

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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August 28th, 2024



## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

**Hats are back**, which means nicer weather is on the way! **If your child has misplaced their hat and needs a new one, please see Debra in the office. We have hats in stock ready to go!**

Last week we held our School Council meeting for August. During the meeting I mentioned that Lauren Peeler has been visiting classrooms each week to collaborate with both teachers and students on math. We're excited to showcase some of the math class activities at our end-of-term expos on Thursday 19th September. I also shared that our predicted enrolment for 2025 is 90 students. If you know of any families in the area with primary school aged children, please suggest to them that they come and look at our great school. Knowing our enrolment numbers helps with planning our staffing and classes for 2025, so if your child will not be attending Maldon Primary School next year please advise us as soon as possible.

Last **Friday was our Book Week dress-up day**, and it was wonderful to see all the students embrace the costume spirit! Well done to the students who were awarded certificates for their great imagination and creativity with their costume. Thank you to the School Captains, Dean and Elsa, for organising and running the Book Week parade. A big thank you to the kindergarten staff and students for joining the parade and to all the family members who cheered as the classes showcased their costumes. **After the parade, each class took part in activities related to the Children's Book Awards.** Days like this encourage students to have conversations about books and characters, bringing great excitement to the classes during rotation activities.

**This week's whole school behaviour focus is: I am grateful for my learning opportunities (Be your best).**

Students have been working on showing the following statements:

I show gratitude towards others

I give new things a try and I am grateful for new opportunities

I notice the small things people do or contribute

I can give and receive compliments.

I have included an article about thinking positively and how this can improve our happiness and wellbeing. Click the link to read the article [Positive thinking: kids, teens & parents | Raising Children Network](#).

**Don't forget our Parent Opinion Survey is open for your feedback with the deadline being extended to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.** Currently only eight families have completed the survey. We would like as many parents/carers as possible to complete the survey to ensure the data is as informative as it can be. Please see the uEducateUs announcement for the

## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Thursday 29th August

- Science incursion, all grades

### Friday 30th August

- **Tea towel/tote bag fundraiser orders due**
- Athletics Carnival, 9.00am to 1.15pm
- NO Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly, 2.45pm

### Tuesday 3rd September

- Australia's Biggest Child Safety lesson, all classes



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

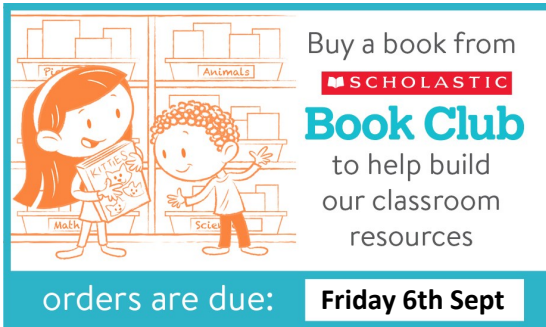
website and school pin to access the survey.

I wish all the Dads and significant 'father figures' in our students' lives a lovely day celebrating Father's Day on Sunday.

Take care,  
Alisa

## Reminders

- **Grade 3 and 4 Pioneer Settlement camp forms (Medical form and Parent consent form) were due back on Monday 26th August. Please return forms immediately.**
- **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**



Buy a book from  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
to help build  
our classroom  
resources

orders are due: **Friday 6th Sept**

The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of a girl and a boy in a library. The girl is holding a book, and the boy is pointing to a book on a shelf. The shelves are labeled with categories like 'Animals', 'Maths', and 'Sciences'. The Scholastic logo is prominently displayed in the center.

## What's happening in the classroom?

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

**P/1:** Iris for always sharing kind thoughts about her classmates (be kind)

**1/2:** Fletcher for always being respectful and using a friendly tone of voice (be kind)

**3/4:** Nash for always speaking to others in a positive and respectful manner (be kind)

**5/6:** Cohen for always showing kindness and care to others (be kind)

## Fundraising news

**Tea towel and Tote bag fundraiser: Final orders are due this Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>** 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.



## Classroom Values awards, Art and Performing Art awards

Back row L to R: Dean, Archie and Harry  
Front row L to R: Hattie, Rosie and Logan



## Gotcha awards

Back row L to R: Rosie and Jack  
Front row L to R: Ivy, Wyn and Layla



## Birthdays

L to R: Darcy and Jaydah







# Book Week 2024





## Something which may interest our families...

### Seeking expressions of interest for casual crossing supervisors

Do you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a crossing supervisor at some of our local school crossings?

The position requires a sensible and pragmatic approach to safety in relation to traffic, the use of Stop signs, and most importantly, the safe passage of children across some of our busy roads! It is a great opportunity to become a part of the local community as well as helping to keep our children safe.

Remuneration is based on an hourly rate, with an additional allowance for travel to and from which ever school crossing you are supervising. Training, equipment and uniform are provided.

The hours are approximately 40 minutes to an hour in the morning (depending on which school crossing you have been allocated) and roughly the same hours for the afternoon shift. Start times are from 8.10am to approximately 9.00am and the afternoon shift is 3.00pm to approximately 4.00pm.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please email:

[j.sheldon@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:j.sheldon@mountalexander.vic.gov.au) and I can answer any questions and explain the role in greater detail.

## 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](mailto:maldonbowls@outlook.com)

### VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2024

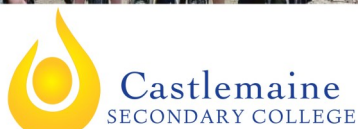
Grab your mates and bike, and join in the fun of the Vic Mountain Bike Series.

With the choice of competing in either the Race or Novice category this event is suitable for all school aged children, weather 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>



THE FESTIVAL IS COMING!



NEWSTEAD YOUNG WRITERS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 20th OCT 2024

Years 3 - 18

11- 4pm at the Arts Hub

JOHN MARSDEN . LORENA CARRINGTON .  
CHRIS KENNETT. BRIDGET FARMER .  
CARMEL BIRD . TRACE BALLA .  
PENNY TANGEY . LACHLAN WALTER .  
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