

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Over the past two days, we've had the pleasure of hosting **Bernard Mangakahia, an artist in residence, at our school**. Bernard has engaged the students with a variety of cultural dances, enriching their learning experience. **This afternoon, the students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents in a performance for their 'special people' for our Special Person's afternoon.** We look forward to seeing many parents, family members and friends join us for this celebration.

**This week our Grade 3/4 students are heading to Pioneer Settlement camp in Swan Hill.** A big thank you to teachers Jesse and Kirby and to parent helpers Caitlin and Scott. We hope they enjoy sunny weather and have a fantastic experience!

I was incredibly proud of all our students last Friday. The younger students, from Prep to Grade 2, attended a performance at the Capital Theatre in Bendigo and returned with exciting stories and a sense of wonder from the magical tricks they saw. Meanwhile, the older students, from Grades 3 to 6, participated in the District Cricket and Tennis day. They represented our school with distinction throughout the day. I was especially impressed to learn that the older students helped pack up the equipment at the end of the sports day. This demonstrates great teamwork, responsibility and school spirit, reflecting the positive values we strive to instil in our students. Thank you to our parent helpers for both excursions, Flower Ho, Rhiannon McAdie, Glen Ballinger and Peter Marley. Without parental/carer support these days cannot happen so thank you once again!

**This week's whole school behaviour/values focus is: I move safely around the school (Be your Best and Be Kind).**

We will putting an emphasis on the following areas:

- I walk inside
- I keep my hands and feet to myself
- I respect other people's space

This follows on from Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, where children learnt about respecting other people's space. I have included an article for parents/carers to discuss personal boundaries with your children. You can read the article here [Circle of friends and personal boundaries | Raising Children Network](#).

**Even though our weather is inconsistent at the moment, the days are set to warm up, increasing the risk of snakes! There are some things we can do to be safe around snakes. Please discuss these with your children.**



## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Wednesday 11th September

- Pioneer Settlement camp, Gr 3/4

### Thursday 12th September

- Pioneer Settlement camp, Gr 3/4

### Friday 13th September

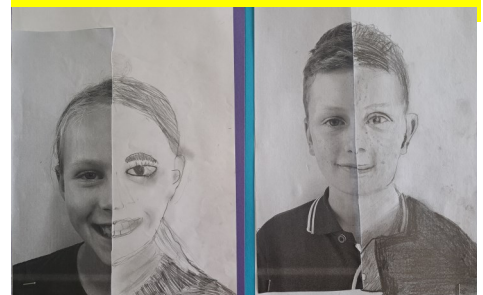
- Pioneer Settlement camp, Gr 3/4
- Friday Fundraiser
- NO Assembly

### Monday 16th September

- Division Athletics, Bendigo (selected students)

### Tuesday 17th September

- School Council, 6.30pm (via WEBEX)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thursday 19th September

Maths Expos  
9-9.40am, Gr 5/6  
9.40am-10.20am, Gr 3/4  
10.20-10.50am, Gr Prep/1/2 in the P/1 and Japanese rooms

### Friday 20th September

Last day term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

### Monday 7th October

First day term 4

### 10th-11th October

Grade 1 and 2 camp

- Wear closed-in shoes to protect your feet and ankles.
- Stomp your feet more vigorously when you walk. Snakes can pick up vibrations through the ground and are inclined to slither away from you if they can feel you coming.
- Keep an eye out for snakes. Remaining alert might mean that you see the snake before it sees you.
- Leave snakes alone.

People who get bitten by snakes are generally the ones doing the wrong thing. They may be trying to pick it up, throw stones at it or kill it. Snakes only bite if they feel threatened. If you leave them alone, you should have no problem at all.

We only have a little over a week left of the **Parent Opinion Survey!** We would like as many parents/carers to complete the survey as possible to ensure the data is as informative as it can be. 20 families have completed the survey so far and our goal is 40 families. **Please see the uEducateUs announcement (26th August) for the website and school pin. If you need assistance with getting into the survey, please come and see us in the office.**

We are almost at the end of term 3 and our 2025 prep enrolments are in, but we now need to know if there are any current students who won't be returning to Maldon Primary School in 2025. If this applies to your family, please let us know before Friday 20th September as enrolment numbers help us determine class structures and staffing for next year.

A final reminder that all students are expected to attend school every day that they are able. If you are keeping your child home for a reason other than illness i.e. family visiting, day out as a family etc. this needs to be entered in uEducateUs as **Parent Choice Unauthorised, not Family Holiday**. The code for Family Holiday should only be used if you have given the school prior notice of the holiday AND students have been provided with a learning plan for the duration of their absence.

Take care,  
Alisa

## School Savings Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus. The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

### Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email

### Classroom Values awards and Principal awards

Back row L to R: Layla, Clementine, Emily, Jasta and Nash  
Front row L to R: Pheebe, Mara, Sam and Alice



### Gotcha awards

Back row L to R: Elsa, Emily, Archie, Henry and Marcel  
Front row L to R: Mari, Violet and Hugh



address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus read the information sheet being sent home tonight or visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](https://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).

## Reminders

- **Grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp forms (Medical form and Parent consent form) are due back by Friday 13th September**
- **Grade 1 and 2 Boomerang Ranch camp final payment is due by Friday 13th September**

## Fundraising news



- The Mango fundraiser is back for 2024 with order forms coming home with students tonight. Please encourage family and friends to order up big and support our school!
- We need to get some Mango fundraiser posters up around the town before the holidays. If any families are able to assist with this please contact 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 \$250 in donations but there is the potential to earn much more! Spread the news to neighbours, family and friends!

## What's happening in the classroom?

**Weekly awards:** The following students will be receiving awards in the classroom this week:

**P/1:** Billie for always trying to repair relationships after a conflict (be brave)

**1/2:** Caleb for being an honest and trustworthy classmate (be brave)

**3/4:** Darcy for working through challenges to solve a problem (be brave)

**5/6:** Will for his willingness to listen to others and find common ground (be brave)

**Performing Arts award:** Oliver M for the constructive way he works in a small group during our script writing classes

**Art award:** Mabel for the leadership and focus she continually shows in the art room

**Principal awards:** All students in the grade 3/4 and 5/6 classes for taking responsibility and representing our school to a high standard at the District Cricket and Tennis Sports Day.



## 'I Wish' performance

Last Friday all Preps, Grade 1s and 2s went to the Capital Theatre in Bendigo to see 'I Wish'. The performance was produced by two South Australian theatre companies and the Gravity and Other Myths circus company. The students were mesmerised by the colour, tricks and creativity in the performance which was all based around emotions, imagination and the secret ingredients we all have inside of us. It was a wonderful morning spent in Bendigo experiencing a live performance!





## Grades 3 to 6 District Cricket and Tennis Day:



### **We are having a Footy Colours Day!**

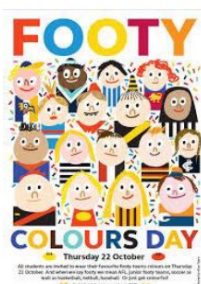
**When** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**What** – Wear your favourite footy team colours (if you don't follow football wear your favourite team colours or just your favourite colour)

**Why** – To raise money for kids' cancer!

– Bring a gold coin donation –

**WEAR YOUR  
FOOTY COLOURS FOR  
KIDS WITH CANCER.**





## What's happening in the community?

Muckleford Cricket Club

### 2024 - 2025 Season Launch Melbourne Renegades Clinic

**Start Date/Time: Sunday September 22nd @ 10 AM**  
**Location: Mapson & Timmins Oval**

**What's Happening:**

- **Renegades Clinic with coaching & games**
- **Classic Catches competition**
- **BBQ lunch**
- **Coffee Van to keep you energized ☕**
- **Renegades Van and their lively mascot!**
- **2024/25 Team Captain Announcements**
- **Practice Match Vs Sedgewick**

**Contact - Callan Hough +61 400 919 044**

<https://www.mucklefordcc.com.au>

### Maldon Bowls Club Community BBQ and Barefoot Bowls All welcome

**Friday 20th September - 5.30pm**

Come and join us for our first Community BBQ and Barefoot Bowling under lights for the new season

- ☆ Classic Rewind will be back with their great music, by popular demand
- ☆ \$5 entry includes bowling, use of equipment, raffle ticket.
  - ☆ Children under 12 Free
  - ☆ BBQ From 5.30pm
  - ☆ Well stocked bar
- ☆ Free Coaching/Practice and Junior Development from 4pm

PARENTING  
TALKS FOR  
2024  
IN THE MODERN WORLD

## Before the hormones hit the fan

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE COUNCIL AND CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY

**Thursday 12 Sept 2024 | 5.30 — 7.30 pm**  
(5.15 pm arrival for a 5.30 pm start)

FREE TALK HOSTED BY CASTLEMAINE LIBRARY  
PRESENTED BY BRON GRIEVE, COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE.

scan for more info

This session is directed at parents and carers of primary school-aged children. Bron will share the most up-to-date statistics and explain how talk about puberty, sex and the emotional journey. Bron will also cover how parents and carers can work with media and social media while supporting your young person through their friendships and relationships.

Bookings at [goldfieldslibraries.com](https://goldfieldslibraries.com)  
For more information contact Bron on 0439 187 061 or email [brongrieve@castlemainehealth.org.au](mailto:brongrieve@castlemainehealth.org.au)

## Come & Try Little Athletics!

**All Welcome!**  
New or returning athletes,  
5-16yrs wanting to give  
Little Athletics a try.

**Friday 13th September 2024**  
**From 4pm @ Jack Pascoe Oval**