

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT Macedon Primary School NEWSLETTER

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FOS Events

Mothers Day Event Friday May 8th

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Meetings

Wednesday 6th May

Important Term Dates

Term 2

BOOK FAIR APRIL 21ST to May 4th

April

23rd District Cross Country (selected students)

24th Brainstorm Production Incursion

Saturday 25th ANZAC Day

27th -1st May Whole School Swimming Program

May

5th May District AFL (selected students)

13th PUPIL FREE DAY

14th Celebrating Education Support Staff Day

15th District Soccer (selected students)

22nd Walk to School Day

25th Indigenous VR Incursion

29th PUPIL FREE DAY

June

3rd – 5th Yr 5&6 students City Camp

8th KINGS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

12th District Netball (selected students)

Term 3

August

Production

Term 4

Whole School Swimming Program

November 2nd PUPIL FREE DAY

November 27th PUPIL FREE DAY

December

12th Foundation BBQ Dinner

Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp

Hello everyone and welcome back!

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and is ready, set, go for a big and busy term!

Pupil Free Day: MMPS will be holding a pupil free day on Wednesday the 13th of May. School staff will be visiting Good News Lutheran College to see how other schools deliver the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. This opportunity allows our staff to boost their own understanding of how the IB PYP can be delivered and lets us work with staff from other schools in the areas of planning and delivery.

Brainstorm Productions: Tomorrow MMPS welcome Brainstorm Productions who will be putting on a performance of *The Protectors*, a show that goes through the importance of being a 'Protector' to those around us and how being brave is an absolute superpower. This is a free incursion, but permission must be provided via Compass before tomorrow.

ANZAC Day: Tomorrow we will be holding a special commemoration of ANZAC Day at our assembly. From 3:00pm in the outside amphitheater, all are welcome. Our Grade 6 students will form an important part of the dawn service held at the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross on ANZAC Day morning. We have invited our Grade 6 students to hand out sprigs of rosemary to attendees before the service and our two School Captains will be laying a wreath at the service. With the memorial cross being the second most important war memorial in Victoria, it is an honour to have our school be a part of this special occasion.

Swimming Program: Our swimming program begins next week. Students will be heading down to the Gisborne Aquatic Centre for five lessons across the week. Students are encouraged to wear their bathers under their school uniform, making getting ready for their lesson easier when we arrive at the pool.

TEACCH Professional Learning: Three of our staff are currently completing professional learning with the TEACCH program, an internationally recognised approach that supports autistic learners. TEACCH focuses on "structured teaching," using clear routines, visual supports, and well-organised learning environments to help students understand expectations and build independence. This professional learning will support our school to further strengthen inclusive classroom practices and better meet the diverse needs of our students.

5/6 Camp: Organisation has been in full force in preparation for our upcoming Grade 5/6 City Camp. The camp is being held from Wednesday the 3rd of June – Friday 5th of June and will see MMPS students explore all that the city of Melbourne has to offer. Some activities scheduled in are a tour of the MCG and Australian Sports Museum, a tour of the Shrine of Remembrance and Parliament House, as well as visits to the Eureka Skydeck and the Queen Victorian Markets. If your grade 5/6 child is attending camp can you please let your child's teacher know, this helps with activity planning and final costings that need to be sorted out ASAP.

Sorted App: Below you will find information about a brand-new app, developed by our very own Xavier Muhlebch (Dad of Darcy) to help with organisation of our daily lives. Sorted is an app that helps put important dates from a range of documents into your own personal calendars. Documents can include school newsletters and announcements, birthday invitations to posters and pamphlets. Xavier has also included a special code for MMPS families to enjoy a free trial period of 6 months!

Many thanks, Joe.

HOLIDAY BUILDING & GROUNDS WORKS

- New door and windows in Yr 5/6
- Fencing completed. New doors on basketball court
- LED lighting upgrade to Hall
- New carpet in staffroom, yr 5/6 office and repairs to library carpet
- Painting of STEM room deck and pizza oven fence area
- Fire hose reel upgrade
- Building repairs to Jnr boys toilets
- Plumbing repairs to hall toilet
- Sandpit have been topped up
- OSHC room tidy up and furniture/facilities upgrades
- General maintenance works to grounds (tidy grounds, whipper snip, mow, rake, spread sand for sandpits, repairs to compost bins)

Student Reporter

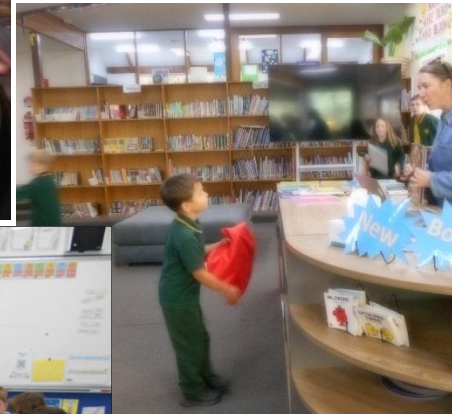
Welcome back!

I'm hoping everybody has had a good Easter holidays

Williamstown bike ride

Wednesday 1st of April grades 4, 5, and 6 went to Maribyrnong which was the start of the Williamstown ride. The bus ride was long, but in the end it was worth it. We rode for about 6 kilometres, then had a little stop in this little park to have a snack and get our energy back. Then we rode some more, then we arrived at the bigger park to have some pizza! After about 45 minutes, we rode back, without any stops, to the car park. We then were given some ice-cream, and we took the bus back to school.

Student Photographer



Welcome back to Term 2 at Mount Macedon Primary. To kick things off today, classes participated in a special digital art and history lesson focused on something we all see now every day: Emojis

Did you know the word "emoji" actually comes from Japan? It's a fantastic connection to what our students learn in their Japanese classes. In Japanese, "**e**" means picture, and "**moji**" means character.

We travelled back to 1999 to learn about the inventor of the emoji, Shigetaka Kurita. Because early mobile phone screens were tiny and internet data was weak, he had to design his original 176 emojis on a strict 12x12 "pixel" grid. These original blocky designs are considered such important pieces of modern communication that they were actually displayed right here in Melbourne at the NGV in 2018.

From Paper to Pixels We challenged our students to become digital designers and create their very own original emojis, with activities tailored across the school:

- **Our Junior Students** went old-school, with pencils, markers, and printed grid paper, they learned how to colour in whole "pixels" (squares) to build their characters, navigating the exact same limitations designers faced in the 1990s.
- **Our Senior Students** stepped into the modern era using their devices. They learned digital formatting skills by transforming standard Google Sheets spreadsheets into perfect digital canvases. Using the "fill colour" tool, they designed complex, multi-coloured pixel art just like modern app developers.

During the lesson, we learned that a real-life group called the **Unicode Consortium** is in charge of approving and adding new emojis to our phone keyboards every year—and *anyone* in the world can pitch an idea.

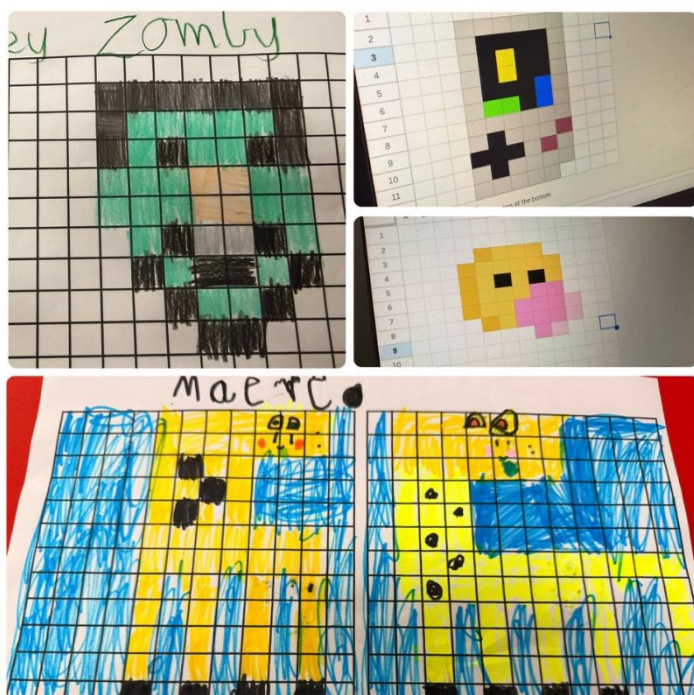
A few of our students were incredibly keen to pitch their original designs to Apple and Google. If your child came home with an idea for an emoji that the world desperately needs, you can actually help them officially propose it.

Submissions require a bit of research and a written proposal, making it a fantastic weekend project for keen kids.

You can read all the rules, guidelines, and find the official submission form on the Unicode Consortium's website here:

<https://unicode.org/emoji/proposals.html>

Mr. Garcia



The Man Cave: Community Keynote


Macedon
Ranges
Health
supported by **benetas**



When: Monday 27th April, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

RSVP: Monday 20th April

 melissa.bankowski@benetas.com.au

 Macedon Ranges Health
5 Neal St, Gisborne

 03 5428 0300

 Refreshments provided

Parents. Teachers. Coaches. Youth leaders.

If you work with or care about young men this conversation is for you.

Designed to unpack what's really going on for young men today, this keynote explores mental health, identity, connection, confidence and positive masculinity and what adults can do to better support them.

Why attend:

- Learn how gender stereotypes and “tough guy” norms can impact wellbeing
- Hear what young men are really experiencing
- Gain practical strategies for engaging with teens
- Understand how to build healthy masculinity together

Why this conversation can't wait:

- Suicide is the leading cause of death for young men under 25
- Many boys feel pressure to hide vulnerability and “tough it out”
- Emotional isolation increases risk of diabetes, disengagement and harmful behaviour
- Communities that promote emotional literacy and respect build stronger families, schools and clubs

4\5 Inquiry



By Amelia.C and Eloise.L

For half of term one, grade 4\5 has been learning about parliament house and laws. We have talked about how laws are made, who decides to make it a law and how they do it. For those who don't know, parliament house is where the government decides to make a law. We are going to talk about how laws are made.

It starts with some one making a idea that they think might help our community. They give it to the lower house and they read it. After that they vote. If the most people vote no, it is forgotten. If it is a yes, they send it to the upper house. They do the same. If its a yes, it has to get read by the governor and get ticked. Its called royal assent. It is now a law.



this is a bill it gets read in parliament 3 times



What's Happening in Grade 2/3 for Inquiry

Hello everyone,

In Term One we have been looking at jobs in our school community.

Our Central Idea for this unit was, 'People need specific qualities to participate in the world of work'.

The Lines of Inquiry we explored for Term One were:

- The different roles within a school community (Key concept: Function)
- The way different groups work together within a school community (Key concept: Connection)
- The skills, knowledge and personal qualities people need to be successful in work (Key concept: Responsibility).

In groups we picked teachers to interview with questions that we wrote with our groups. Some of the questions we asked were:

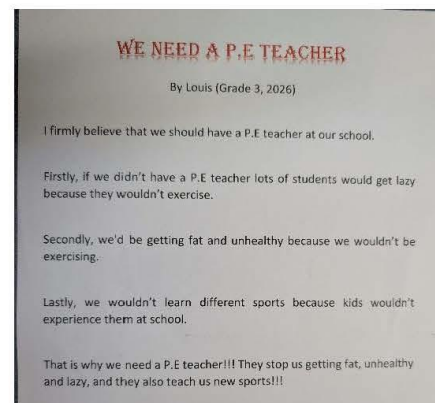
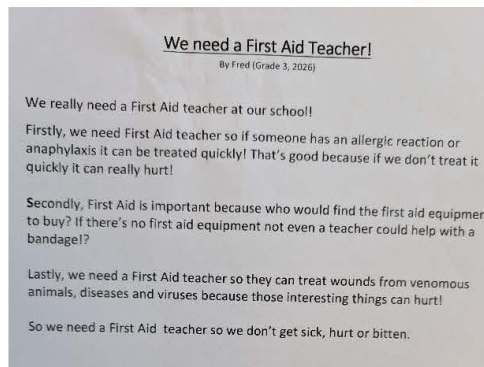
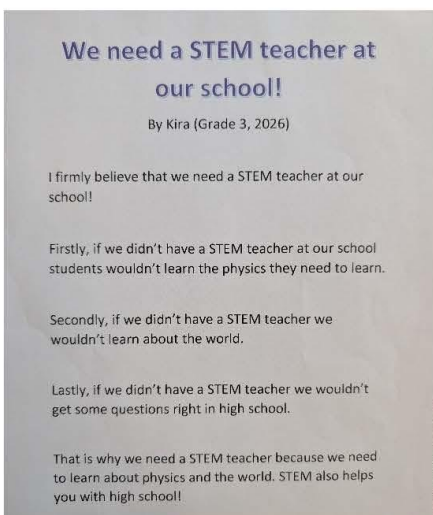
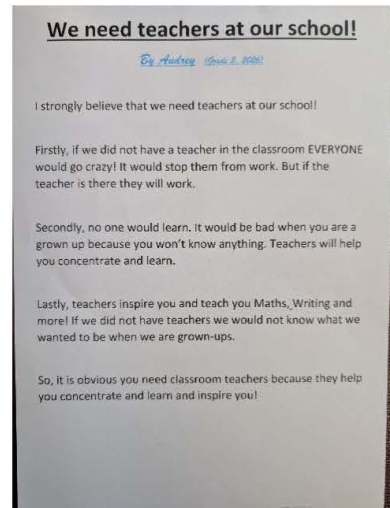
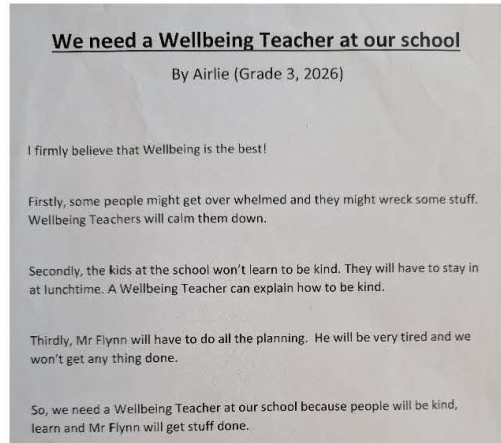
Why do you think this job is important?

What do you like about your job?

What would happen if your job didn't exist?

What skills do you need for your job?

We found out that we need every job in the school community, so our school's a good school. We also found out that there's reasons each person should be at our school. Like, if we didn't have a PE teacher then kids would get lazy because they're not getting exercise in between lessons if they don't run around at lunchtime.



Our Inquiry unit for Term Two is about Heroes.

We have been asking what qualities we need to have to be a Hero. We watched a video about lots of different people that were Heroes. Some of the Heroes we found out about, showed how important it is to pick up rubbish and look after the environment. Another hero we learnt about went for long runs to collect money for the homeless.

Before the holidays we were given the opportunity to ask someone who is a hero to us. We had to interview our hero by asking some questions. These questions were:

What does a hero mean to you?

Do you think you are a hero? Why or why not?

How do you feel when you're helping others?

What do you like about helping others?

What qualities (like kindness, bravery or caring) makes someone a hero?

Do you think someone has to be famous to be a hero? Why or why not?

Then, we had to write about why we chose that person as our hero and we will present it to our class.

Thank you.

Bye Augie and Daisy (Grade 2/3)



ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

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GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

MACEDON AUSKICK CENTRE

Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon

SATURDAYS 8:30AM - 9:30AM

Starts May 2nd 2026

AFL PLAY

You're invited to our **SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**
THE #1 BOOK FAIR

REGISTER HERE FOR NFRM 2026!

Date: _____ Time: _____
Place: _____

Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment

Your child's school is having a Scholastic Book Fair. Your child will bring home their wish list of titles they have discovered at the Fair! We encourage you to discuss the Book Fair and their wish list choices with your child. Once you have agreed which items you will purchase you can pre-pay for those titles by completing the following steps.

- List the titles they are going to purchase from the fair.

Title	Price

- Make a secure payment online by going to scholastic.com.au/payment or scanning the QR code below.

Book Fair Payment

* Please note a surcharge of 1% on all card payments.

- Complete the Payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

Receipt Number: _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____

First Name: _____
Surname: _____
School: _____
Suburb/City: _____
Telephone Tel: _____

THIS IS NOT A PRE-PAYMENT! THIS FORM MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS!

EVERY BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

SCHOLASTIC

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

National Road Safety Week 2026 17-24 May

[@nationalwalksafelytoschoolday](https://www.facebook.com/nationalwalksafelytoschoolday) [@natwalktoschool](https://www.instagram.com/natwalktoschool) [@natwalktoschool](https://www.tiktok.com/@natwalktoschool) #WSTSD

WALK.COM.AU

SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL STATE, TERRITORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

National Road Safety Week 2026 17-24 May

With special guest
Snr Constable Erik Woods

from Macedon Police Station, we're excited to come together to celebrate **National Walk Safely to School Day**.

This event connects beautifully with our IB PYP focus on building community and promoting active, healthy lifestyles.

Meet at the Trading Post Café at 8.30am, before enjoying a walk to school together.

About ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day as we know it was first observed on 25 April 1916, as people came together to commemorate the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli, Türkiye, on 25 April 1915.

This important tradition has now become an opportunity to stop and reflect on the sacrifice and dedication of all our veteran and service community, and the families who support them.

It is a significant day for the department, and we proudly recognise our many staff who have served over the years.

We recognise First Nations people who served in conflicts. We acknowledge their service, sacrifice and ongoing impacts on their families.

The annual Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service is held during Reconciliation Week and is on Sunday 31 May 2026 at the Shrine of Remembrance. For more details and to register to attend, refer to [Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service](#).

ANZAC Day in your local community

ANZAC Day is a public holiday but falls on a Saturday this year. School staff, families and students who wish to observe the day can join in commemorative activities at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne or at the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross.

These activities include the:

- Memorial Cross dawn service
- commemoration march in Woodend
- laying of wreaths in Woodend RSL
- commemoration service.

For more details, including about the dawn service and where to watch it online, refer to the [RSL Victoria website](#).

RSL Victoria sub-branches also host ANZAC Day commemorative services for everyone in their local area to attend. For a local ANZAC Day service near you, refer to [RSL Victoria's Find an ANZAC Day service near you webpage](#).



Hi MMPS families!

Xavier here, dad of Darcy (year 1) and I wanted to share an iPhone app I've made that's genuinely saved my sanity this year. I started looking for something to help me after turning up to school last year and realising Darcy and I were alone... it was a pupil free day. I'd missed it completely! Never again.

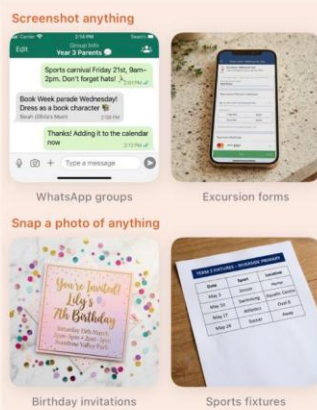
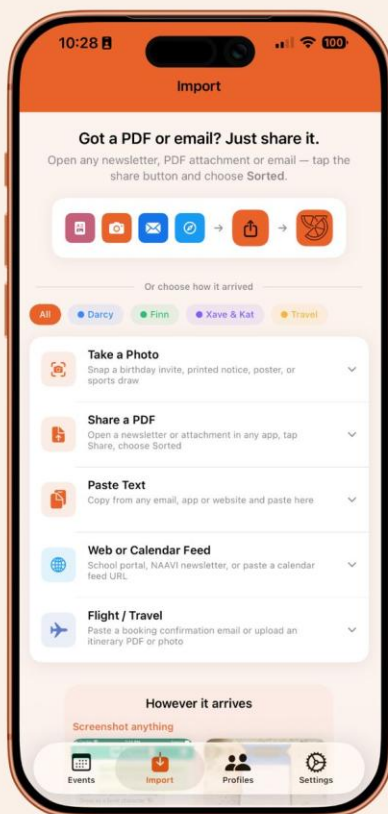
It's called Sorted —an iOS app that reads your school/kinder/sports newsletters and automatically adds all the important dates to your calendar. You can even take a photo of a birthday invitation that came home scrunched up at the bottom of their bag and it'll pull the date straight into your calendar. No more manually entering photo days, excursion deadlines, or party RSVPs — it just handles it for you. If you've ever missed something because it was buried in a newsletter PDF, this one's worth trying. Search 'Sorted school events' on the [App Store](#) or visit <http://sortedapp.io> It's free to try, and I've also made a promo code for a bonus 6 months for Mount Macedon Primary families. Enter code: MMPS3441

Xavier Muhlebach

Founder – Sorted

App Store link: <https://bit.ly/47YCnkf>

Never miss a school event

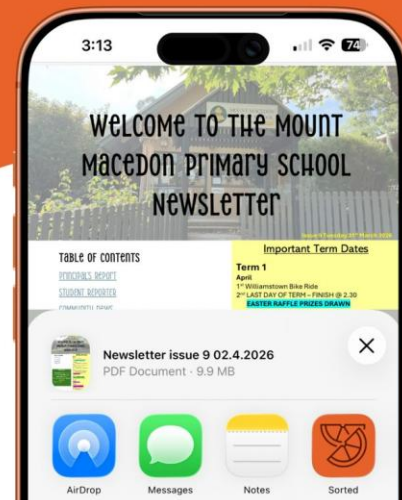


Instantly add events from

- Newsletters
- WhatsApp Chats
- Birthday Invitations
- Emails
- Anything!



To the calendar you already use



sortedapp.io

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 Worlds Indigenous Peoples

September (First Wednesday) – Indigenous Literacy Day



2026 Health & Wellbeing Events Calendar

April	
All April	Autism Acceptance Month
7 April	World Health Day. 
11 April	World Parkinson's Day.
Various dates per state	Youth Week 
24 April	International Guide Dog Day. 

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 biik, Country.
Nagujin, thank you.



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

