

MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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& Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp

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Principal's Report

Hello everyone! I cannot believe I am writing the report for our Week 7 Newsletter! This term is certainly flying by!

KidsROAR: MMPS is holding a parent information session in collaboration with KidsROAR covering how they will be delivering Protective Behaviours Education to our students next week. Information on how to join is below:

Parent / Carer Information Session Details

 **Date:** Thursday 27 August 2026

 **Time:** 8:00 PM

 **Where:** Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82687098569?pwd=wbT9k1Sl44mudjhNPpCspanWQis6EB.1>

Meeting ID: 826 8709 8569

Passcode: 298504

There will be time at the end of the session to ask the facilitators questions directly.

(Please note: the parent session covers content not suitable for children, including statistics on abuse and information on grooming and offenders. This is for parents and carers only)

Production Update: Tickets for our upcoming Production of Zoo Stew are on sale now! You can purchase tickets through the link here: [Zoo Stew Tickets](#). For our three evening performances, it is important that students are at school from 6:40pm for the 7:00pm performance start time. Students are to go straight to the classroom to get ready for the performance. ***Production costumes are due back at school by Wednesday September the 9th.***

Book Week: I can't wait to see some super creative costumes tomorrow in celebration of Book Week! We will be holding a small parade during our assembly tomorrow afternoon. Our assembly begins at 3:00PM in our school hall.

Father's Day Event: FOS have organised a special evening for our MMPS dads and father figures at the Mount Macedon Hotel next Friday the 4th of September. The evening is a chance for our dads to catch up and enjoy an evening together. An information flyer has gone home today with your child, you can RSVP here: [RSVP - Father's Day Event](#).

Fete Update: FOS are deep into Fete planning already and are currently calling out for parents with green thumbs (and those without!) to help in propagating small seedlings in preparation for the plant and garden stall. Further information has gone out on our WhatsApp groups this week.

New Disability Inclusion Coordinator at MMPS: I would like to warmly welcome Rohan Clear to the role of Disability Inclusion Coordinator. Rohan is taking on the role from this week. Brooke and Rohan will be working together to make sure a smooth transition occurs and our students, parents and staff experience a continuity of support going forward. Welcome Rohan!

Student Achievements: We have had a big week of student achievements this week! A big congratulations to all our students who participated in District Athletics last Thursday but a very special well done goes to Daphne T (Grade 4) Francesca T (Grade 5) and Liam K (Grade 6) who all made it through to Division in their respective events, Liam and Daphne in the discuss event and Francesca in the 800m running race.

A huge and special congratulations goes to Max F in grade 1 who received the NAIDOC Excellence Award for his involvement in the 2026 NAIDOC Week colouring competition. Only 48 awards were given out in the state! Well done Max on an amazing achievement!

Parent Opinion Survey:

The annual Parent Opinion Survey is now live! We are asking parents to complete the POS before Friday the 18th of September to help give us feedback and direct our strategic planning utilizing the voices and ideas within our parent community. The survey is accessible via Compass, in particular the News Feed post titled: ***2026 Parent Opinion Survey***.

Many thanks, Joe.

This week at MMPS!

Production Tickets

production tickets for Zoo Stew have come out this week! We students have been working super hard to make our production amazing for you, and your job is to come and enjoy, relax from your otherwise hectic lives. You CANNOT miss this one-off opportunity. You can buy tickets on Compass. I can't wait for you to see how amazing this production is, this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity!

Book Week

As it's book, the grade 6's reviewed children's books. Here is one of the book reports



Kids roar

Kids Roar is an empowering child safety program designed to teach young children how to recognize, react to, and report unsafe situations. The initiative uses the acronym "ROAR" as a memorable tool to guide kids through critical safety steps: Recognise danger, object or say no, act to get away, and report to a trusted adult.

By delivering these crucial lessons through age-appropriate stories, interactive games, and positive reinforcement, the program builds personal confidence without causing unnecessary fear. Ultimately, Kids Roar equips children with the vital communication skills and protective behaviours they need to establish personal boundaries and stay safe in both every day and unexpected environments.

Athletics report by the Sports Captains

On Friday the 20th of August we had Districts Athletics for students that won at our House Athletics. We went on a bus down to Keilor. It was an interesting day because there were planes flying all the time. We all tried our best but only Francesca made it into Division.

In Discus, we all tried our best and we all had fun, Liam came Second in Discus, William came 3rd in Shotput. Liam threw the Discus 20.67m, and William threw the Shot put 7.78m. I think we all had a lot of fun.

At district athletics we did running, most of us ran in relay races or just solo events. Most of them were close and we all did well. We all had a great time running and were all tired. There were different races such as the 100m, 200m, 800m and the 1500m.





G.E.M of the week

By Jax J

Resilience project

this week in the Resilience Project we did a session on making raps about eating healthy and listened to some song about eating healthy.



The thoughts of: Alfie

Q1. What are you grateful for?

A. Mr. Flynn doing STEM!

Q2. What is your favorite thing you do with Catherine and Tarsh and Amber?

A. Fine Motor!

Rubbish Free Thursdays

By Augie and Louis (Grade 2/3)

Our school are doing Rubbish Free Thursdays so there is less rubbish in the creek and then the ocean won't get polluted.

On Rubbish Free Thursday we will ditch rubbish like plastic packets, wrappers and other types of rubbish. Please do not send that stuff in your kids' lunchboxes. Maybe instead of plastic wrapped things, send food in reusable containers.

If we do not do this, habitats will be polluted by the rubbish and the school will be dirty.

Thank you for helping the planet!!!

IB UPDATE

5/6 SCIENCE

IN ACTION!

INQUIRERS • THINKERS • KNOWLEDGEABLE

“Students in 5/6 have aligned their learning with Science Week last week”



“Central Idea: Our conceptual understandings are shaped by Scientific discoveries”



SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY UNIT



Through hands-on investigations and curiosity, our students are exploring how *Science* connects us and shapes the world we understand today.



INQUIRERS

THINKERS

KNOWLEDGEABLE

COLLABORATIVE

CARING

REFLECTIVE

Be curious. Be brave. Be you.



Interactive Stories & Digital Picture Books

Hi Mount Macedon families,

With Book Week in full swing, we explored how storytelling and digital technology go hand-in-hand to create interactive reader experiences.

Juniors: Digital Storytellers & Picture Book Authors

Our Juniors stepped into the shoes of author-illustrators using Keynote on the iPads. Armed with their imaginations and the iPad cameras, students went on a scavenger hunt in and around our classrooms to photograph everyday objects, transforming them into digital picture books. From character design to simple layout work, they brought some incredible stories to life—will *The Adventures of Mr. Peanut* be the next million-copy bestseller? We certainly hope so.

Middles & Seniors: 80s Nostalgia & Branching Narratives

Our Middles & Seniors took a dive into classic 1980s *Choose Your Own Adventure* books (yes, my favourite) and the very first text-based computer games. We talked about how early game developers used pure text and reader choice to create immersive worlds long before high-end graphics existed. The students then learned to use a coding tool called **Twine** (Twinery.org) to write their own interactive, branching digital games. They mapped out choice trees, wrote multi-path logic, and put the reader firmly in control of how the story turns out.

Curriculum Connections

Victorian Curriculum (VC2.0):

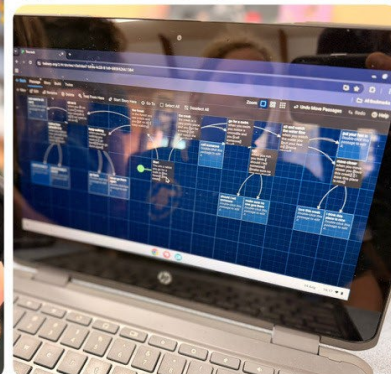
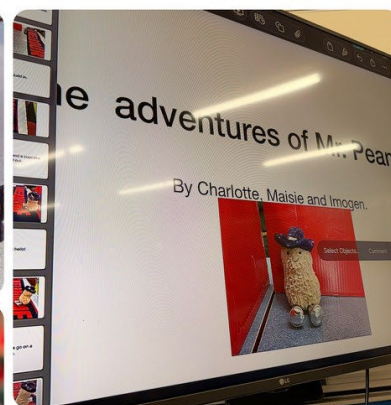
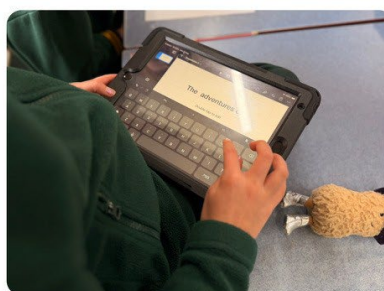
- **Juniors: Digital Technologies** – Using digital systems to create, edit, and share ideas visually; **English / Media Arts** – Combining images and text to create narrative sequences.
- **Middles / Seniors: Digital Technologies** – Designing interactive user experiences and using branching logic/algorithms to control story paths; **English** – Experimenting with narrative structures, user perspective, and non-linear text formats.

IB PYP (Primary Years Programme) Links:

- **Transdisciplinary Theme: How We Express Ourselves** – An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, and stories using digital media.
- **Key Concepts: Form** (understanding narrative structures) and **Function** (how interactive digital tools engage an audience).
- **Learner Profile:** Our students were creative **Communicators** (expressing ideas through new media) and logical **Thinkers** (mapping out complex, branching story paths!).

Happy reading

Daniel



Grade 2/3 Inquiry

By Auley & Arthur (Grade 2!!!!!!)

In our inquiry we have learnt about water.

We had someone from Sustainability Victoria to help us. Her name was Emily.

We looked at water bugs from a creek in the Maribyrnong water catchment.

We looked if there was any leaking taps, tanks, toilets or sprinklers around our school. We found three leaking taps and we counted them in tallies.

On Emily's last day we made a water action plan to save water at our school and look after our environment.



WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OUR WATER



RIVER DETECTIVES





Through the community hub that is Mount Macedon Primary School (MMPS).

Our annual fete is just around the corner, and we're offering exciting sponsorship opportunities. By participating, you'll help us enhance our beloved school and, in return, gain valuable exposure for your business or personal brand.

MMPS is looking for businesses to sponsor their biennial fete this December that raises much needed funds for outdoor learning and play infrastructure at the small but historical school.



You are invited to join us for a

Father's Day Celebration

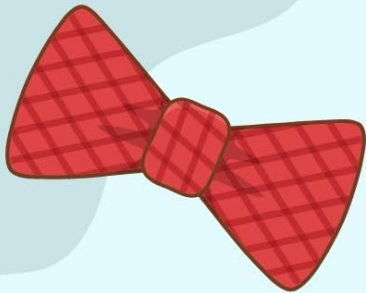
**Friday September 4th 6.30
at the Mt Macedon Pub front bar**

Everyone is welcome to come along for a relaxed catch-up and celebrate all the dads, grandads and special father figures in our school community.

We'd love to see you there!



Please respond to the Compass event if you're planning to join us so we have an idea of numbers.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Musicians, singers, poets, comedians and performers of all kinds are invited to take the mic

Thursday 10 September 7.00pm – 10.00pm
Shamrock Hotel, 120 Mollison Street, Kyneton

Whether you're an experienced performer or stepping onto the stage for the very first time, everyone is welcome to share their talent in a fun, friendly and supportive atmosphere.

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2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

22-28 August 2026

THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

Come dressed as your favourite character!

WALK TOGETHER. START THE CONVERSATION.

MRSPAG ANNUAL WALK

FOR WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

Sunday September 13, 2026
8:30am (walk starts 10am)
Woodend Children's Park
12 Nicholson St, Woodend

TO REGISTER

Pre-register by email:
suicidepreventionwalk@mrspag.com.au
OR
Get your ticket through our Eventbrite link
Registrations will be open on the day from 8:30am

For more details visit: www.mrspag.com.au

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children's health & wellbeing local
Free support for children and their families

FREE ONE HOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES TERM THREE 2026

The Local is offering one-hour sessions on topics for building skills in relationships and wellbeing during the September school holidays. And they are Free and open to children 4-11.

The sessions are fun, educational and a safe space to explore the topics listed below. You will gain skills to apply at home to help build confidence with these topics.

Staff from the Child Health and Wellbeing local will run the sessions and answer questions throughout.

Groups are small: five children with one parent per child attending.

TOPICS AND DATES

21st Sept: Men Bardijs. **Magnificent Me**, at the Local 10.30am 4-6 year olds; learn to celebrate your unique qualities and build your self-esteem.

30th Sept: **Wid Bardijs**. **Managing Feelings**, at the Local 10.30am 4-6 year olds; 1.30pm 7-11 year olds. Learning about what happens in your body when you have big feelings, what you can do to help yourself cope.

2nd Oct: **Wid Bardijs**. **Building Social Skills** 10.30am 4-6 year olds, 1.30pm 7-11 year olds. Learn about friendship, what is helpful and when boundaries might be needed.

Bookings are essential:

Please call Annette or admin on 1800 433 877 or email us which sessions you want to attend, your child's name and age, your name and contact details including telephone number and email address, info@chwb.local or chwb.local@chwb.local.

We will be in touch prior to the session to confirm details including how to access the venue.

OFFICIAL

1 WEEK TO GO

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OR
Get your ticket through our Eventbrite link
Registrations will be open on the day from 8:30am

For more details visit: www.mrspag.com.au

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KICK OFF, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!

SUN 18 OCT - SUN 13 DEC
8 SESSIONS (NO SESSION MIDWINTER CUP WEEKEND)

AGES 4-6
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BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4-11

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Photography Competition

Enter your photo to support **16 Days of Activism** against gender-based violence.

Entries open 28 September

Open to ages 12 and up!

Close 2 November

ENTER NOW!

CONTACT: camdavidson@mrsc.vic.gov.au
mrsc.vic.gov.au/16-Days

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

"Paul" by Kathryn

Wominjeka- Welcome

WURUNDJERI WOI WURRUNG CULTURAL HERITAGE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

26th January – Australia Day

17th February – Lunar New Year (Chinese & Vietnamese)

2nd March – Holi Festival

25th April – ANZAC Day

May – Australians Biggest Morning Tea

11-15th August – Bullying No Way, National Week of Action

August – Daffodil Day



Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

21st March – National Close the Gap Day

26th May – National Sorry Day

27th May – 3rd June – Reconciliation Week

June – Mabo Day

July – NAIDOC Week

August – National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

August – International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

September (First Wednesday) – Indigenous Literacy Day



2026 Health & Wellbeing

August	
TBC	<u>National Stroke Week</u>
10-14 Aug	<u>Bullying No Way: National Week of Action</u> 
12 Aug	<u>International Youth Day</u> 
17-23 Aug	<u>Brain Injury Awareness Week</u>
26 Aug	<u>National Meals on Wheels Day</u>
28 Aug	<u>Wear It Purple Day</u> 

Acknowledgement of Country

written by 2024 student leaders Lenny, Ava, Cienna & Henry

Wominjeka, Welcome.

At Mount Macedon Primary School, we would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of the land, where our school stands. The Wurundjeri people believe Bunjil the eagle, created the people, the animals, the land and the waterways. We are grateful that they cared for this land, and we commit to continuing its care and to learn and grow here with our kir-rip, friends. We pay our respect to Elders, past and present, and acknowledge their ongoing connection to viik, Country.

Nagujin, thank you.



CLOSING THE KNOWLEDGE GAP
ABOUT FIRST NATIONS HISTORY AND
CULTURE STARTS AT SCHOOL

