MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter no. 30
October 6th, 2026

This week...

Friday	• Friday Fundraiser • NO Assembly
Tuesday	• First day Clubs, all students

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

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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

Happy to be back...

This week's parent essentials

- Don't forget the new Friday Fundraiser prices, $4.50 for a sausage roll and $2 for a juice box

Baby news

Callum and Olivia have had their baby! Leo James Arrowsmith was born last Sunday, weighing 3.4 kg. Everyone is doing well. Callum will enjoy the next four weeks with his family and will return to school after the Melbourne Cup holiday. Tracy Pengelly will be teaching the 1/2 class in Callum's absence.

Clubs

A highlight of term 4 is our annual Clubs program, which 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 something different. Clubs will be held on Tuesday afternoons and this week children will put in their preferences for which club they would like to participate in: Maldon Bowls Club, Maldon Tennis Club, Chess Club and Dance Club. A big thank you to our community groups and volunteers for offering to be part of this program. We will share some photos and comments in future newsletters.

Roof restoration work

Over the holidays Royale Roofing from Bendigo has been working to replace the valleys and capping on our slate roof and replace damaged tiles. Bad weather and issues with contractors has meant that the work was not finished in the time frame planned. Students and staff have been listening to the sounds of hammering and drilling throughout the day but this will hopefully finish Wednesday afternoon!

The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health is coming to our school soon.
Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's free school dental program.
This means all students can receive 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 using the QR code below

Paper copies of the consent form are also available. Please contact the school office if you would like one.
The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make this happen.
Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full-sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take a moment to read the brochure—it is full of useful tips to help your family eat well, drink well, and clean well for life.
Standard strength toothpaste
Smile Squad provides standard-strength fluoride toothpaste, which is generally recommended for ages six and over unless advised otherwise by a dental or trained health professional.
If your child is under six, please speak with a dental or trained health professional to determine whether this toothpaste is suitable. Alternatively, you may choose to put the toothpaste aside until they turn six or give it to another family member.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You are welcome to attend if you wish, and you can choose to take your child to a community dental clinic if that suits your family better.

This week's value

This week's value is I AM RESPONSIBLE.
Some of the I can statements classes will be focusing on are:

- 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 respectully to others

Wellbeing focus for term 4

This term's wellbeing focus, Positive Identity, supports students in developing a strong and confident sense of who they are. Through learning about gender norms, stereotypes and positive gender relationships, students explore what it means to be respectful, inclusive and safe in their interactions with others. These lessons help children understand that it's okay to be different, that everyone deserves respect, and that they have the right to feel valued and safe. By building empathy, self-worth and the skills to recognise and respond to harmful behaviours, students grow into confident, kind and respectful individuals who contribute positively to their school and community.

The MANGO FUNDRAISER

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our ALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Bowen special mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

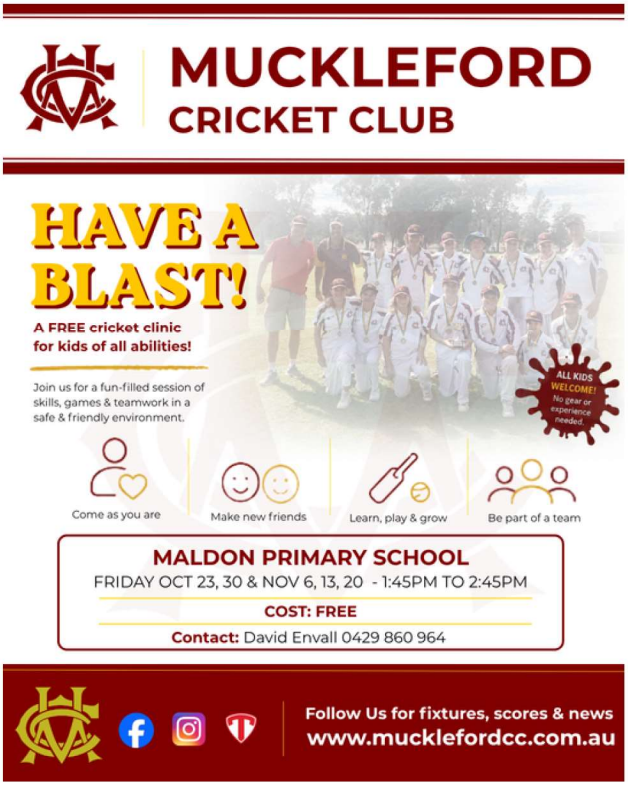
We are selling 7kg trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per tray is $30 (12-23 mangoes)

Place your order by Friday 23rd October, 2026 using the order form sent home

Delivery expected: early November to early December

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!


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.
ALL KIDS WELCOME! No gear or experience needed.
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
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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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Emergency Services Expo
See Bluey and Bingo
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

162ND MALDON & BARINGHUP AGRICULTURAL SHOW

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2026
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)

$10 Pensioners/ Students

$5.00 Children (Under 14)

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- HORSE EVENTS
- SHEEP & WOOL PAVILION
- MOBILE ANIMAL FARM
- DOG SHOW
- FACE PAINTING, JUMPING CASTLES, LASER TAG, CHAIR-O_PLANE RIDES, FIZZICS EDUCATION SHOWS, SHEAF TOSS, GUM BOOT THROWING
- PAVILION COVERING ART, CRAFT, COOKING, HORTICULTURE & MORE
- ENTERTAINMENT BY MALDON BRASS BAND & GLASS WINGS

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