 14th, 2024

## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

**We trust that everyone had a wonderful time celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday.** To all those who received the heartfelt handmade gifts from school, we hope they brought joy and warmth to your day. Thanks to Kirby and Danica for the combined effort to enable the children to make these. **We couldn't have asked for a better day for our school to be scheduled on for the Maldon Market BBQ and raffle stall.** The sun was shining, the town was busy and lots of people were around. Thank you to the following people for volunteering their time on the day: Kate Mahony, Julia Leonard, Kate Salvatore, Linda Wilson, Luke Kneebone, Kirby Kneebone, Ray Stevenson, Emma Karst, Chelsea Ford, Helen Curran, Jacqui Jennings, Scott Bishop, Allan Poustie, Coby Cox and James Robertson. Also a big thank you to Debra for the pre-event organisation, as fundraisers take a lot of time and effort to ensure they run smoothly. **The success of the event relied heavily on the assistance provided. Without your help, it would not have been possible to raise the \$1,817.31 that we did.** Thank you also to some of our past and current students who volunteered to help out on the day as well!

**This Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May is Education Support Staff day and we are celebrating the great support staff we have in our school.** As the initial point of contact for parents and visitors, Debra's warm greetings set the tone for their experience at our school. Beyond her role at the front desk, Debra goes above and beyond to support students, staff and the broader school community with unwavering dedication. Thanks to Debbie, Zoe, Lauren and Anna for their passion and enthusiasm in supporting both staff and students. Our Education Support Staff play a crucial role in classrooms, striving to improve the learning experience for all students and providing assistance with social skills development in the playground. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated individuals as part of our team, and I encourage everyone to express gratitude for their efforts.

**Tomorrow we have our Open Day where prospective families can visit our school and participate in a school tour led by student leaders in the grade 5/6 classroom.** Afterwards we will have morning tea in the library where our visitors can ask staff and current parents any questions they have. **It would be great to have a couple of parents at the morning tea from 10am onwards. If there are any parents willing to volunteer we would love to see you in the library!** The student leaders attended a pre tour meeting today and are very eager and confident to talk to visitors about the great things happening in our school.

**This week our whole school values/behaviour focus is: I am a confident speaker (Be brave).**

In class, students will have many opportunities to work on this skill in both formal and informal situations. The students will be working towards these 'I can' statements -



## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Wednesday 15th May

- Open morning, 9.30-11am
- Hospital visit, Grade 3/4
- School Council, 6.30pm

### Friday 17th May

- Division Cross Country, selected students
- Friday fundraiser
- Assembly, 3.00pm. Prep/1 class presenting

### Sunday 19th May

- Working Bee, 9am-12pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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

### Tuesday 11th June

Quantum Excursion, Grades 3-6

### Wednesday 12th June

Quantum Excursion, Grades Prep-2

### Thursday 27th June

Class Expos, 9am-9.45am

### Friday 28th June

Last day term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday 10th September**

**Special Person's Day**

I use a confident voice  
I share my ideas  
I can speak to a group of people (e.g. assembly)  
I stand up for myself and my needs  
I let other people speak for themselves  
I use kind words

I have included an article which gives parents/carers information on why confidence in pre-teens and teens is important and how to build this confidence. Click the link to access the article [How to build confidence in teenagers | Raising Children Network](#)

**Maldon Primary School is required to regularly and systematically review and update a variety of policies. We are currently in the process of reviewing our Child Safety Code of Conduct and our Child Safety Policy. These are available to view on our school website <https://maldonps.vic.edu.au/policies> or hard copies can be obtained from the office.**

**As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at Maldon Primary School we encourage and welcome your feedback on these policies. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions please contact the school by email [maldon.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:maldon.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or phone 5475 1484.**

**Don't forget this Sunday is our Working Bee from 9am to 12pm.** Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and brooms. We will be working on spreading mulch, cleaning up leaves and generally tidying the grounds.

Thanks

Alisa

## Reminders



*Maldon Primary School*



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**PHOTO DAY: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

## HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

### Step 1

Click on the link below to access your ordering portal.

<https://maldonps-vic.msp.photos>

### Step 2

Click 'Sign in with Student Details'



Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. If you have an existing account, please use those login details. Once logged in, you will be able to add additional children and place sibling photo orders.

Please note that sibling photo orders must be placed by **Midnight on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**.

The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however once the job has gone to the lab for printing, any late orders will incur a later order charge.



## **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

### Permission/payments required:

- The final instalment of \$125 for the Grade 5 and 6 Urban camp is now overdue. Please finalise immediately.
- Grade 6 Application for Year 7 placement form is now overdue. Please return completed form immediately.
- Zoo excursion permission (on uEducateUs) and payment is due by Monday 20th May

## What's happening in the classroom?

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

**P/1:** Mia for always being organised and ready to learn (be your best)

**1/2:** Evie for making the most of writing time and creating a fantastic information piece (be your best)

**3/4:** Layla for always using her learning time well (be your best)

**5/6:** Rilen for always using learning time well, staying focused and giving 100% (be your best)

**Performing Arts:** Hayden for the persistence he shows whilst learning ukulele

**Art:** Jack for the beautiful, gentle way he made his autumnal pictures



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**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



# PLANTS



# 1/2 CHANGE!

Grade 1/2 students have been very busy looking at change in the environment around them.

After watching an information video about what plants need to grow, students have planted their own plants and have used their knowledge to grow and care for them. During this time, students have been monitoring the growth and explaining how their plant is changing.

# WEATHER

We have been mapping the weather 3 times a day. Hopefully, we will begin to see patterns as the seasons change throughout this term. This will spark interest in exploring why and how seasons change as well as exploring indigenous seasons.

Week 4					
Time of day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Sunny	Cloudy	Sunny	Overcast	Overcast
Mid-day	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Rain	Overcast
Afternoon	Sunny	Sunny	Cloudy	Rain	Overcast

Time of day	Monday
Morning	Cloudy
Mid-day	Sunny
Afternoon	Sunny

# AUTUMN LEAVES



After exploring changes in plants and trees, students have collected Autumn leaves to create animals! Students loved getting outside, looking at how the trees and leaves have changed. They also loved using these leaves to get creative!



## Extra curricular catch up



Enroll Now!

# MUSIC

## LESSONS

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Guitar Piano Violin Vocals Drums  
BASS | UKELELE | WOODWIND | BRASS | STRINGS | BANJO | HARMONICA | MARIMBA

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## 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.

## What's happening in the community?



AFL PLAY

bring a friend

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play.afl/auskick

### 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](http://goldfieldslibraries.com)

For more information contact Bron on 0439 167 051 or email [brgrieve@castlemainehealth.org.au](mailto:brgrieve@castlemainehealth.org.au)

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