

# Be kind, be brave, be your best

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## Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

It was wonderful to hear the Grade 1 and 2 students share their stories about their camp at Boomerang Ranch last week! It sounds like everyone had an amazing time. A big thank you to Rainer and Callum for organising the camp and to our parent helpers: Tom Robertson, Melinda Poustie and Ben Jennings. **We have one more camp coming up this year for our Grade 5 and 6 students, who will be attending Urban Camp in the final week of the school year!**

This week we start our five week Clubs program where we link in with Maldon community groups/individuals who have expertise to share with the children. We will be working with five community groups/individuals - the Maldon Croquet Club, the Maldon Bowling Club, the Men's Shed, Cascade Art Gallery and Jade Hosier. Last week all students submitted their preference of which club they would like to participate in. Our clubs program builds great local connections for our children and allows them to explore and enhance their interests. We will share photos throughout the program to keep you updated.

**This week's whole school value focus is: I am proud of who I am (Be your best).**

Some areas the classes will learn about are:

I am proud of my achievements

I give and receive compliments

I can identify my strengths and weaknesses

I accept individual differences

I take pride in my work

I am proud of my behaviour, words and actions

I share the qualities that make me unique

I have included some readings to give parents/carers tips and strategies on building their child's confidence through their strengths and interests. Please click the link to read the articles:

[How to build confidence in teenagers | Raising Children Network](#)

[Confidence for autistic children & teens | Raising Children Network](#)

**Everyone has a role to play in keeping children safe. One way our school works on this is through our Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program.** Every week throughout the year all classes hold RRRR sessions with different topics covered each term. **This term the classes will be focusing on Gender and Identity as well as Positive Gender Relations.** The Gender and Identity topic is all about exploring their identity and who they are. Students will also look at challenging gender stereotypes and learning to value and show respect for



## THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

### Wednesday 16th October

- Hospital visit, Gr 3/4
- School Council, 6.30pm

### Friday 18th October

- T-towel/bag orders due
- Friday Fundraiser
- Assembly 3pm, Prep/1 presenting
- Muckleford Cricket Club clinic, 3.30pm

### Monday 21st October

- Mango orders due

### Tuesday 22nd October

- Clubs, all students

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday 25th October

World Teacher's Day

### 31st October- 1st November

Smile Squad

### 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

### 4th to 17th December

Swimming program

### Tuesday 10th December

Statewide transition day

### Thursday 12th December

Grade 6 Graduation

### Friday 13th December

Swimming Carnival

### 16th to 18th December

Urban camp, Grades 5 and 6

diversity and difference to ensure we have respectful gender relations. In the second half of the term, we will move onto Positive Gender Relations which will focus on what respectful, gender inclusive behaviours look like in action, as well as what gender based violence is and the impact this has on people. If you would like to learn more about what is covered in these sessions please talk to your child's teacher, as the content differs depending on the age group.

**Children are safest when they are listened to, respected and believed. All adults can play a part by 'tuning in' to children in everyday situations about small worries, then they are much more likely to feel comfortable telling us if something big is wrong.** Ways to talk with children about safety:

- Be open to talking about all kinds of feelings including anger, joy, frustration, fear and anxiety. This helps children to develop a 'feelings vocabulary'.
- Support children to identify trusted adults (both within the family and outside) they can talk to if they are worried, upset or don't feel safe. Make sure these adults know they are on your child's list.
- Remind children that they can talk to you or a trusted adult about anything, no matter how big or small their worry might be.
- Talk to children about how they know when they feel safe or unsafe. Help them to listen to their early warning signs (how their body feels) and to trust their feelings and instincts.
- Use everyday activities as opportunities for conversations (e.g. preparing meals and snacks, going for walks, playing, shopping). If children are used to having lots of communication, it can make it easier to talk when big or tricky issues come up.

**Kirby has, once again, submitted a piece of artwork from every student for the Maldon and Baringhup Agricultural Show.** The event will take place this Sunday from 9am to 4pm at the Maldon Showgrounds. It would be wonderful for you to go and view the students' work on display, as well as enjoy the many other events and activities!

Take care,

Alisa

## Reminders

- Final orders for tea towels and tote bags are due at the office this Friday 18th October
- Mango orders are due back at the office on Monday 21st October
- Smile Squad is coming to our school on Thursday 31st October. This means that all students can get a free dental check-up, preventative services and treatment at school. If you would like your child to be seen please sign up at <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the QR code below. Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the office if you would like to request one.



### **Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser**

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

## School Savings Bonus

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support.

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

By Friday 18 October 2024, please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.

If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact the office if no email has been received.

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the Department of Education website, with key information now available in 14 different languages.

## Something which may interest our families...

The Department of Education has developed new fact sheets to help students have positive and safe online experiences. Social media is an important tool to help students stay connected, communicate and express themselves. Below is a fact sheet for parents and carers of primary students which provides information about online safety and advice about what to do if anything goes wrong.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/safe-socials-parents-and-carers-primary>

## Community Connections

### Clubs 2024- Art Club:



## What's happening in the classroom?

**Weekly awards:** At our assembly on Friday the following students will be receiving awards:

**P/1:** Owen for always giving his best effort (be your best)

**1/2:** Clem for always setting herself up for each lesson (be your best)

**3/4:** Hannah for always staying focused during learning time (be your best)

**5/6:** Gabe for settling back into school with a positive attitude (be your best)

# 1/2 BOOMERANG RANCH

## HORSE RIDING



Horse riding was a great experience! I loved when my horse kept on doing silly things like going off track and running me into branches.  
By Bill.

## DAMPER MAKING



We got some flour and put little bits of water in and kept mixing it until it was easy to make into a ball. We wrapped it in foil and put it on the BBQ. It was yummy!  
By Clemmie.

## TIPPERARY SPRINGS



We went over a bridge and went down to a little rock area. We skimmed some rocks and made little boats to float down the stream. We heard birds chirping and it was calming and relaxing.  
By Emily.

## CUBBY BUILDING



My team added on to someone else's cubby. It was where one tree fell on another one and made a cubby shape. Some people did decorations and Henry and I gathered sticks, trying to avoid the spikes.  
By Archie.

I liked riding the horses. Smartie was the name of my horse.  
By Evie.

I rode Betty! Betty is my favourite horse. I rode her last year as well. She is the smallest and oldest horse in the group. I learnt that small horses live longer than bigger horses.  
By Wyn.

## WHOLE GROUP GAMES



We played ping pong, cricket and tennis. I liked ping pong because I was good at it. I kept getting people out, but then Hayden got me out!  
By Caleb.

# Sport

Congratulations to Lillie, Will and Oliver who competed in the Division Athletics competition in Bendigo yesterday. Whilst no one placed, it was an amazing experience for them to compete against some very talented athletes.



# What's happening in the community?

## 160<sup>TH</sup> 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  
NON-CONTACT  
INCLUSIVE**

## 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

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- Bendigo Bank
- Mount Alexander Shire Council
- MALDON SHOW  
MORE INFO - LEEANNE  
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**Muckleford Cricket Club**

SCAN ME!

**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)

