

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to school for the last term of the year! I would like to welcome back Sharyn Morrice, our Japanese teacher. Sharyn has returned from Long Service Leave and will be back teaching Japanese to the students this Wednesday. Thank you to Carmen Bunting for filling in during Sharyn's absence. **This Thursday the grade 1 and 2 students head off to Boomerang Ranch in Daylesford for their overnight camp.** This camp is always a highlight for the students and they take away lots of precious memories, especially about the horses that they ride. We will share some photos with you next week.

Over the term break we undertook lots of work around the school to update the building. The hallway flooring was replaced, new air conditioning/heating units were installed in all rooms and a wall and door were constructed between the Grade 5/6 classroom and the teacher resource room.

This week's whole school value focus is: I am responsible (all school values). This focus is to help students get back into the routines of school. Some of the areas classes will focus on are:

Establishing class routines and responsibilities

I can set myself up for learning (book box, diaries, managing belongings etc)

I can stay focused

I am an active listener

I give my best effort

I try even when tasks are challenging

I speak kindly and respectfully to others

At school, all classrooms display a daily visual timetable for students to help prepare them for the day ahead. Change happens all the time and is unavoidable. Teachers prepare students as much as possible when routines change, such as telling students if they are going to be away or showing students new environments online before visiting them (ie. camp grounds) to build children's confidence in coping with change. **I have included some articles about establishing routines in the family and how to prepare children for change at home.**

[Daily routines for your family: a guide | Raising Children Network](#)

[Changing routines: autistic kids & teens | Raising Children Network](#)

[Bedtime routines: babies, children & teens | Raising Children Network](#)

Our annual Clubs program will commence next week and run for five weeks. The program is a chance for the school to build connections with local community groups and an opportunity for students to experience

THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 10th October

- Boomerang Ranch camp, grades 1 and 2

Friday 11th October

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- Friday Fundraiser
- NO Assembly

Monday 14th October

- Region Athletics, selected students

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 16th October
School Council, 6.30pm

Monday 21st October
Mango fundraiser orders due

Friday 25th October
World Teacher's Day

Monday 4th November
Curriculum Day

Tuesday 5th November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th November
Prep transition for 2025 starts

Thursday 28th November
Shopping Spree fundraiser

**Wednesday 4th December to
Tuesday 17th December**
Swimming program

Tuesday 10th December
Statewide transition day

Thursday 12th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 13th December
Swimming Carnival

**Monday 16th December to
Wednesday 18th December**
Urban camp, Grades 5 and 6

something different. Clubs will be held on Tuesdays and this week children will put in their preferences for which Club they prefer to participate in: Cooking, Woodwork, Croquet, Lawn Bowls or Art. Students in the cooking program will be staying at school whilst all other programs will be off site and students will walk to the Men's Shed, the Croquet Club, the Bowling Club and Cascade Art Gallery.

Finally, our Grade 4 to 6 Attitudes to School survey results are in and we are extremely proud of the results. Please see the "Something which may interest our families section" below for the results.

Take care,
Alisa

Reminders

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

Fundraising news



Mango orders are due back at the office on Monday 21st October. Please encourage family and friends to order up big and support our school! If you need another order form please contact the office.

Smile Squad is coming in term 4..

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school later in term 4. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Classroom Values awards

L to R: Ava, Quinn, Cohen and Beau



Gotcha awards

Back row L to R: Blake and Liam

Front row L to R: Owen, Luke, Isobelle and Edie



Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

Something which may interest our families...

Attitudes to School Survey 2024 – Grade 4-6 students

Factors	2024 Maldon P5	2024 Similar Schools	2024 Schools in our Network	2024 State Average
Effective teaching time	90	84	78	83
Differentiated learning challenge	92	85	80	85
Stimulated learning	92	77	71	77
Effective classroom behaviour	95	78	74	77
High expectations for success	98	93	89	93
Effort	91	76	71	78
Teacher concern	81	75	67	74
Sense of confidence	85	75	70	77
Perseverance	92	75	70	76
Motivation and interest	83	74	69	76
self-regulation and goal setting	93	82	76	83
Attitudes to attendance	93	82	81	85
School connectedness (sense of connectedness)	93	75	72	77
Student voice and agency	83	67	58	67
Sense of inclusion	93	88	84	88
Advocate at school	93	88	84	87
Respect for diversity	90	78	75	77
Not Experience of bullying	90	82	81	82
Managing bullying	88	76	73	76
Life satisfaction	80	75	70	75
Resilience (normal to high)	83	68	68	70
Emotional awareness and regulation	86	71	67	73
Community Connections (high)	69	71	69	74

30 students in grades 4-6 completed this survey earlier in the year. The results show that all but one of the factors were positively endorsed by students equal to or higher than similar schools, schools in our network and the State average. This survey represents a single data point collected on one day, helping us evaluate our school's progress. Even so, we are VERY proud of the results.

We rated lower than similar schools, schools in our network and the State average in only one factor, Community Connections. I have included below the questions students were given which related to this factor.

Community Connections (Response options were: *Not at all, one time, two times, three times, four times, five times or more*)

Thinking about how you spend your time after school and on the weekend, in the past 2 weeks did you:

- Participate in organised sports (such as football, hockey, netball, basketball, dancing)
- Participate in an interest group or hobby with others (such as music classes, language classes, art group, gaming, skateboarding)
- Hang out with friends

Even though the factor we rated lower in is based on out of school connections, the school can still work towards improving this. One way of doing this is through our Clubs program which allows students to participate in community groups and foster connections that could develop into future sports or hobbies for them.

What's happening in the community?

160TH MALDON & BARINGHUP AGRICULTURAL SHOW

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2024
9AM - 4PM

Maldon Racecourse Reserve, Lewis Rd, Maldon

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FROM 10am-3pm

ENTRY
\$15 Adult
\$35 Family (2 adults & family under 14)
\$7.50 Pensioners/Students
\$5.00 Children (Under 14)

- HORSE EVENTS • SHEEP & WOOL PAVILION • JAMIE & KIMS MOBILE ZOO
- DOG SHOW • FACE PAINTING, JUMPING CASTLES, LASER TAG, ROCK CLIMBING, QUIRKY TALES PUPPET SHOW, SHEAF TOSS, GUM BOOT THROWING
- PAVILION COVERING ART, CRAFT, COOKING, HORTICULTURE & MORE
- ENTERTAINMENT BY MALDON BRASS BAND & THE MARTINI SET

**OUTDOORS
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HAVE A BLAST!

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

Muckleford Cricket Club **SCAN ME!**

Proudly supported by:

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Bendigo Bank

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MALDON SHOW
MORE INFO - LEEANNE
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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 TANGY • LACHLAN WALTER •
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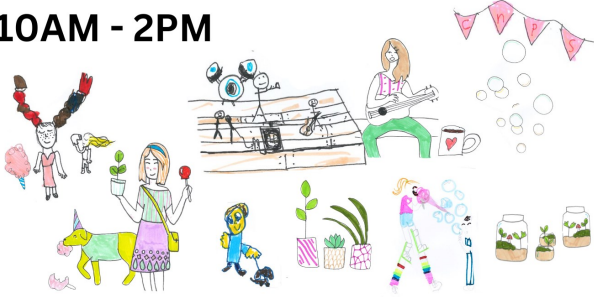
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SPRING FETE

Raising Funds for Castlemaine North PS

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

10AM - 2PM



GREAT FOOD | STALLS | MUSIC | FACE PAINTING
FUN GAMES | PRIZES | ROCK CLIMBING WALL

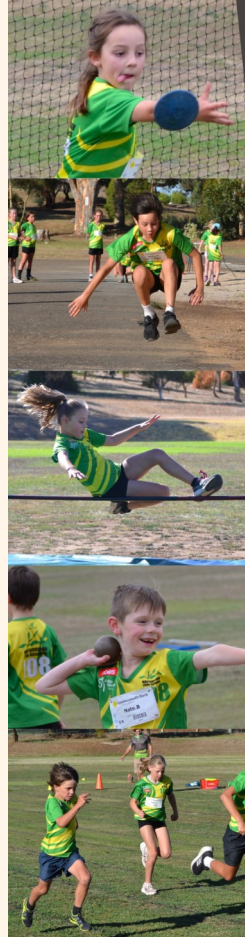
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MARYBOROUGH LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Our Summer Track & Field season runs October-March. Athletes compete in a range of events each Friday night with opportunities to take part in regional events and open days. Athletes of all abilities welcome.

Maryborough Little Athletics Centre 2024/25 Track & Field season will begin on

Friday 11th October 2024

5.15pm arrival for 5.30pm start each Friday evening @ Jack Pascoe Reserve

New members are always welcome!



Fun, fitness and friendship for children and teens aged 5-16 years.

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BOOK NOW!

Workshops are filling fast!



NEWSTEAD YOUNG WRITERS FESTIVAL
Sun 20 October 2024

newsteadyoungwritersfestival.com



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