

MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue 21 Tuesday 28th July 2026

TABLE OF CONTENTS

[PRINCIPAL'S REPORT](#)

[STUDENT REPORTER](#)

[IB PYP UPDATE](#)

[WELLBEING](#)

[COMMUNITY NEWS](#)

[SIGNIFICANT DATES](#)

FOS Events

Father's Day Event Friday 4th September

Meetings

Fete meeting coming soon

Important Term Dates

Term 3

August

7th Principals Day
10th Yr 2/3 Sustainability Victoria Incursion
14th District Basketball (selected students)
Braemar Students visit
17th -21st Bullying NO WAY & Science Week
20th District Athletics (selected students)
21st IB PYP Open Day
24th – 28th Book Week
28th Wear it Purple Day
Braemar Students visit
School Council Meeting
25th School Council Meeting
31st District Hot Shots Tennis (selected students)

September

4th District Hot Shots Tennis (selected students)
FOS Fathers Day Event
11th Braemar Students visit
14th – 17th Production
17th District T20 Cricket (selected students)
18th LAST DAY OF TERM FINISH AT 2.30

Term 4

October 12th – 16th Whole School Swimming Program
19th Yr 6 Headspace
20th School Council Meeting
26th SEA Parent Info Session

November 2nd PUPIL FREE DAY

3rd Cup Day Public Holiday
6th & 13th & 20th SEA Program
12th Foundation BBQ Dinner
& Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp
17th 2027 Foundation Orientation Session 1

27th PUPIL FREE DAY

December 5th MMPS Fete

Hello everyone! I hope you've all had a wonderful week.

I have been absolutely blown away by all of the wonderful well wishes today. I have an amazing opportunity in being the principal of Mount Macedon Primary School and I pinch myself each day being able to call this wonderful school my workplace. It would not be the place it is without our wonderful staff, parents and especially our students.

PJ Day: A huge congratulations to our JSC and in particular to Abby and Hunter on raising over \$150 to go to supporting people and families who are in need of support this winter. Thanks to all your generous donations we also have a huge collection of blankets and jackets to donate as well. I feel like winter has well and truly made itself known after a lovely mild autumn so helping those who need it becomes even more important.

Resilient Youth Survey (RYS): Information regarding the upcoming Resilient Youth Survey will be coming home early next week. We are proud to partner with The Resilience Project to assist our school community in their wellbeing journey. In order to gain an accurate understanding of our students' strengths and challenges, we will be conducting the Student Resilience Survey developed by Resilient Youth Australia and the University of South Australia. In recent years, more than 900,000 young people aged between 7–19 have been surveyed, across 3,500 schools globally. The results have been used to make informed and practical decisions about targeted resilience initiatives.

Following the information going out, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Fete Update: Below is a message from our FOS and School Council President Dan Ryan regarding our upcoming fete!

*"Fete planning is well underway and we're looking for anyone with any stalls or activities they would like to run so they can be considered as soon as possible. We're also looking for anyone that can help drive **community sponsors and donations**, if you think you have some good relationships to leverage and some handy sales skills let Joe or myself know and we can get into more details. This year we'll be dividing as much as possible up into classrooms to make it easy for people join in fete organisation and on the day as it's a great school community event to show the kids what's possible when everyone works together. More communication will go out on class whatsapp groups and compass as things evolve.*

Bushfire Planning: One of the significant elements of planning in term 3 is looking towards the upcoming bushfire season. MMPS has a significant amount of planning and preparing completed at this point of the year, including clearing of trees via arborist visits and reviewing all our emergency management and evacuation plans. One of the most significant aspects of our bushfire management is our relocation days. I have included information attached to this Compass post that goes into more detail about the Bushfire at Risk rating system (BARR).

I have also attached a PowerPoint presentation to this post that covers how MMPS prepares for bushfire season and how you can help your household prepare as well.

Thanks,

Joe.



MMPS FETE
**SAT 5TH
DEC**



This week at MMPS!

Braemar Student visitors

Throughout this term, we have had some fascinating year 8 students come to our school to play amazing activities with our school which is a real treat! I can't wait for these grade 8's to come back, and I love how the associates at Braemar like to send their students over to our school as part of their community service project!

PJ Day

On Friday the 31st of July the Junior School Councils held PJ Day where students had the opportunity to eat some soup and wear their pyjamas to school. This was a chance for students to try some delicious chicken noodle and pumpkin soups were kindly provided by FoodBank. Students also brought in a warm coat or blanket to donate to the Salvation Army for those in need, with all the donations we were able to raise over \$150 thanks to you guys.

2/3 Water Inquiry

Our Grade 2/3 students have dived headfirst into an exciting new unit all about water! They started our journey by exploring why water is our planet's most precious resource, water! Next, they discovered that we can tell how healthy a creek or pond is just by looking at the tiny creatures living inside it! Back in the classroom, we brought our data into maths class. The students created tally charts and bar graphs to count exactly how many of each water bug species we found.

The biggest highlight of their reading was a fascinating scientific fact that blew everyone's minds: the water you drink today could be dinosaur urine! To wrap up our project, the students decided to take action. In our writing sessions, we drafted formal letters to our local water authority, Western Waters!

Yash Sharma
School Reporter





G.E.M of the week

By Sadie & Jax J

Resilience project

This week in the resilience project we worked on a venn diagram. It was about four different things. What you love, what the world needs, what you're good at and what you can be paid for. So we put our hobbies or interests in the section that makes the most sense. In the middle there is something called the ikigai which is the thing that works in every section. This helps you find something that you like doing and that people like you doing.



The thoughts of: London

Q1. What are you grateful for?

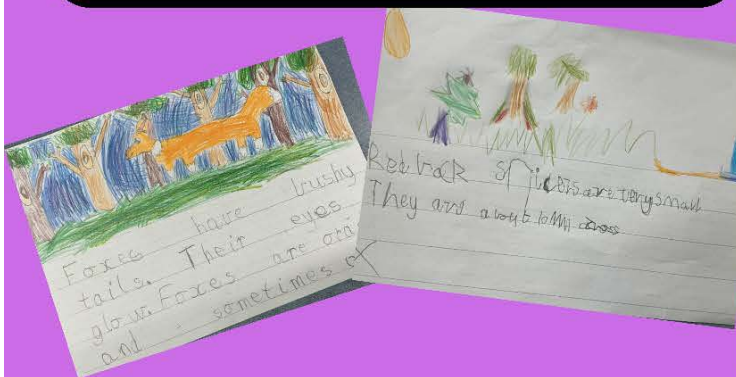
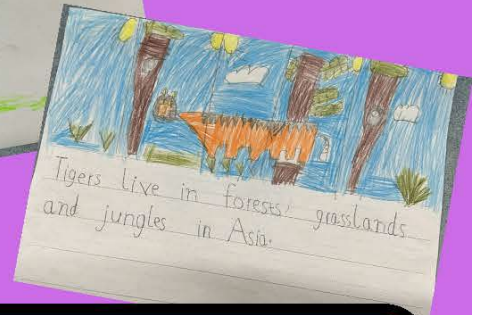
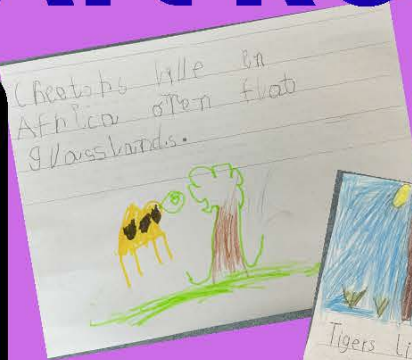
A. Family!

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

A. Everything!

IB in the Art Room

Our Foundation and Year 1 students have been busy exploring the natural world through their How the World Works inquiry unit. Guided by the central idea "Living things have basic needs," students have been investigating what animals need to survive and how their environments support these needs.



Along the way, students have been developing their understanding of non-fiction texts, learning how to research, exploring new vocabulary and discovering how to identify facts. They have been bringing their learning together by creating information books in Foundation and PowerPoint presentations in Year 1 about their chosen animals.

As part of their inquiry, students are now creating animal habitat dioramas to demonstrate their understanding of their animal's environment and the essential elements it needs to survive, including food, water and shelter. Students are encouraged to explore a wide range of materials, experiment with different techniques and use their creativity to problem-solve during the construction process.



It has been wonderful to see students so engaged in their learning as they investigate, create, experiment and share their growing knowledge of the natural world!

How the World Works: Living things have basic needs



Sporting Spotlight

This week we welcome back two of our Year 6 students, Liam and William, from their exciting futsal adventure in China.

Both boys enjoyed outstanding success with their teams, which were made up of players from across Australia, including several local students, at the Jiangmen Cup. Liam's Under 11 team were crowned champions after an exceptional tournament, while William's Under 12 team also had a fantastic campaign, finishing as proud runners-up in a highly competitive field.

Congratulations to Liam, William, and their teammates on representing Australia so well and achieving such outstanding results on the international stage.





LEAGUE STARS

DATE: 28/7/2026 - 1/9/2026
TIME: 3.45pm - 4.45pm
AGE: 5-8 years
COST: FREE
WHERE: Macedon Primary School





nc football.

Private & Small Group Training Sessions
Coached by current U18 NPL1 player
Saturdays | 11am-2pm | Kyneton

For all junior players looking to improve their game.

- ✓ First touch & ball mastery
- ✓ Faster decision making
- ✓ Position & age specific training design
- ✓ Game-realistic training, based on modern day demands

 **Bring a Friend FOR FREE**
Available with all Small Group Training bookings for a limited time.

!!! LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE
Scan the QR code or copy the link to book today!

<https://ncfootball.saemore.com/>





Macedon and
Mount Macedon
Landcare
Group



Community Landcare Planting and First Nations event – a project of collective action in Macedon

 Sat, 8th August, 10:00 - 12:00pm
 77 Margaret St, Macedon - across the road from the back of the Macedon Primary School

Join us for a meaningful start to a special day of community care for Country. On Saturday, 8 August 2026, the Macedon and Mt Macedon Landcare Group will open its planting event with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, conducted by Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Colin Hunter Jnr.

Following the ceremony, volunteers will come together to plant approximately 500 native plants along the creek, as part of the broader 'Planting' event facilitated by Creative Climate. A light lunch will be provided after the planting.

There will be a variety of tasks, depending on you level of energy, and we'll supply the tools.

RSVP via Humanitix or just show up on the day.

All ages welcome.



RSVP by August 7th

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.

Proudly hosted by
Hayden Evans
with 20 years of experience
as a vocalist entertainer

Presented by
McQueen Real Estate
in partnership with
The Shamrock Hotel.



Hayden Evans
McQueen Real Estate 0412 355 548

Proud supporters of Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival

McQueen

REAL ESTATE

Kyneton | Trentham | Daylesford

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

