

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

This Friday, 25th October we celebrate World Teachers' Day. This is an opportunity to say thank you for the incredible contributions teachers make to our community. We recognise the passion and dedication our teachers show every day. We thank Melissa, Lauren, Callum, Jesse, Kirby, Danica, Sharyn and Rainer for being such passionate and dedicated teachers who ensure they are making a positive impact and building strong connections with every child in the school every day. Thank you also to our Casual Relief Teachers, especially Carmen, Kirsty and Tracy, who regularly step into the classrooms when our teachers are away. We will be celebrating World Teachers' Day by providing a special morning tea for all the teachers at our school. **Please show your appreciation of our teachers by saying 'thank you' to them when you see them at the gate or in the yard.**

Yesterday Maldon RSL members Peter and Kevin visited the grade 5 and 6 students to share information about Remembrance Day and to kickstart the Remembrance Day writing competition. The students will now work on their writing pieces and will present their work to a panel of RSL members for judging on Wednesday 6th November. **The winner of this competition will read out their writing at the Remembrance Day service on Monday 11th November,** as well as have their name engraved on the school plaque alongside past winners.

Last week we had our School Council meeting for October. Some of the things we discussed were:

- The building updates over the holidays
- Fundraisers for the rest of the year
- Reflection on our Maths Expo last term
- 2024 Parent/Caregiver Opinion Survey results
- Our Respectful Relationships program this term

I have included the Parent/caregiver Opinion Survey results for this year in the "Something which may interest our families" section of this newsletter. We had 22 families (39%) complete the survey. We are very proud of the positive results we have achieved.

This week's whole school behaviour/values focus is: I am grateful for my classmates (Be kind). In the classrooms, students will be working towards these statements :

I notice the strengths and achievements of others and acknowledge them

I notice when someone may be having trouble and offer to help them

I am respectful and open minded

I give and receive compliments

I recognise that we are all unique

Building strong friendships in primary school is crucial for students, as it

THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Friday 25th October

- Day for Daniel-wear a touch of red
- Friday Fundraiser
- World Teachers Day
- Assembly 3pm, Show prize presentations

Tuesday 29th October

- Clubs, all students

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday 20th November
School Council

Thursday 28th November
Shopping Spree fundraiser

4th to 17th December
Swimming program

Monday 9th December
Class expos 9am-10am

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

Friday 20th December
Last day term 4, 1.30pm dismissal

fosters empathy, teamwork and a sense of belonging that enriches their learning experience and personal growth. I have included some articles to give parents/carers some tips and tricks to use around helping their child build friendships. Click on the links to access the articles:

[Frenemies & toxic friendships: teenagers | Raising Children Network](#)
[School friends: autistic children & teens | Raising Children Network](#)
[Kids with disability: play & friendship | Raising Children Network](#)

On Friday students will be participating in activities for 'Day for Daniel'. 'Day for Daniel' is an annual event in Australia dedicated to raising awareness about child safety and protection. It honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe, a young boy who was abducted and murdered in 2003. The day encourages schools, communities and families to participate in activities that promote safety education, empowering children to recognise and report unsafe situations. It also aims to foster discussions about the importance of vigilance and the collective responsibility to protect children. This builds on the 'Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson' we held on 3rd September. **It would be wonderful if everyone could add a 'splash' of red to their uniforms on Friday to help recognise the day.** Next week we will share some of the activities from the classrooms.

Take care,
Alisa

Reminders

- 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. **As of today we have only had three students sign up for this program. If you would like your child to be seen please sign up at <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the QR code below AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the office if you would like to request one.



- Photographing, filming and recording students consent form (all students) due back by Monday 28th October

Young Leaders Friday FUNdraiser

Please leave orders with your classroom teacher.

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

Classroom Values awards

Back row: Gabe
Front row L to R: Owen, Hannah and Clementine



Birthdays

L to R: Luke and Will



Gotcha awards

Back row L to R: Lelu, Layla, Lillie, Karen, Jasta and Harriet

Middle row L to R: Ned, Bill, Scarlett, Oliver, Iris, Caleb and Fletcher

Front row L to R: Evie, Mia, Ava, Mara, Henry and Jack



What's happening in the classroom?



Grade



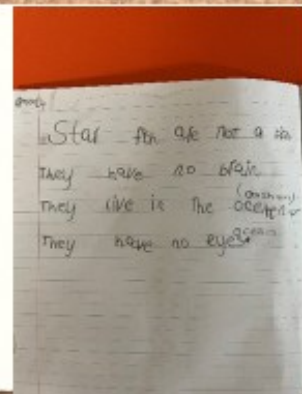
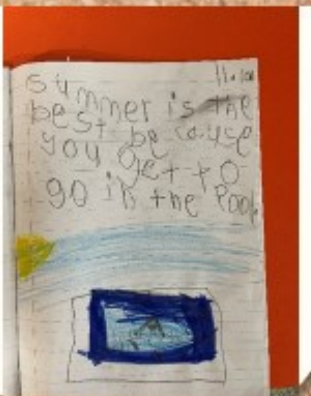
PREP ONE



literacy

In Prep/One, students have been exploring the difference between facts and opinions. We have been looking at how to spot facts as we read and how they differ from opinions.

This will lead into the students writing persuasively, with the goal of convincing the reader of their opinions.



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

P/1: Ava for taking pride in her behaviour, words and actions (be brave)

1/2: Henry for being proud of, and sharing, his strategies in Maths (be brave)

3/4: Darcy for the positive encouragement he displays towards his peers (be kind)

5/6: Maci for always taking pride in her work and creating written work of a high standard (be brave)

Performing Arts: Edie for the positive energy she brings to her small group fractured fairytale

Art: Hayden for the way he helped his peers and followed steps independently in Art

Something which may interest our families...

Parent/Caregiver Opinion Survey data –

Positive endorsement %

MALDON PS	2021	2022	2023	2024
Parent/Carer participation and involvement	76	86	90	94
Parent/Carer support in learning				82
School Communication	85	88	86	92
Teacher Communication	76	86	66	89
General Satisfaction	87	90	82	95
Physical Environment	92	93	100	100
School Improvement	82	78	73	86
School pride and confidence	89	93	82	95
High expectations for success	91	88	82	95
Student motivation and support	74	83	84	84

MALDON PS	2021	2022	2023	2024
Stimulating learning environment	78	81	82	91
Effective Teaching	76	78	76	90
Student agency and voice	74	81	69	85
Confidence and resiliency skills	92	87	82	95
Managing bullying	84	81	73	80
Not experienced bullying	79	70	63	73
Promoting positive behaviour	88	90	80	93
Respect for diversity	82	86	77	91
Student Wellbeing and Support				93
Student connectedness	89	90	93	94
Positive transitions	86	85	75	93

As discussed in the School Council Meeting, we've seen a significant increase in the positive endorsement of Teacher Communication. Our termly class newsletters and progress reports have enhanced communication with parents and carers.

This year, more parents and carers have also positively recognised Student Voice and Agency, which is further supported by the Attitudes to School Survey completed by students in grades 4 to 6. Students are regularly encouraged to provide feedback and take ownership of their learning.

It's encouraging to see that parents and carers feel that Positive Transitions have improved as well. Our staff collaborate to ensure that students feel supported throughout the year, across different classes, and during transitions to new teachers. Grade 6 students participate in an online 'Set for Secondary' course in term 4, while kindergarten children visit our school several times throughout the year, with multiple visits in Term 4.

We welcome and encourage any feedback on these survey results, as the survey plays a vital role in helping us enhance our programs and support for students and families.

Community Connections

Clubs 2024– Mens Shed:



Maldon and Baringhup Show 2024:



Fundraising news

Shopping Spree, Thursday 28th November: Organisation for this year's Shopping Spree is well underway with Sarah Liston and Catherine Jones taking the reigns this year. They are looking for the following assistance:

- Volunteers on the door at the Maldon Hotel to sell raffle tickets, distribute shopping bags etc. Assistance is needed from 4.30pm to 8pm
- Volunteers to operate a gift wrapping table on the night. For a gold coin donation shoppers will be able to have their Christmas gifts beautifully wrapped and ready for the Christmas tree. Maybe some of our ex students would be interested in doing this?

If you are able to assist with either of these tasks please let Sarah, Catherine or the office know a.s.a.p.

What's happening in the community?



Australian Sailing

Family friendly, Fun & Free

Saturday mornings commencing 26 October 2024

Cairn Curran Sailing Club, Baringhup
For details and to register: www.ccsc.org.au



Celebrate Children's Week with the Castlemaine Art Museum

The Castlemaine Art Museum welcomes back Moon Girl for a special artist-led workshop for children aged 6-12.

Decrease your environmental impact and make your own mini world inside a fridge magnet.



When: Sunday 27 October

Where: Castlemaine Art Museum

What: Miniature Worlds: Craft an eco-friendly fridge magnet.

Scan the QR code to book your place.





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