

Mount Macedon Primary School Newsletter

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2027 Foundation enrolment parent info session
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& Yr 1/2 &Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp
13th SEA Program
School Council Meeting @ Mt Macedon Winery
17th 2027 Foundation Orientation Session 1
18th Energy Breakthrough
20th SEA Program
24th Foundation Orientation Session 2
27th PUPIL FREE DAY

December

1ST Foundation Orientation Session 3
5th MMPS Community Fete
8th Statewide Orientation Day
9th Mt Macedon & Macedon Christmas Carols
11th Kids Rule the School
14th Yr 6 Graduation
15th Mt Macedon's Got Talent performances
16th Picnic at Hanging Rock
17th End of Year Assembly
18th LAST DAY OF TERM FINISH AT 1.30

2027

January

28th Students First Day
29th SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

February

3rd NO PREPS
4th Yr 6 Car Wash Fundraiser
5th FOS Welcome BBQ
8th & 9th Meet the Teacher Interviews
10th FOS Meeting
16th School Council Meeting
23rd – 3rd March Somers Camp (selected students)

Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

World Teacher's Day: I want to take the time on World Teachers Day to celebrate the amazing work our teachers do here every day at MMPS. Their constant commitment to our students is incredible. As schools change and the role of a teacher becomes more and more complex, I could not be more proud of the way our teachers approach supporting their students and the parents of our MMPS community.

Fete Update - Donations call out: FOS are asking parents to take advantage of Halloween in two ways to support the 2027 Fete! We are asking for lolly donations to support our lolly stall as well as any Halloween decorations that could be used in our Haunted House! The Haunted House was a huge success in its first year and we are hoping to take any used or unwanted decorations off your hands. If you do have any lolly or decoration donations, please feel free to pop into the office at any time with them.

Sex Education Australia: Our grade 3-6 Sex Education Australia program begins next Friday for students in grades 3-6. Each year level will be part of a three-session program looking to education our students on a range of topics, including body safety, body development and more.

A big thank you to parents who attended our Parent Information session on Monday night.

Permission needs to be provided via Compass, if you have not already done so can I ask that you jump on and do that asap.

Parent Conduct Expectations: I just want to take a moment to share with the wider school community the expectations of all around communication and behaviour. At MMPS we work hard to encourage positive communication. Our students learn from the early years that words can hold enormous power. Our staff model this, our students model this and we ask our parent community to do the same.

I encourage parents to come to see me if there are any concerns about things happening at pick-up, drop-off, or at any other time and while onsite. Issues should not be addressed in an aggressive or intimidating manner. Examples of this type of behaviour are taken very seriously and can result in a number of serious consequences.

Pupil Free Day- Monday 2nd NOVEMBER: Just a reminder that we have a pupil free day this coming Monday, the 2nd of November. This day will be taken by staff to develop our 2027 International Baccalaureate Program of Inquiry. A day where we work together to develop an engaging and rich learning plan for our students next year.

I hope everyone gets a chance to take a break this long weekend and spend it with family doing something fun!

Many thanks, Joe.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN JAPANESE



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Following on from the theme of toys the Foundation to grade 2 students have been studying sport. They are learning about some of the traditional Japanese sports such as Sumo and Karate and have had some engaging discussions about the discipline needed for these Japanese sports. They have started to pronounce and read ten words related to sports from all cultures and have been challenged to predict correct pronunciation based on their knowledge of the Japanese alphabet. They are practising saying "I play this sport," and "I don't play that sport, and will engage in a survey to help build their communication in Japanese. The survey involves finding out which sports, if any their friends play each day of the week.

In grades 2/3 to 5/6 the focus has been on learning the pronunciation for fifty common phrases in Japanese by listening to a native speaker. Taking on ten phrases at a time they are being encouraged to look for meaning in each phrase and thus find anchors to help them remember each phrase. Their knowledge of these phrases is being extended into translation and applying their knowledge of sounds to write the phrases in hiragana. Further extension activities have included word searches of these phrases in both romaji (the English letters) and hiragana.

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か ka	き ki	く ku	け ke	こ ko
さ sa	し shi	す su	せ se	そ so
た ta	ち chi	つ tsu	て te	と to
な na	に ni	ぬ nu	ね ne	の no
は ha	ひ hi	ふ fu	へ he	ほ ho
ま ma	み mi	む mu	め me	も mo
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Sustainability at MMPS

Our Biodiversity Journey

We are continuing to build on our commitment to sustainability, helping our students understand, appreciate and care for the natural environment around them.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Emily from Sustainability Victoria back to MMPS to work with our students on the Biodiversity Module of the ResourceSmart Schools program. This is an exciting next step in our journey towards achieving our second ResourceSmart star rating! ⭐ ⭐

Our older students in Years 4/5 and 5/6 rolled up their sleeves to conduct habitat and wildlife surveys around our school grounds. They explored how to identify and count trees, plants and other elements of our natural environment, collecting valuable data to help us better understand the biodiversity we have at MMPS. This information will help guide our future actions to protect and enhance the habitats around our school.

Our younger students also had an important role to play, exploring local wildlife and special species found in the Mount Macedon area. With hands-on activities and opportunities to learn about our local environment, they are developing an appreciation for the plants and animals that make our region so special. Our Years 2/3 students will also help develop an action plan, turning what we learn into practical steps we can take as a school.

ResourceSmart is about more than earning a star rating. It is about embedding sustainable practices into everyday school life and empowering our students to become thoughtful, environmentally responsible citizens.

A huge thank you to Emily for her ongoing guidance and support, and to our students and staff for getting involved so enthusiastically. Every small action counts, and together we are making great progress towards a more sustainable future at MMPS!



Cyber Safety

We're excited to share that Mount Macedon Primary School has been successful in receiving grant funding from **Community Bank Gisborne & District** to bring the *Inform & Empower* cyber safety and digital wellbeing program to our whole school in 2027!

Following recommendations of this fantastic program, which has been successfully delivered in other local schools, we're delighted to be able to offer this valuable learning opportunity to our entire MMPS community.

Delivered by external providers in partnership with our classroom teachers, the program will support students to develop the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

A huge thank you to Community Bank Gisborne & District for supporting our school and investing in the safety and wellbeing of our students.

We look forward to sharing more information about the program and what it will involve for our students and families in 2027!



STALL CO-ORDINATORS MEETING

Thursday 5th November

2.30 pm

MMPS Library



2026 – 2028 Fundraising

We're dreaming big!
Our long-term vision is to transform our existing basketball court into a covered outdoor learning space that can be enjoyed by our students all year round!

With a roof, lighting and landscaping, this space will provide a welcoming area for outdoor learning, physical education, whole-school activities and community events, whatever the weather!

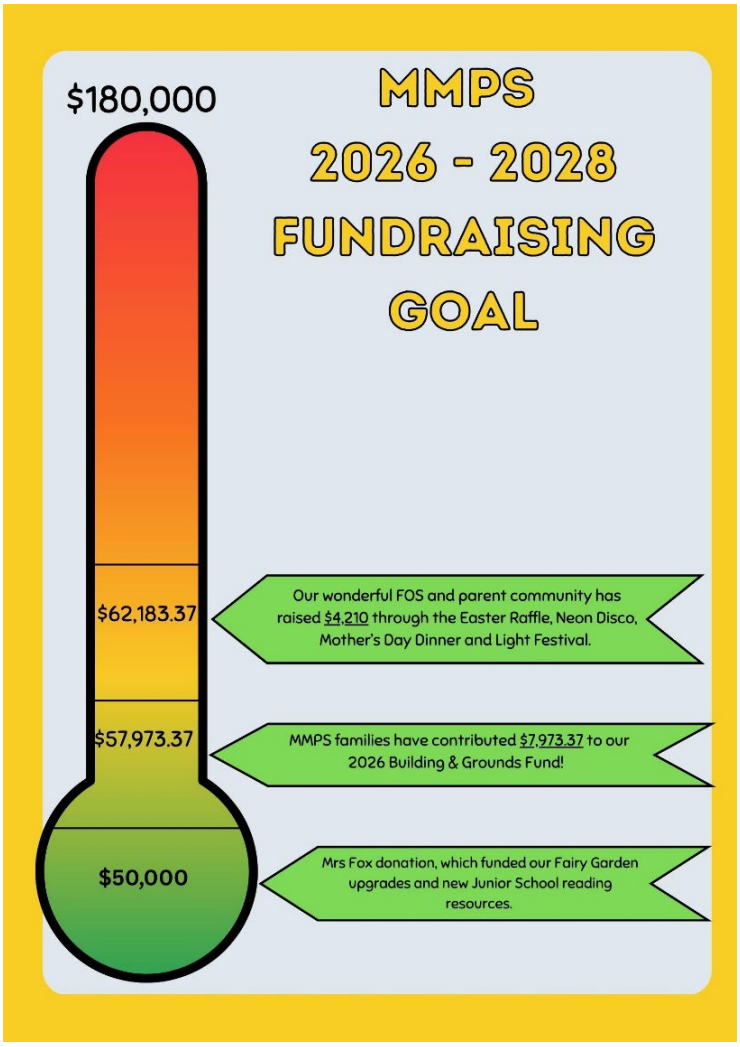
With limited *(or no!)* government funding available for projects like this, we're working together as a school community through fundraising, donations, community support and grant applications to bring our vision to life. We've also applied for a grant and are eagerly waiting to hear if we've been successful!

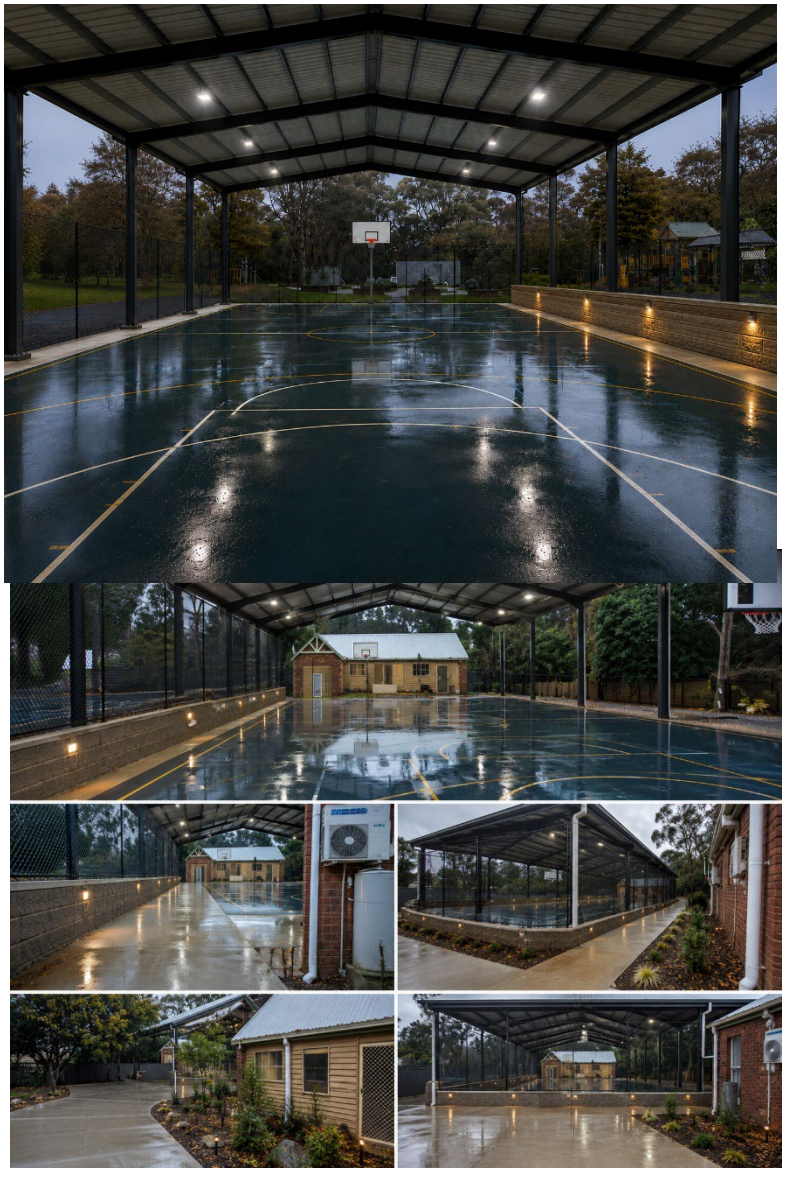
We're excited to share that our school has raised an incredible **$62,183.37** through fundraising and donations! This reflects the generosity of our families and wider community, and we're grateful for every contribution. We'd also like to acknowledge Mrs Fox's incredibly generous $50,000 donation, which has already supported wonderful improvements across our school, including our Fairy Garden space (with more exciting developments to come), upgraded reading resources for our Junior School classes and new bag room doors.

Have you spotted our new fundraising display in the school hallway?
Keep an eye on our fundraising thermometer and watch it grow as we work towards our basketball court goal. We'll continue fundraising, exploring grant opportunities and sharing our progress along the way.

A heartfelt thank you to our families, volunteers and wider community for supporting our school and helping us create an even better learning environment for our children.

Watch this space!

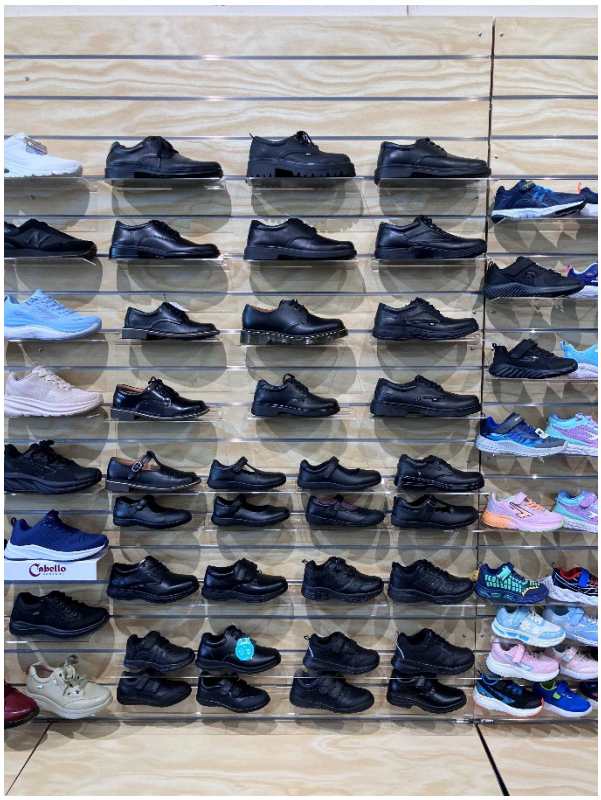








Back to School with
Kyneton Shoes
Every child is expertly and personally fitted with top quality brands.
Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-2pm
ROC
HARRISON
Grosby
Surefit
Wilde
Clarks
23 High Street, Kyneton
03 5422 2090
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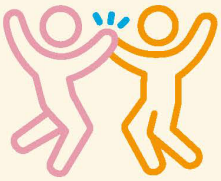
Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community:

- **Threats**
- **Violence**
- **Rudeness**
- **Harassment**
- **Discriminatory and derogatory comments**
- **Aggression**
- **Intimidation**
- **Threatening gestures**

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online platforms.

For more information ask your school about the **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy.**

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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

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2026 Health & Wellbeing

October	
12 - 18 Oct	National Carer's Week
30 Oct	Day for Daniel
November	
All Nov	Movember - Men's Health
13 Nov	World Kindness 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 viik, Country.
Nagujin, thank you.



