MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter no. 29
September 15th, 2026

This week...

Thursday	• Class expos 9am-9.40am, Gr 5/6 9.40am-10.20am, Gr 3/4 10.20am-11.00am, Prep to Gr 2
Friday	• Friday Fundraiser • NO Assembly • Sports Colour Day, no gold coin donation required • Last day term 3, 2.30pm dismissal
Monday 5th October	• First day term 4

Coming up...

Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th October Pioneer Settlement Camp, Gr 3/4
Wednesday 21st October School Council
Monday 2nd November Curriculum Day, no students at school
Thursday 19th November Prep late night stay
Thursday 26th November Shopping Spree fundraiser
Thursday 3rd to Friday 4th December Billabong Ranch camp, Gr 1 and 2

Birthdays

This week's parent essentials

- Don't forget that school finishes at 2.30pm this Friday.
- Students can dress in their favourite sporting team colours on Friday, no gold coin donation is required.
- Please remind your child/children not to walk in the drain in Hospital Street. Students need to use the footbridge for safety reasons.

Snapshot of the term

It has been a busy and rewarding term, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm our students have shown in all their activities. This term has been full of exciting events and experiences, including:

•100 Days of Prep celebrations (Prep and Grade 1)
•Preparation for Puberty program (Grades 5/6)
•Andy Griffiths Incursion (Grades 3-6)
•Experts visiting classrooms (linked to inquiry topics)
•Division Football (selected students)
•Grade 3/4 Bike Education
•Kids Helpline Largest Anti Bullying lesson
•Athletics House Meetings and Carnival
•'Bullying No Way' Week activities
•Parent/Teacher Interviews
•Afternoon House Games Day
•Book Week dress-up day and rotations
•Visit to the Athenaeum Library (Grades Prep-2)
•Grade 3/4 Hospital Visit
•Teddy Bear's Picnic (Grade Prep/1 with the kindergarten)
•Newshounds Newspaper page (School Captains)
•District Tennis and Cricket Day (Grades 3–6)
•Kidney Health Australia fundraiser
•National Child Protection Week activities
•Visit to the Maldon Vintage Machinery and Museum (Grade 1/2)
•Digital Thumbprint session (Grade 5/6)
•Maths Expo – open classrooms for families

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent home with your child on the last day of term. These reports will include updates on your child's progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, along with work samples and general learner dispositions. They provide a 'snapshot' of your child's current performance in these areas. We hope these reports offer valuable insights into your child's strengths and areas where they may need extra support. The reports also include an attendance rating. While there can be various unavoidable reasons for absences, it's important to recognise that time away from school can impact a child socially, emotionally or academically. Regular attendance plays a key role in supporting your child's overall development and success in the classroom.

Clubs

Next term, we will add our annual Clubs program to our calendar. Clubs allow us to link in with community groups/people in Maldon to give students some new experiences such as learning to play lawn bowls, learning croquet etc. This is something the children always look forward to and enjoy. Students will be allocated to a club based on their preferences.

School Council

Last week, we held our School Council Meeting. At the meeting the Attitudes to School Survey data was shared. If you have any questions about the data please contact the office.

ATOSS positive endorsement % - Grade 4-6 students

	2026	2026 Similar Schools	2026 Network Schools	2026 State Average
Effective teaching time	81	84	83	84
Differentiated learning challenge	88	86	84	86
Stimulated learning	95	76	78	78
Effective classroom behaviour	91	79	77	79
High expectations for success	95	93	94	94
Effort	84	76	74	79
Teacher concern	73	76	75	75
Sense of confidence	91	77	74	79
Perseverance	84	75	74	77
Motivation and interest	81	74	74	77
self-regulation and goal setting	89	84	83	84
Attitudes to attendance	90	82	82	86
School connectedness	89	75	75	78
Student voice and agency	70	68	65	69
Sense of inclusion	91	89	89	89
Advocate at school	90	89	87	88
Respect for diversity	92	78	80	79
Not Experience of bullying	95	84	80	84
Managing bullying	87	78	76	78
Not Experience of Racism	92	92	92	89
Life satisfaction	84	76	74	78
Resilience (normal to high)	78	69	69	72
Help Seeking (easy/very easy)	71	71	67	70
Peer Relationships (good or very good)	93	84	86	86
Electronic devices (<= 1 hour per day)	48	38	38	36
Emotional awareness and regulation	84	72	71	76
Community Connections (high)	86	73	70	75
Physical activity (5 days or more)	92	77	70	76

Sports Colour Day this Friday!

18th of September

Wear your favourite sports

Jersey OR sport colours!

NO gold coin donation needed.

This week's value

This week, rather than focusing on one particular value, we will be revisiting all three of our school values – Be Kind, Be Brave and Be Your Best. Our values guide the way we learn, play and interact with others each day. We will be looking for opportunities to show kindness, have a go when things are challenging, make positive choices and give our best effort. We encourage families to have conversations at home about how your child can demonstrate our values in everyday situations.

Last week's award recipients

Gotcha certificate awards

ART

Grade ¾ Soft Sculptures

Grade 3/4 students have been exploring the bold, playful artwork of Pop artist Lucy Sparrow, known for her fake food sculptures made entirely from felt and fabric. Inspired by her work, each student designed and made their own Pop Art Pop Tart.

Lucy Sparrow and her felt artwork

Process

Students started by cutting their Pop Tart shape and icing from felt, then learned two new sewing skills: running stitch and blanket stitch. Once the sewing was done, they stuffed their Pop Tarts and sewed them closed, before adding the finishing touches: googly eyes, beads and fake sprinkles.

A great mix of art history, design and hands-on textile skills!

Dhelkaya Health

children's health & wellbeing local

Scan to register

Parenting Programs

Bringing Up Great Kids

- **For parents and carers of 0-12 year old children**
- **6-week in-person program**

Bringing Up Great Kids is designed to give you an opportunity to think about your parenting, your child and how to provide the experiences you want for them as they grow up. The program will help you understand more about your child's development and their behaviour. You'll also discover ways to take care of yourself and how to find support if you need it.

Australian Childhood Foundation

Circle of Security Parenting

- **For parents and carers of 0-6 year old children**
- **8-week in-person program**

Circle of Security Parenting is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. It's designed to help you support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions and enhance the development of their self-esteem. It's an opportunity to honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure.

COSP

For more information email Paula Russell at prussell@castlemainehealth.org.au
Or register online at dhelkayahealth.org.au

CFA

MALDON FIRE BRIGADE

STATION OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

9.30am-1.00pm

FIRE TRUCKS
FREE BBQ
KIDS ACTIVITIES
SUMMER FIRE PREP

MUCKLEFORD CRICKET CLUB

HAVE A BLAST!

A FREE cricket clinic for kids of all abilities!

Join us for a fun-filled session of skills, games & teamwork in a safe & friendly environment.

Come as you are | Make new friends | Learn, play & grow | Be part of a team

MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIDAY OCT 23, 30 & NOV 6, 13, 20 - 1:45PM TO 2:45PM
COST: FREE
Contact: David Envall 0429 860 964

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NEWSTEAD

YOUNG WRITERS FESTIVAL 2026

SUNDAY
11 OCTOBER
AT NEWSTEAD ARTS HUB

WORKSHOPS + TALKS + MENTORING
STORY PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED
FESTIVAL BOOK SHOP + FOOD STALLS
STORYTELLING + ENTERTAINMENT

PLUS FESTIVAL EVE
SONGWRITING WORKSHOP
SAT 10TH OCTOBER
with Special Guests! Tix Limited (12Y+)

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JOIN US! VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

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Emergency Services Expo

Victoria Park, Daylesford | Sat 7 November | 10 am to 2 pm
Family friendly | Meet local heroes | Activities
Scan the QR code or visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/expo26

Hepburn SHIRE COUNCIL

little athletics bendigo
NEW FAMILIES REGISTER NOW!
COME & TRY DAY
8:15am • Saturday 3rd October 2026
Lar Birpa Athletics Complex
Scan to register now!

FRIDAY
9 OCTOBER 4.30-7PM
SOUTH CASTLEMAINE KINDER FETE
CAKE STALL
ART AUCTION & HAMPERS UP FOR GRABS!
FUN GAMES
PLANT STALL
HOT DOG STALL
South Castlemaine Kindergarten
HELP OUR KINDER GROW!
9 ETTY STREET CASTLEMAINE
BRING CASH OR GOLD COINS!

MALDON BOWLS CLUB
*September Community BBQ & *Barefoot Bowls
Friday September 18th 5.30pm
Live music by
ARTY-REX
$5 entry- includes bowling, use of bowls equipment, Raffle Ticket.
Children under 15 Free
*BBQ from 5.30pm
Free coaching /practice and junior Development from 4pm.