

MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FOS Events

- Election BBQ November 28th
- Fete Saturday December 5th

Meeting

TBA

Important Term Dates

Term 4

October

12th – 16th Whole School Swimming Program

16th Pop Up Second-hand Uniform Stall

19th Yr 6 Headspace Secondary School Transition Talk

20th School Council Meeting

26th SEA Parent Info Session

November

2nd PUPIL FREE DAY

3rd Cup Day Public Holiday

6th SEA Program

11th Yr 6 Remembrance Day Walk to the Cross

2027 Foundation enrolment parent info session

12th Foundation BBQ Dinner

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

13th SEA Program

School Council Meeting @ Mt Macedon Winery

17th 2027 Foundation Orientation Session 1

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

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



Welcome back!

Swimming Program Next Week: We will be running our final week of our intensive swimming program next week. Students will be heading down to the Gisborne Aquatic Centre each day for a lesson. *Each day, students will need to bring a bag with the following: a towel, spare underpants and goggles and a swimming cap. Students need to wear their bathers underneath their school uniform when coming to school.*

Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion: Yesterday we were lucky to have Nicky from the responsible Pet Ownership program, working with our students to explore how to be safe around pets and animals, dogs specifically, as well as other aspects of pet ownership, general welfare, registration and exercise and training.

Fete: We have entered term four which means our Fete is approaching! We are so excited to be planning and organising our Fete for you all to enjoy on December the 5th and are at the stage of inviting people to take on responsibilities for specific roles, stalls and donations. Below is an outline of which elements of the Fete have been assigned to each classroom:

Foundation/1: Haunted House
Grade 1/2: Snack Street - Lolly and snack food stalls
Grade 2/3: Secondhand books/toys OR Devonshire Tea
Grade 4/5: Bake Sale
Grade 5/6: BBQ

Each household is asked to consider committing an hour to help support the Fete – This could be in helping prepare for a stall before the fete or getting on the roster to run a stall during the fete. *If we had each family offer this amount of time, we would be able to make sure that we spread the effort and ensure everybody gets to enjoy the fete throughout the preparation as well as on the day!*

Bushfire Preparedness Works: The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) have prioritised a number of bushfire prevention projects for schools who are rated at high risk for bushfires, Mount Macedon PS is included in this category. MMPS spends months in the lead up to bushfire season preparing our emergency management plans as well as engaging local arborists to maintain our trees and gardens to remain at a fire-safe and manageable level.

We are proud of the important work we put into this aspect of living in a high-bushfire risk environment. I have personally been concerned to see that some schools in similar situations have had all their trees removed from their school grounds in the name of bushfire preparedness works by the VSBA. I will be working closely with the VSBA to ensure that the work undertaken does not result in large amounts of trees, shrubs and greenery being removed. Maintaining the natural and beautiful grounds of our school, while also keeping us as safe as possible, are my utmost priorities in this matter. I have included communications from the VSBA for our school community below.

Illness: As mentioned in a Compass post yesterday, we have had a case of Influenza-A in our school community. We ask that any students who may be showing any symptoms of illness remain at home until well. We will continue to maintain strong hygiene practices here at school; washing hands and using sanitizer when necessary.

I hope everyone has been able to settle back into the rhythm and routine of school and that Daylight Savings hasn't made that too much harder. It has been wonderful to see everybody come back with smiles on their faces! Here's to a big, busy but enormously fun Term 4!

Thanks, Joe.

This week at MMPS!

Swimming

From the 12th-16th of October, we have the amazing opportunity to try out some swimming lessons at the grand pools of Gisborne Aquatic Centre. As like previous years, we go to school wearing bathers underneath your school uniform. During the day, each and every class will go to the pool and kind instructors will guide you towards your ultimate swimming goal.

Responsible Pet Ownership

On the 7th of October, we will be having the Responsible Pet Ownership (or RPT for short) people come around to tell us how to be safe around dogs. I hope this is a very good lesson to all about how we, not only can love, but be safe around dogs.

Back 2 Term 4

I am pleased to announce that the school term has resumed. Now, I know this topic brings a lot of moans and groans, but this is going to be a wonderful term. With the FETE coming around, and all of the wonderful things to learn about, I reckon this will be the most fantastic term Mount Macedon Primary has ever seen!

Doing So Well

Everyone in Mount Macedon Primary School should be so proud of themselves for achieving so much and putting all of their effort into making this school an even more wonderful place. Everyone deserves a pat on the back for intaking so much knowledge and progressing.

Yash Sharma – School Reporter





G.E.M of the week

By Jax J

Resilience project

this week in the Resilience Project we did a session on emotions and how to regulate them. we did a game called emotion tennis and then we spoke about spilling your emotional lid and having breakdowns and how to try and prevent a breakdown



The thoughts of: Finn!

Q1. What are you grateful for?

A. My parents and my pets!

Q2. What is your favorite thing you learnt in Wellbeing this year!

A. Making a song about how vegetables help us!

Before School Yoga Stronger Together

term 4, 2026

for Foundation - G6 students

Build connection, understanding & strength with a partnered yoga flow to start the day!

When Mondays 8.30am - school bell

Where School Hall, Mt Macedon PS

Investment \$125/child term enrolment (10 weeks)
\$15/child casual class



Book online [here](#)

IB UPDATE

Mount Macedon Primary School

ENTERPRISE ALLEY

Grade 5/6

The Grade 5 and 6 students at Mount Macedon Primary School have joined forces for their current PYP Inquiry unit, exploring the world of business and enterprise. Students have been investigating how businesses are created, how resources are allocated, and how goods and services are developed to meet the needs and wants of individuals and communities.

Big ideas
Real world
Impact

They've created + their own + **MISSION STATEMENTS!**

Each group has worked together to develop a mission statement for their business, showing their purpose, values and how they hope to make a positive impact in the community.

CENTRAL IDEA

People create business opportunities to benefit themselves and their communities.

MISSION STATEMENTS

At Koala Co, we create high quality 3d prints, to help raise money for our school, and provide fun toys, for everyone!

OUR MISSION

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL BY BUYING A DELICIOUS, HOMEMADE TREAT THAT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.

OUR GROUPS WILL BE RUNNING A STALL AT THE FETE!

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Come along, support our amazing Grade 5/6 businesses and enjoy the creativity, entrepreneurship and hard work of our students!

Support our students!

Lines of Inquiry

- Types of resources and how they are allocated
- How goods and services are designed to meet needs and wants
- The ways businesses can benefit individuals, consumers and society.

Real ideas • Creative minds • Stronger communities

ib PYP Inquiring for a better, more peaceful world

Sustainability @ MMPS

Making Every Drop Count: Our Term 3 Water Story

As part of our sustainability efforts, our school tracks water use through the **Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP)** a Victorian Government initiative using smart data loggers to spot leaks early and bring real school data into the classroom. Many classes use our real data in maths and science lessons!

Here's what our main meter recorded this term:

Month	Usage
July 2026	21,190
August 2026	28,435
September 2026	13,930

Total: 63,555 litres. August's spike (likely due to seasonal factors) was followed by a sharp drop in September, exactly the kind of trend SWEP helps us catch.

How you can help

- **Report** any dripping taps, running toilets to the office.
- **Turn taps off firmly**, and remind your kids to do the same.

Thanks for helping keep our school water-wise. Here's to an even lower reading next term!

Learn more at myswep.com.au.

This term in Digi-Tech, we are trying something a little different. We are taking a well-earned screen break to focus our energy entirely on one massive, hands-on topic: SPACE.

Throughout the term, students will be exploring a wide range of cosmic concepts. We will be diving into the mechanics of space travel and how astronauts survive in extreme environments, mapping the immense scale of planets and stars, testing the invisible pulling force of gravity, and even tackling mind-bending physics concepts like time dilation and orbital mechanics.

We kicked it all off this week with a high-energy rocket challenge across the entire school. Condensing the engineering process into a single, action-packed session, students were given one primary goal: build a rocket that can achieve the highest altitude. To make it age-appropriate, each year level focused on a different scientific principle to achieve their launch:

- **Juniors:** Focused on geometry and structure, learning how to turn 2D shapes into stable 3D rocket designs to ensure their craft could physically withstand a launch.
- **Middles:** Acted as chemical engineers, focusing on mathematical ratios to mix the perfect "fuel" combinations, testing different proportions to generate the most powerful lift-off.
- **Seniors:** Tackled advanced physics by investigating aerodynamics and drag. They engineered custom nose cones and fin placements to reduce air resistance and maximise their flight trajectories.

It was a chaotic, brilliant, and incredibly fun start to our space unit. Extra congrats to London for his high-flying 'Cat' rocket, and Finn for his no-nonsense '*just wanted to get it as high as possible*' design.

You can see some of the process in the image below.

Victorian Curriculum (VC2.0) & IB Links

- **Juniors:** Mathematics / Measurement and Space (Creating 3D objects from 2D shapes). **IB:** *How the World Works*.
- **Middles:** Science / Chemical Sciences (Combining materials and observing physical changes based on ratios). **IB:** *How the World Works*.
- **Seniors:** Science / Physical Sciences (Investigating how forces like drag and thrust affect the motion of an object). **IB:** *How the World Works*.





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.

Shelter-in-Place bushfire safety works

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community,

As part of our school's bushfire preparedness activities, works are happening on or around our designated Shelter-in-Place building(s). These works may continue into early Term 4.

These works are being carried out to help ensure our Shelter-in-Place facilities remain suitable for use during the bushfire season and continue to support the safety of students, staff and visitors in the event we need to enact our emergency management procedures.

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is working with us to carry out these works in a way that minimises disruption.

The works may include:

- Vegetation clearance and management
- Minor maintenance and site improvement works
- Other activities designed to improve the preparedness and functionality of Shelter-in-Place facilities

For schools like ours located in bushfire-risk areas, vegetation must be cleared within 10 metres of our Shelter-in-Place building. If trees or gardens are required to be removed, we'll work with VSBA to consider how best to replace them in a safer location.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as these important safety-related works are completed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the works, please come in and see me.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kind regards,

Joseph Flynn

Principal

Mount Macedon Primary School



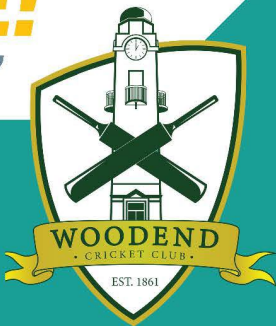
CRICKET REGISTRATIONS OPEN

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME!

CRICKET BLAST (AGES 5-9), U11, U13, U15, U17



WWW.WOODENDCRICKETCLUB.ORG/JUNIORS
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164th Kyneton Agricultural Show
Writing Competition

Does your child love writing? Looking for something to do these school holidays? Why not enter the Kyneton Show writing comp?!

Essay: Students in Years 5 & 6
"ELECTRONIC DEVICES RUIN FAMILY TIME."

Essays must be no more than 300 words, on a single A4 page (one side only) with the entrant's name, age and school clearly written on the back.

Creative Writing :

- 7 years & under • Up to 100 words
- 8 years to 10 years • 100 to 200 words
- 11 years to 12 years • 200 to 300 words
- 13 years to 17 years • 300 to 500 words

• All must be on an A4 page (single sided only) with the entrant's name, age and school clearly written on the back.

Entries can be submitted to the school front office, no later than Friday 16th Oct

Sensory Swim Session

Come and try our new Sensory Swim Program

- Saturday 31 October
- 6pm to 7pm
- Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre
- Pool entry fee applies



- Sensory-friendly and inclusive.
- Reduced lighting and noise.
- Makes swimming more accessible.
- Supports physical, social and emotional wellbeing.
- Bring along your supports as required

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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

October		
All Oct	Mental Health Awareness Month	
All October	Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation's Roar for Wellbeing Month	
All Oct	Breast Cancer Awareness Month	
5-11 Oct	Active Aging Week	
10 Oct	World Mental Health Day	
12 Oct	World Arthritis 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.

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

