

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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June 25th, 2024



Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

We are in the last week of what has been a busy term! **Over the term, the children have been exposed to a variety of experiences aimed at building community connections and broadening student knowledge.**

These experiences include:

- Prep-Grade 2 Tabloid Sports
- Cascade Art Gallery excursion
- ANZAC Day march and service
- Grade 3-6 Interschool Cross Country
- Science incursions
- Student leadership roles
- Tutoring for selected students
- Melbourne Zoo excursion
- Reconciliation Week activities and walk
- Castlemaine Secondary College experience session
- Hospital visits for grade 3/4 class
- Grade 4-6 Student Attitudes to School survey
- Quantum excursion

Don't forget this Thursday is our termly expo. The students have been working hard on writing poetry this term and will be presenting their work to parents/carers and family members.

Yesterday we sent home your child's term progress report and their semester report. If you have any feedback on ways we can improve these reports, please fill out the feedback form provided or send a conversation on uEducateUs. Our goal is to ensure these reports are clear and valuable for parents/carers.

On Wednesday of last week, our School Council discussed the 11 Child Safe Standards, outlining the responsibilities of staff, volunteers and School Council members in ensuring the safety of all children. During the meeting, we also reviewed and approved relevant policies and plans that align with these standards. If you would like to view these documents, you can access them on the school website.

This week's whole school values/behaviour focus is: I am respectful (Be kind). Students will be working towards these 'I can' statements throughout the week:

I am polite and use manners

I respect personal space

I allow others to focus on their learning

I speak with kind words and good purpose

I respect equipment

THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 27th June

- Class Expos
Prep/1/2: 9 - 9.25am
5/6: 9.25 - 9.50am
3/4: 9.50 - 10.15am

Friday 28th June

- Friday Fundraiser
- Casual clothes day – gold coin donation please
- Last day term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

Monday 15th July

- First day term 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 19th July
Curriculum Day

Friday 26th July
Prep enrolments for 2025 due

Tuesday 30th July
Parent teacher interviews
1.30pm to 5.30pm

Wednesday 31st July
Parent teacher interviews
3.15pm to 4.30pm

11th-13th September
Grade 3/4 camp

10th-11th October
Grade 1 and 2 camp

I accept people for who they are

I have included two articles today giving parents/carers tips and strategies on building respectful relationships.

[Children bullying others: what to do | Raising Children Network](#)

[Positive relationships: parents & children | Raising Children Network](#)

Next term Rainer Canobie will be taking Long Service Leave for the first two weeks. The prep/1 class will have Carmen Bunting as their teacher during this time. Sharyn Morrice, our Japanese teacher, will also be taking leave for all of Term 3 and Carmen will also be replacing her and teaching Physical Education sessions, instead of Japanese for the term. Carmen is one of our regular casual relief teachers and is well known to all the students. I hope both Rainer and Sharyn enjoy their time with family.

Don't forget the first Friday of next term is a Curriculum Day. Teachers will be working with Shaz Bailey on Inquiry Teaching.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Take care,

Alisa

Reminders

- **Students are able to wear casual clothes on Friday and are asked to bring a gold coin donation to raise money for Mount Alexander Animal Welfare (MAAW)**

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

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.

Classroom Values awards and Art award

Back row: Mabel

Front row L to R: Owen, Athena and Mari

Absent: Elsa



Birthdays

Back row: Alex

Front row L to R: Ava, Bill and Nash



What's happening in the classroom?

Grade 3/4 hospital visit: Last Wednesday students in Gr 3/4 visited the aged care residents at the Maldon Hospital. Students had been busy working on cards which they shared with the residents. The cards contained a drawing of the resident together with a QR code to animate the drawing. Students and the residents both love these monthly visits! At assembly on Friday the 3/4 class shared their hospital visit with other classes and the parents in attendance.



Grade 5/6 Celebrate NAIDOC Week 2024

Grade 5/6 students have been busy writing poetry to celebrate NAIDOC week. This year the theme is—'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak Loud and Proud'

The students not only wrote the poems in honour of NAIDOC week but also to enter into a national competition. Their entries have now been sent to Sydney, so good luck grade 5 and 6 students.

Here are some of the amazing pieces created by the students this week...

My Voice - My Culture

By Oliver M

The fire is burning
Let's keep it that way,
Dot art covers canvases
And clothes in all different ways,
The didgeridoo hums in the wind,
The clapsticks join in and
Everyone sings,
The smoke flutters up above the trees
Well, the performers dance
Up a ceremonial treat,
People think the first nations peoples are different
But we're all the same,
WE ARE AUSTRALIANS!

My voice my culture

Red, yellow, and black, gives us hope.
We connect with the land and the new people that come with it.
We create bonds that can't be broken.
Fire as high as the sky brings us together.
Dot paintings and music make us who we are.
We are one soul, always and forever.



My Voice My Culture

By Will

Let's keep the fire burning,
For the
Black,
Yellow,
Red.
Let's keep the fire burning,
For the
Stolen generation.
Let's keep the fire burning,
For the
Big red rocks.
Let's keep the fire burning,
For the
Owners of our land.
The fire is burning,
As it always will,
Let's keep our fire burning,
All night long,
All life long,
Keep our fire
BURNING.
For the history
Of Australia.

My Voice - My Culture

By Harriet

Keep the fire burning,
As we dance round the bonfire.
Red sand, black sky, and the big yellow sun.
Dot paintings fill up the country.
Blak, loud and proud!
It's the way it should stay,
Always.
Always was, always will be.
Always will be heard,
Always will be respected,
Always will be loved,
Always will be Australian.



**KEEP THE FIRE
BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD
AND PROUD**

7-14 JULY 2024

MY VOICE - MY CULTURE

By Liam

The fire started
Keep it burning
Its loud and proud
Black smoke fills the air
Carvings in the trees tell stories over decades old
Kids laughing
Bunjil flies over
The fathers go hunting
The ritual starts
The feast begins
The dancing ends
The sun comes up
Burning the red plains
The kids go home
To their mum and dad
Looking out at the dry, burnt country.

My Voice, My Culture

By Karen

Happy, free, their culture strives
Red dirt covers the floor
The black night fills the sky
A yellow sun shining bright
Hitting our heads with happiness

The fire crackles, burning wildly
Their friendship, their culture, their hearts
Bring us together
Their country
Their land
They're them

Colours fill canvases
Dots and lines
Kangaroos bounce page to page
Filling our minds with inspiration
Telling a story

Their culture
Their history
Their flag...

My Voice, My Culture

By Abbey

Keep the fire burning
As they dance around being who they are
Colours of red sand, black sky and the bright sun makes the flag
Wearing red and white face paint stands out
Being loud and proud
It should always stay like that
Their art fills my mind.

Community Connections

Mount Alexander Kids MAK Radio

A local radio show with 3-8 year old children

Listen to episodes here:

Busy Bees Childcare
Campbells Creek Primary School
Carinya Castlemaine
Castlemaine Kindergarten
Castlemaine North Primary School
Castlemaine Primary School
Chewton Primary School
Elphinstone Primary School
Guildford Campus
Harcourt Preschool
Harcourt Valley Primary School
Maldon Preschool
Maldon Primary School
Newstead Preschool
Newstead Primary School
Nurture One Ray Street Childcare
South Castlemaine Kindergarten
St. Mary's Primary School
Taradale Primary School
Winter's Flat Primary School
PLUS
Summer Series #1
Summer Series #2
Sustainability Month show



www.mixcloud.com/MainFm/playlists/mak-radio/



Extra curricular catch up



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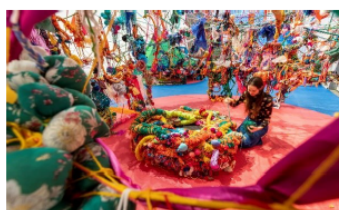
What's happening in the community?

FLIP FESTIVAL



27 June - 4 August

Council has collaborated with local venues, projects and artists this winter to offer opportunities for children and families to connect, reflect and recharge. This five-week program is for you to come as you are and enjoy.



Children's Sensorium - exhibition

Thurs 27 June – Sun 4 Aug
Castlemaine Art Museum

Designed for children. Installations inspired by touch, sound, vision, smell and taste create a fun, engaging environment that activates children's curiosity, while connecting them to strategies and techniques that support resilience and wellbeing.

A variety of materials for play and a space that children can spend time to explore their senses, feelings, thoughts, worries and hopes.

Proudly supported by RMIT, VicHealth and Mount Alexander Shire Council.

Thurs – Sat 11.00-4.00pm,
Sun 12.00-4.00pm Free entry

Children's Sensorium free public program

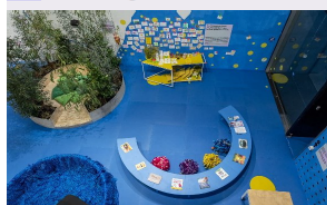
Thurs 27 June, 2.00-3.00pm
Tour for educators by curator, Grace McQuilton, and artist, Larissa Hjorth

Sat 6 July, 2.00-3.00pm
Exploring Scent - Anna Schwann

Fri 12 July, 2 sessions
11.30-12.30pm and 2.00-3.00pm
The Future of Play - Larissa Hjorth

Sat 20 July, 1.00-2.00pm
What is Sound? - Phil Samartzis

Sun 21 July, 12.30-2.00pm
Move Sound Touch Play - Live Particle
<https://castlemaineartmuseum.org.au/news> for bookings.



Play

Fun and Games,
Tues 2 July, 1.00-3.00pm
Buda Historic Home and Garden
Explore the games of your great grandparents' childhood. From coconut shy and spinning tops to nature journaling. Afternoon tea provided. Ages 5-8. Free
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fun-and-games-at-buda-tickets-931969264157>

Toddler Pop in Play Space (PIPS),
Wed 3 and Wed 10 July, 10.30-12.00pm,
Phee Broadway Theatre
Soft play sessions return to 'The Phee' Ages 1-2. Free

Family Games in the Maine,
Sun 7 July and Sun 4 Aug
11.30-5.30pm
West End Hall, Castlemaine
Justin Hallam brings this wonderful event to Castlemaine monthly and is adding a Maldon in Winter too. The games library caters to many tastes and primary aged kids to adults. Play with others and learn new moves.
All ages. \$5 u13, \$10 adult, \$15 fam
AND Sat 13 July, 11.30-4.30pm
Maldon Neighbourhood Centre
All ages. \$5 u13, \$10 adult, \$15 fam

Kids' Space at Community Lunch,
Castlemaine Town Hall,
Tues 16, 23, 30 July
A delicious 2 course vegetarian lunch with a side of play. Sit at the back tables to be near the pop-up play space. Kids eat free. Adults suggested donation \$7.
Ages 0-5.

Nature

Nature crowns and wreaths
Fri 19 July, 10.30-12.00pm
Buda Historic Home and Garden
Ages 3-5. Free.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-with-nature-winter-crowns-and-creatures-tickets-931966024467>

Seed Library Swap - Make a Seed Ball,
Thurs 4 July, 11.00-12.00pm,
foyer, Phee Broadway Theatre
Castlemaine Seed Library are hosting a seed swap. Children welcome to make seed balls for pollinators while parents browse. Take home seeds for spring or summer crops at home. Ages 3-8.

Do we want a Castlemaine Family Nature Club?
Sunday 14 July, 10.00-11.30am
Kalimna Park
Come for a discussion about family nature clubs and whether we'd like one here. Facilitator, Jess Brown is a local nature educator who specialises in delivering children's programs. Families with kids aged 0-12. Free

National Tree Day – Let's Plant!
Sun 28 July, 10.00-12.00pm
Monaghan Street, McKenzie Hill
Connecting Country and McKenzie Hill Landcare are hosting a family planting day at the old school site. Get involved in the planting and kids activities with delicious free lunch. Ages 0-12. Free