

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

This week we are putting a spotlight on bullying. 'Bullying, No Way' Week, held between the 12th and 16th August, is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative and connects schools and communities to find workable solutions to prevent bullying. **The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'.** **When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place.** It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness. Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected and our voices are heard and valued.

Schools can be much more effective in dealing with the issue when parents report bullying. If your child reports that bullying is occurring at school, or the bullying occurs outside of school but involves students from the school, you should let the school know the situation. **Working together with us is the best way to help your child resolve bullying issues.** We will work with you to resolve the situation and will also work with the other student's parents. Due to privacy laws, we will not be able to share information about any other students involved.

We are aware of the potential harmful effects of bullying, including online bullying (cyberbullying) on young people, and take reports of bullying seriously. The primary aim of the school's response is to restore a positive learning environment for all students. Positive responses are based on the understanding that children and young people are in the process of learning how to be a member of the school and wider community. Every class has participated in 'Bullying, No Way' Week, so please speak with your child about bullying and what they have discussed/learnt in the classroom this week.

Last week I sent out an announcement on uEducateUs about our Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement. The announcement contained the website link and school pin for parents/carers to access the survey. Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, helping to inform school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students. **The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will remain open online until Friday 30 August 2024.**

This week's whole school values focus is – I have a "Have a Go" attitude and show good sportsmanship (Be brave).

Students will be working towards these statements:
I am a leader

THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 15th August

- Preparation for Puberty, Gr 5/6

Friday 16th August

- Athletics Carnival, 9am-1.15pm
- NO Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 2.45pm - Athletics awards



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 21st August
School Council

Friday 23rd August
Book Week dress up day

Tuesday 10th September
Special Persons afternoon

11th-13th September
Grade 3/4 camp

Thursday 19th September
Maths Expos, 9am-10.50am

Friday 20th September
Last day term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

10th-11th October
Grade 1 and 2 camp

I try challenging things
I try again
I have fun and I know that winning isn't everything
I cheer for others
I give my best try and I keep trying
I congratulate others and encourage them to keep trying

Today's article has some great tips for parents/carers on fair play and competition, as well as how to promote good sportsmanship. You can access the article here [Fair play for children | Raising Children Network](#)

This focus is ideal for our upcoming Athletics Carnival on Friday. The event will provide numerous opportunities for the students to put these ideas into practice. Students are encouraged to wear their house colour on Friday. If your child is not sure which house they are in please contact their classroom teacher or the office. **We still need additional helpers for our carnival to go ahead on Friday.** If you can assist on the day as a parent helper (8:45am-1:15pm), please contact the office or send a uEducateUs conversation.

Don't forget that Friday 23rd August is our Book Week Dress Up Day. Students are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book or film. We will hold our Book Week parade at 9:30am and have invited the Maldon Kindergarten to join us. Students will then participate in Book Week rotations across the school. This is always a day full of excitement!

Take care,
Alisa

Reminders

- **Permission (on uEducateUs) and payment for the Prep to 2 "I wish" excursion is due by Monday 2nd September**
- **Permission (on uEducateUs) for the 3-6 Cricket/Tennis day is due by Monday 2nd September**

What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Ned for always being polite to those around him (be kind)

1/2: Archie for always using his manners and kind words (be kind)

3/4: Isobelle for always being a polite, respectful and considerate classmate (be kind)

5/6: Martha for always showing respect to her peers during group discussions and tasks (be kind)

Art: Cohen for the skill he showed when drawing his self-portrait

Performing Arts: Lillie for the inclusive way she shares ideas and listens to others

Classroom Values awards, Art and Performing Art awards

Back row L to R: Henry and Myra
Front row L to R: Jaydah, Jack and Mari
Absent: Alfie



Birthdays

Harriet



Gotcha awards

L to R: Darcy, Mara and Mia



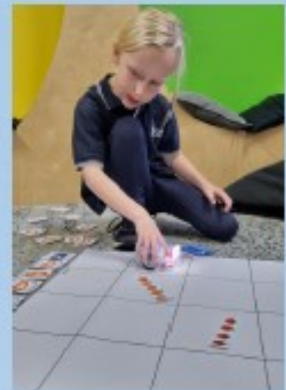
Digital Technology

Term 3 Visual Programming

This term in Digital Technology we have been focusing on visual programming. Visual programming is the automation of an algorithm by writing a program using software. This follows on from our work in Term 2 on algorithms.

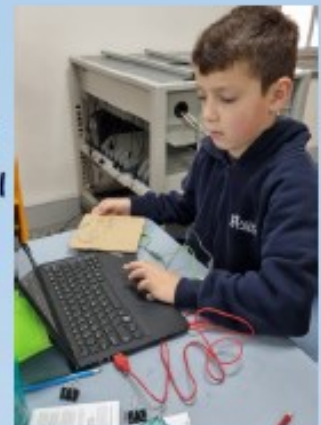
Prep - 2

The students in grades Prep—2 have been exploring coding concepts using the BlueBot Robots which are push button programmable floor robots. This enables students to use computational thinking and learn basic programming concepts to build a solid foundation for moving on to visual based coding software in Grades 3—6.



Grade 3-4

The Grade 3 & 4 students have been learning about switches and circuits which follows on from our Quantum excursion in term 2. We have been using the Makey Makey devices to create a variety of simple switches and the visual programming software, Scratch, to write simple programs to make the switches work.



Grade 5 - 6

This term we have been learning to write visual programs for the Micro:bit devices. These devices allow students to make digital solutions to everyday problems such as measuring soil moisture, testing batteries, and creating basic skill tester games.



Fundraising news

Tea towel and Tote bag fundraiser:

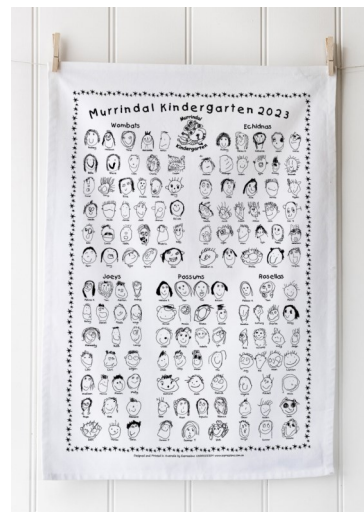


Fundraising and creating lasting memories for Maldon Primary School Families at the same time. What's not to like?

A reminder that we're running a fundraiser to raise money for more library books for the school. **Our limited-edition tea towels and bags will showcase self-portraits drawn by our children and staff. Just like a yearbook – but useful!**

Each product ordered will raise around \$5 for the library - so don't be shy - the more you buy the more your kids will be inspired to read! **If we buy 3 products per child we could raise over \$1,000! So far we've had a few orders which equate to a profit to date of around \$130 - so don't delay – get YOUR order in today!**

Final Orders are due Friday August 30th so that the products will be handed out well in time for Christmas post cut-off dates. Contact Elsa (grade 6) or her mum (Helen Curran on 0466 342 879) if you have any questions.



Shopping Spree fundraiser-coordinator(s) needed: For over 20 years we have been running our annual shopping spree fundraiser which serves the dual purpose of raising funds for the school and supporting the retailers of Maldon. The evening is always a lot of fun and last year we raised over \$4,000 for the school. The event is scheduled for Thursday 28th November and we are looking for one or two parents to coordinate this event (with lots of support from the office of course!). If you would like more information or are willing to volunteer to coordinate the event please see Debra in the office.

Container Deposit Scheme: 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. Since the start of the scheme we have received over \$200 in donations but there is the potential to earn much more! Spread the news to neighbours, family and friends!

Thank you

- To the Lagos family for donating some fantastic books for the library
- To the Bishop and Marley families for donating straw, manure and cardboard for use in the worm farm and garden

What's happening in the community?



Maldon Bowls Club
Free Coaching/use of equipment and Practice every Friday at 4pm. Bar opened for refreshment
Junior Development Program - every Friday from 4pm, parents welcome to join in.
Contact maldonbowls@outlook.com

YOU'RE INVITED!

AFL Victoria & AFL Central Victoria invites you to participate in Junior Footy Unders Program - Under's program!

FREE Program for kids turning 8,9,10 in 2025
Boys and Girls Welcome. Playing Mini Matches

**AFL Central Victoria Region
Bendigo & Castlemaine**

Epsom Huntly - Bendigo - Monday 19th August 4:00 - 5:30
Wesley Rec - Castlemaine - Sunday 25th August 9:30 - 11:00

Further Details contact maddy.pieper@afl.com.au



AFL PLAY



Starting Term 3

**NEW CLASS!
CONTEMPORARY GRADES 3-6**

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Thursdays
4 - 5pm

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17-23 August 2024



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