

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's Chat

Hi everyone,

Last Friday was 'Day for Daniel', a special day following on from the Biggest Child Safety Lesson we did in National Child Protection Week last term. This special day honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe and aims to educate students about safety strategies and the importance of protecting themselves in various situations. Throughout the day, students engaged in age-appropriate activities that focused on safety awareness, including discussions about trusted adults, recognising safe and unsafe situations and how to seek help when needed. Our teachers and staff emphasised the significance of being aware of one's surroundings and making safe choices. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and reinforce the safety messages shared at school. Together, we can help empower our children to stay safe and make informed decisions. Thank you for your support in this important initiative! Here is a link for parents/carers to use to continue the conversations at home with your children about personal safety [DMF Conversation Cards Parent-Carer Guide.pdf](#). This document is full of information for parents and carers with conversation starters and then possible answers and activities to consolidate the learning.

Last week we held a practice evacuation drill where all staff, visitors and students were required to evacuate the building and walk to the Bill Woodfull Recreation Reserve in their class groups. All students listened carefully and moved in a calm manner. We undertake these drills at least once per term to ensure that everyone knows what to do in an emergency and to give staff an opportunity to review our processes and make any necessary improvements.

Today we go off to a range of community groups for our third session of our Clubs Program. Here's what some of the students think about the program so far...

Violet (prep) – *I'm doing cooking and we get to cut things and mix things. I love that you get to eat the food. I made some of the cookies for my cousin's birthday party.*

Beau (gr 1) – *I like going to the art gallery. We have been making cards using stamps and now are making flowers. I've already made two flowers. I like going to the art gallery.*

Zayde (gr 2) – *I'm doing lawn bowls for Clubs. We get in groups and do different activities. I've never done lawn bowls before, so I'm learning new things.*

Harry (gr 3) – *I like that my mum is running the cooking club. It's a good life skill to learn and also will help if we do it as a subject at high school.*

Nicholas (gr 4) – *Croquet is fun. I like doing the games. I learnt that you have to hit the ball through 3 wickets before you try to hit the pole. I'm reasonable at the game, but getting better.*

THIS WEEK AT M.P.S.

Thursday 31st October

- Science incursion, all students

Friday 1st November

- Friday Fundraiser
- Muckleford Cricket Club clinic, Grades 3 to 6
- NO Assembly

Monday 4th November

- Curriculum Day

Tuesday 5th November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11th November

Smile Squad

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

Maci (gr 5) – *The Men’s Shed is really enjoyable. The men give really clear instructions so it’s easy to follow. We’ve made a wooden pencil box and next we are making a tray.*

Myra (gr 6) – *I like doing cooking, because we get to learn new cooking skills. I think it is fun and I like that you get to eat the food afterwards!*

This week our whole school behaviour focus is: I speak up for myself and others (Be brave). Some areas the classes will learn about are:

- I am an upstander and speak up to support others
- I speak up for myself
- I make sure I contribute my ideas
- I give others an opportunity to speak and contribute
- I am honest
- I stand up for what I believe in
- I speak with kind words.

I have included two article links with tips and strategies to encourage honesty in children, as well as information on what inclusion is. Click the link to access the articles [Lies & lying: what to do when children lie | Raising Children Network](#)
[Inclusion: children with disability | Raising Children Network](#)

Don’t forget next Monday is a Curriculum Day and Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. Teachers will be working on Curriculum Planning documents to ensure our teaching and learning programs are building depth of knowledge and skills across subject areas and the different year levels. I hope families enjoy the long weekend.

Take care,
Alisa

Reminders

- **Photographing, filming and recording students consent form (all students) are now OVERDUE. Please return to the office immediately.**
- Back to School 2025 information packs are being distributed today. **Please complete relevant forms and return them to the office by Wednesday 13th November.**
- Smile Squad is coming to our school on Monday 11th November (note change of date). 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 ten 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.

Classroom Values, Art and Performing Art awards

L to R: Edie, Henry, Ava, Hayden and Darcy
Absent: Maci



Birthdays

L to R: Hugh and Harry



Gotcha awards

L to R: Harry, Bjorn, Alex, Thomas and Myra



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

Shopping Spree, Thursday 28th November:

Maldon Shopping Spree

AN EVENING OF SHOPPING AND FUN IN
THE STREETS OF MALDON

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28th, 2024

5.15pm to 8.00pm

FORGET MELBOURNE

FORGET BENDIGO

SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS IN MALDON!



Exclusive discounts
from
participating
traders and a huge
raffle on the night

Ticket price includes
a Maldon shopping bag,
discount vouchers,
refreshments and music
whilst
shopping and a free ticket
in the raffle on the night

Tickets \$20
Tickets available
from the office or
online

<https://www.trybooking.com/CWEBL>



Fundraiser Supporting

MALDON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

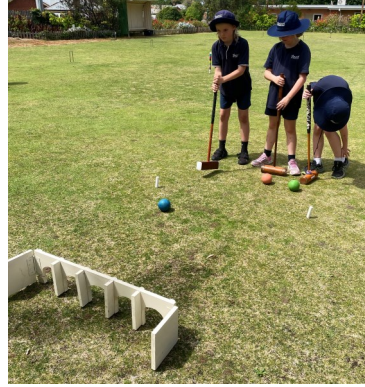
The following help is needed on the night:

- 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 Liston, Catherine Jones or the office know a.s.a.p.

Community Connections

Clubs 2024– Croquet:



Maldon and Baringhup Show 2024– prize winners:



What's happening in the classroom?

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

P/1: Billie for recognising and celebrating the achievements of others (be kind)

1/2: Myla for being an outstanding sportsperson and supporting and encouraging her teammates (be kind)

3/4: Mabel for always offering help to others when they are having trouble with something (be kind)

5/6: Oliver for always being a respectful class member and willingly helping others (be kind)

Performing Arts: Darcy R for the way he committed to character in his small group performance

Art: Karen for the detail and consideration she put into every element of her Mandala

Principal awards: To the brass band students, Will, Karen, Bjorn, Scarlett, Blake, Rilen, Lillie, Nicholas, Darien, Nate B, Alfie, Isobelle and Frances, for their commitment and enthusiasm to the sessions

GRADE

5/6

Some things that are happening in our grade in term 4

REMEMBRANCE DAY WRITING COMPETITION—WRITTEN BY MYRA.

Last week the R.S.L. came to our school to talk to us about war. They gave us some ideas to write about and told us some key information about what to add into our Remembrance Day writing competition pieces. One of the people who came to our school brought in some artefacts from the war to show us including medals, dog tags and a slouch hat. On the 6th of November the R.S.L. will come back to judge us on our writing and choose a winner to read their writing out on Remembrance Day.



Here are some examples of our initial introductions!

As the clouds rose, the sun glistened in the early morning. The wind went cold and brushed against my muddy face. When the guns started screaming it made a deafening sound but there was still hope...

Oliver

Night falls, and the shine of the water is no longer visible. The planes keep flying back and forth. Soon I hear gunfire echoing over the water. I pray that it's my ship, or at least an ally.

Riley

The unknown soldier darted from place to place leaving the dust far behind. The cold grey sky prickled the soldier's body, log grass tickled his skin. 'I will have courage and I will be brave' whispered the soldier to no one but himself.

Martha

INQUIRY—ALL ABOUT DEMOCRACY!! - OLIVER



So far this term in Inquiry, the grade 5/6 have been learning about Democracy. They have been learning about Levels of Government, bills, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

We have also been researching about rights, responsibility and privileges and discussing which ones are the most important. The students have also been doing their own mini project on a topic of choice with the theme Democracy.

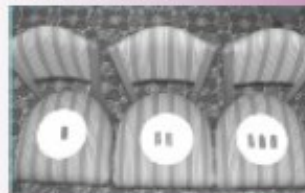
MATHS - FUN WITH FRACTIONS! - DEAN

We have been loving maths lately! We did a chocolate task with Lauren. We had three chairs one with one block, the other with two blocks and the last chair with three blocks.

We had ten people go out the door. When they came back into the room they each chose a chair to stand behind. The chocolate on each chair would be shared evenly by the students standing behind it. The last person to choose had to think about which was the best chair for getting the most chocolate.

We then went off to work out exactly how much each person would get from each chair and figured out you would get $\frac{1}{3}$ if you went to chair one, $\frac{1}{2}$ if you went to chair two and $\frac{1}{2}$ plus $\frac{1}{10}$ for chair three.

So, chair three gave you the most chocolate. Sadly, we didn't get to eat the chocolate!



What's happening in the community?



FITNESS **INCLUSION**
FRIENDS **FUN**
NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED!

Calling future cricket stars! Join our U13s (8-13 years) or Woolworths Blast (5-8 years).

- **U13s Games: Wednesdays starting Oct 30**
- **Training: Thursdays @ North Muckleford Oval**
- **Blasters: Starts Thursday, Nov 7**

For details, contact David Envall: 0429 860 964.

Old Muckleford, 494 Muckleford-Walmer Road, Muckleford VIC 3451



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.

