

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

We've experienced quite a variety of weather over the past week which, unfortunately, led to the postponement of our Athletics Carnival last Friday. We appreciate the support of the parent volunteers who had already signed up to help on the day. **If you are available to assist on our rescheduled date of Friday, August 30th please let us know. We still require at least six more parent helpers.**

Yesterday we conducted an onsite evacuation drill at the school. It was a highly successful practice with everyone assembled at the basketball court and the roll call completed within three minutes of the alarm sounding. The students handled the drill efficiently and the majority remained very calm. After each drill we review the process with both students and staff and have additional discussions with students who may find such drills unsettling.

This week's whole school behaviour focus is: I speak with kindness (be kind). This value follows on from last week's 'Say No to Bullying' Day.

Students have been working on showing the following statements:

I can use a pleasant/friendly tone even if I disagree

I am mindful of my body language

I think about my words and how they could make others feel

I use my voice to stand up for others

I am respectful and confident

I use positive self talk

I have included a link to an article on non-verbal communication which discusses how we communicate with our body language and tone of voice. [Nonverbal communication with children | Raising Children Network.](#)

It's that time of year to get those costumes ready for Book Week! Our Book Week parade will take place on the soccer field this Friday at 9:30am. Costumes may relate to a character from a book, comic or movie

THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Wednesday 21st August

- School Council, 6.30pm on Webex

Thursday 22nd August

- Preparation for Puberty, Gr 5/6

Friday 23rd August

- Book Week dress up parade, 9.30am
- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 3.00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 30th August

Athletics Carnival, 9am-1.15pm

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



or this year's theme 'Reading is Magic'. Parents/carers/family members are welcome to watch and enjoy the parade. During the day students will participate in rotation activities relating to books that have been nominated for the CBCA awards in 2024.



Just a reminder that our Parent Opinion Survey is open for feedback until Friday August 30, 2024. We encourage all parents and carers to participate to make sure we gather enough data to show trends. **So far, only 7 out of 56 families have completed the survey, and we would greatly appreciate more input.** Please see the uEducateUs announcement (8th August) for the web link and school pin to access the survey.

Take care,

Alisa

Reminders

- **Grade 3 and 4 Pioneer Settlement camp forms (Medical form and Parent consent form) are due back by Monday 26th August**
- **Grade 3 and 4 Pioneer Settlement camp final payment is due by Friday 30th August**
- **A non-refundable deposit of \$75 for the Grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp is due by Friday 30th August**
- **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: Logan for being a good sport and encouraging his team even when they didn't win (Be brave)

1/2: Archie for embracing, and persisting with, challenging tasks (Be brave)

3/4: Harry for displaying a great attitude when trialling different Maths strategies (Be brave)

5/6: Dean for his confident attitude towards challenging tasks (Be brave)

Classroom Values awards, Art and Performing Art awards

Back row L to R: Martha, Ned and Archie
Front row L to R: Lillie, Isobelle and Alfie



Gotcha awards

Back row L to R: Hayden, Myra and Will
Front row L to R: Ned, William and Owen



Art: Hattie for the skill, care and effort she put into drawing her self portrait

Performing Arts: Rosie for the leadership she shows and for always being so willing to help those around her

Fundraising news


Tea towel and Tote bag fundraiser: Final orders are due Friday August 30th so that the products can be handed out in time for Christmas post cut-off dates. Order forms are available from the office if you have misplaced yours.


Something which may interest our families...

We now have the state and national data from the 2024 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments. While our focus is mainly on the analysis of our own school's results, it is timely to share some key statewide outcomes. Overall, the 2024 Victorian results are again very pleasing, especially at the primary level.


Data snapshot

Victorian education outcomes - NAPLAN 2024







Victoria's NAPLAN participation rate this year was the highest it has been since the first year of testing in 2008.




Victorian Year 3 Students
Victorian Year 3 students continue to lead the nation in reading and numeracy – the third year in a row in which this has been achieved.




Reading Performance
Victorian students in Years 3, 7 and 9 improved on their 2023 reading results, reversing the national trend, which saw the average score for reading decline in Years 3, 5 and 7 and improve only at Year 9.
Victoria's reading performance improved overall in 2024, with 5,000 more students reaching the 'exceeding' proficiency level for reading across all year levels compared to 2023.



Victorian Primary School Students
Victorian primary school students continue to produce the best results in the country, ranking first or second in 8 out of 10 domains – more than any other state or territory.



Reading and Writing
Victoria achieved the first or second highest mean scores of all jurisdictions in 7 out of 8 measures in reading and writing and achieved the top results in the country for writing in Years 5, 7 and 9.



Areas for improvement
There is work to be done to improve outcomes for disadvantaged students, Aboriginal students, and students outside metropolitan areas. Victorian students in these cohorts achieved stronger learning outcomes than in other states and territories, but there are still significant gaps to close. We also need to lift outcomes for our secondary students.

Source: NAPLAN 2024

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

CASTLEMAINE SECONDARY
THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 7-9pm
FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 7-9pm
SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 12:30-3:30pm & 7:00 - 9:00pm
- PHEE BROADWAY THEATRE -
Buy tickets for \$25 at trybooking.com

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VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES

2024

Grab your mates and bike, and join in the fun of the Vic Mountain Bike Series.

With the choice of competing in either the Race or Novice category this event is suitable for all school aged children, whether an experienced racer, social rider, or beginner wanting to give racing a go for the first time

7th SEPT
Castlemaine
Secondary
College
\$30

Rego now open at

<https://entryboss.cc/races/21754>



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 meddy.pieper@afl.com.au

HAVE A BLAST!

OUTDOORS
NON-CONTACT
INCLUSIVE

Dive into the exciting world of cricket! It's a super fun, inclusive & energetic sport that's perfect for all kids, no matter if you're new to batting or already a backyard cricket champion. Join us at our clinic and let's have a blast together - parents, you're invited too!

MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friday October 18th, 2024
3:30PM - 4:30PM
COST: FREE
Contact: Brett Cole - +61 439 882 765