

MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Meeting

TBA

Important Term Dates

Term 3

September

- 11th Braemar Students visit
Production Full Rehearsal
- 14th Production Dress Rehearsal @ 11.30
- 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 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**
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December

- 1ST Foundation Orientation Session 3
- 5th MMPS Community Fete**
- 8th State Wide Orientation Day
- 11th Kids Rule the School

2027 January

- 29th SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



Principal's Report

Hello everyone!

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.

Our rehearsals have been running at around 1 hour and 20 minutes so we are asking parents to be at school at 8:20pm to pick up their children after each of our evening performances. Performance times are below:

Monday 14th September: 7:00pm (students to be at school from 6:40pm, picked up from 8:20pm)

Tuesday 15th September (matinee): 1:30pm (students to be picked up at normal school pick up time – 3:30pm)

Wednesday 16th September: 7:00pm (students to be at school from 6:40pm, picked up from 8:20pm)

Thursday 17th September: 7:00pm (students to be at school from 6:40pm, picked up from 8:20pm)

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**.

At this stage only 6 wonderful families have completed the survey, and we would value the opinions of a much larger set of our families.

JSC Kyneton Community House Visit: On Wednesday our wonderful Junior School Council and Brooke visited the Kyneton Community House to help put on a lunch for the community with money raised from our PJ & Soup day held earlier this term! Over 30 people were able to come and enjoy a free, three-course meal put on by Kyneton Community House. Our students participated in preparing food, setting tables and table service and all had a blast!

SchoolsOUT! Holiday Program: Please see below further information about the SchoolsOUT! Holiday program being run here at MMPS over the upcoming school holidays. The wonderful team at SchoolsOUT! have put together an amazing program for the holidays but do require a certain number of enrolments for each day to guarantee the running of that day. If you are interested in utilizing the service please reach out to SchoolsOUT! and book in!

Early Finish Next Friday – Last Day of Term: Just a quick reminder that we finish at 2:30pm next Friday the 18th of September as it the last day of term.

Not long now! I hope everyone is looking after themselves as we rush towards the last week of term.

Many thanks,

Joe.



This week at MMPS!

District Cricket

On Thursday the 17th of September, our students will be competing in the district cricket tournament. We have many talented and determined players ready to showcase their skills, and we wish them all the best of luck! It promises to be an exciting and rewarding experience for all of our aspiring cricketers. Go Kyneton!

Dress Rehearsal Reminders

Our big dress rehearsal is coming up on Friday the 11th of September. We can't wait to see everyone grooving across the stage in full costume! To make sure the day runs smoothly, please ensure your child brings their outfit to school by Wednesday the 9th of September.

Cricket

For the last few weeks we have had Ben from Cricket Victoria coming in for cricket drills in P.E. It has been very fun and we have learned all of these interesting tricks, like the yoyo trick with a tennis ball and one where you loop your hand over a tennis ball to make the effect that it is floating. Other drills we did included throwing a ball up and clapping , then catching it. We really appreciate Ben coming and taking the time to teach his skills in cricket. He will be coming back to PE until the end of term.

From Yash Sharma



By Jax J

this week in the Resilience Project we did a session on emotions and how to regulate them. we did a played 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



Q1. What are you grateful for?
A. Having food and water!

Q2. What is your favorite thing you learnt in Wellbeing this year?
A. It's ok to be different!

If any families would like information or support around a particular topic, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. I'm also happy to help identify other local services, programs or providers that may be able to offer support specific to your child or family's needs - brooke.mcinnis2@education.vic.gov.au



**children's health
& wellbeing local**

How support for children and their families



School Holiday Activities Term 3 2026

The London Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is offering these school holidays as a basis for building children's relationships and wellbeing during the September school holidays. Sessions are running from 29th SEPTEMBER - 4th OCTOBER for 4-11 years of age.

The sessions are free, educational and a safe space to explore the topics listed below. You will get a chance to sign up and have to help us, for more information with these sign up.

Groups are aimed at five educational with one parent per child attending.

Date	Time	Topic
Monday 29th September	10:00am – 11:00am (4-6 year old)	MAGNETIC ME – aim to celebrate your unique qualities and explore your interests.
Wednesday 30th September	10:00am – 11:00am (4-6 years old) 11:30am – 2:30pm (7-11 years old)	MANAGING FEELINGS – aim to explore and support to move body when you have big feelings, where you can feel safe to express them.
Friday 2nd September	10:00am – 11:00am (4-6 years old) 1:30pm – 2:30pm (7-11 years old)	BUILDING SOCIAL SKILLS – Learn about friendships, what a respectful boundaries might be needed

Bookings are essential:

Please call our team on 0203 432 9777 or email bookings@londonchildrenshealth.co.uk to attend, your e-mail name and age, your email and contact details

Including a letter to be completed and e-mail us.

bookings@londonchildrenshealth.co.uk



The London Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is a jointly funded Local Children's Partnership. We are a not-for-profit organisation and we are not a charity. We are a Local Children's Partnership. We are a Local Children's Partnership. We are a Local Children's Partnership.

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SchoolsOUT Holiday Program – Bookings Open!

Looking for something fun and engaging for the kids these school holidays?
SchoolsOUT Mt Macedon's Spring Holiday Program is now open for bookings!

SchoolsOUT has put together a fantastic range of activities to keep the kids entertained, active and having fun throughout the holidays – from Mission to Mars, a Teddy Bear Picnic and Movie Day, to a Colour Run, Taste of Italy, AFL Max, Bike & Scooter Day and an exciting SchoolsOUT Party!

Some of the days have only two bookings, which unfortunately isn't enough to make the program viable. This means that there is a real possibility that the holiday program may need to be cancelled altogether if numbers don't increase.

This is a wonderful service for our small community, providing local families with a convenient holiday option while giving our children the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends and enjoy some great activities. It's also a fantastic opportunity to book in with friends and turn a holiday program day into a play date!

If you're considering using SchoolsOUT these holidays, please jump online and book as soon as possible. Every booking makes a difference and helps us keep this valuable service running for our community.

 Spring Holiday Program: Monday 21 September – Friday 2 October

 SchoolsOUT Mt Macedon

 Bookings: schoolsout.net.au

 1300 329 106

Let's support our SchoolsOUT program and help keep the fun going!



The poster is titled 'SCHOOL'S OUT! SPRING PROGRAM' in large, colorful letters. Below the title is 'SCHOOLSOUT! MT MACEDON'. A legend in the top right corner shows three icons: a house for 'BASE DAY', a school bus for 'EXCURSION', and a globe for 'INCURSION'. The program is laid out in a grid of 10 boxes, each representing a day with an activity. The first row includes 'Mission to Mars' (Base Day), 'Teddy Bear Picnic + Park Excursion!' (Excursion), 'Movie Day' (Excursion), 'Spring into Fun + Colour Run' (Excursion), and 'Public Holiday Closed' (Base Day). The second row includes 'Taste of Italy' (Base Day), 'Ultimate Showdown Kids vs Educators' (Excursion), 'AFL Max' (Excursion), 'Bike + Scooter Day' (Excursion), and 'School's Out! Party' (Excursion). The bottom of the poster features the website 'SCHOOLSOUT.NET.AU', the phone number '1300 329 106', and a 'BOOK IN NOW!' button.

Date	Activity	Type
Mon 21st Sep	MISSION TO MARS	Base Day
Tues 22nd Sep	TEDDY BEAR PICNIC + PARK EXCURSION!	Excursion
Wed 23rd Sep	MOVIE DAY	Excursion
Thurs 24th Sep	SPRING INTO FUN + COLOUR RUN	Excursion
Fri 25th Sep	PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED	Base Day
Mon 28th Sep	Taste of Italy	Base Day
Tues 29th Sep	ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN KIDS VS EDUCATORS	Excursion
Wed 30th Sep	AFL MAX	Excursion
Thurs 1st Oct	BIKE + SCOOTER DAY	Excursion
Fri 2nd Oct	SCHOOL'S OUT! PARTY	Excursion

[SCHOOLSOUT.NET.AU](https://schoolsout.net.au) | 1300 329 106 | **BOOK IN NOW!**

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 have been exploring and writing explanation texts about a range of topics from 'How Fireworks work' to How flowers are pollinated"



In Maths we have been continuing to develop our number skills, working with measurement tools and exploring and converting fractions.

Inquiry: For our last Inquiry unit we looked at how experiments can lead to discovery. This led into students creating and conducting their own experiments.



Our Science Experiments



As all students seemed to only have their minds on the upcoming school production, I thought we should put them to work and spin up the student PR machine.

Their goal was to create a series of animated GIFs focusing on and promoting the upcoming show we can share on the school's social channels.

During the lesson, students looked at how GIFs were originally created more out of a limitation in bandwidth back in the (better) times of the 90's, but have now become a culture unto themselves. They used a specialised website to create their GIFs, which we will be sharing over the next week.

Enjoy some of their creations below (Though I am not sure if Compass will show them all in their GIFFY glory!).



ZOO
Stew ...
It's a

Victorian Curriculum Links

- **Digital Technologies:** design digital solutions to solve problems; manipulate and present data in creative ways (VCDTCD030/VCDTCD036).
- **Media Arts:** use media arts technology to create media artworks that convey ideas and stories to an audience.

IB PYP Connections

- **Learner Profile:** We were acting as **Communicators**, exploring how digital languages are used to share messages.
- **Concepts:** We looked at the **Function** of GIFs (promoting a show) and the **Change** in how they are used over time.



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.

Department of Education – Scholarships for Students

The Department of Education manages a range of student scholarships. These are available for students who:

- complete Grade 4 to Year 11 in 2026
- are enrolled in Year 12 in 2026 and plan to do tertiary studies in 2027.

The department will evaluate applicants on their:

- academic achievement
- participation in school and community activities
- financial need.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course.

Applications for these scholarships open on Thursday 1 October 2026 and close on Monday 1 February 2027.

To view all available scholarships and for more information on each, including how to apply, refer to [Student scholarships](#).

Community News

How to access or GOAT of your school... you will love it!

MINIROOS

4-11 YR OLDS

MINIROOS SUMMER SERIES

KICK OFF, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!

SUN 18 OCT - SUN 13 DEC

6 SESSIONS AND 60 MINUTE RELAXATION CLIP WEEKENDS

AGES 4-6

ONLY \$80 PER WEEK

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4-11

ALL SKILLS WELCOMED

5 FOOTBALLS

BUFFALO STADIUM DIAL WINDING

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

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BACK TO SCHOOL TERM 4

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR HATS

EVERY CLASSROOM HAS SUNSCREEN

IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN SPECIAL SUNSCREEN LEAVE IT IN YOUR SCHOOL BAG!

SUN 50

KDAF PRESENTS...

Bloombox OPEN MIC

SUPPORTED BY MITS

Showcasing a local crop of budding youth talent!

Artists aged 12-25 pre-register now: mits@MRSC.vic.gov.au

Pizza slice \$2.50

Connect, Create, Nurture, Grow BY youth - FOR youth

Soft drink \$2.50

FREE TICKETS!

Pre-register to guarantee entry: www.kynelandoffroadlandartsfestival.com

Drag, alcohol, smoke, vape free. Fully supervised, all ages event. No pass outs.

Saturday 5 September 2026 | 2 - 5 PM

KYNELAND MECHANICS INSTITUTE

81 Mollison Street, Kyneton

VICTORIA Kyneton MACEDON RANGES AMPHIFY

Macedon Ranges Basketball Association

JUNIOR DOMESTIC BASKETBALL

Summer Season

REGISTRATION EXTENDED

U10 BOYS AND GIRLS (BORN 2018/19)

Register as an individual. No tryouts. We will place you in a team.

Free weekly skills training and development included!

REGISTRATION FOR U10'S CLOSING 15 SEPTEMBER!

SCAN TO REGISTER OR EMAIL DOMESTIC@MRBA.ORG.AU

Macedon and Mount Macedon Landcare Group

WINDFALL

Community Movie Night and Discussion - Windfall

Thursday, 10th September, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House 47 Victoria Street, Macedon

Come along to a great local environmental film night, followed by thought provoking conversation and discussion.

The movie is "Windfall" which documents the extreme "cool climate cyclones" of 9 June 2021 which brought 180km/h winds, heavy rain, and widespread destruction across the Wombat Forest, and also here in the Macedon Ranges. The film blends dramatic storm footage, personal accounts, expert analysis, and community stories of resilience and recovery.

A free and enjoyable social gathering with supper provided.

RSVP via Humanitix or just show up on the day.

All ages welcome.

RSVP by August 9th

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WHH

SEPT - OCT 2026

CREATIVE YOGA: JENGA EDITION

Join us for this interactive and fun yoga class with these school holidays.

Wednesday 23 September • 10am - 11:30am

\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

STORY BOARD

Join the creative and fun story boarding workshop.

Thursday 24 September • 9:30am - 12:30pm

\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

PICKET FENCE PAINTING

Join us for this fun and creative picket fence painting workshop.

Monday 28 September • 2pm - 3pm

FREE All Ages

NATURE MAKERS

Join us for this fun and creative nature makers workshop.

Tuesday 29 September • 1pm - 3pm

FREE Ages 12 - 17

BUZZING CARDBOARD BEES

Join us for this fun and creative cardboard bees workshop.

Wednesday 30 September • 10:30am - 12:30pm

\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

For more information or to make a booking, visit our website: www.woodendh.org.au or call 5427 1845

Yoga for the Spring Holidays with

shanti studio & shanti studio

for appointments: Woodend Mon 2/9 - Fri 26/9

Creative Yoga

Join us for this fun and creative yoga class.

Woodend Wed 23/9 10-11:30am

SNAP

Join us for this fun and creative SNAP class.

Woodend Wed 23/9 11:30am - 12:30pm

then the studio

Join us for this fun and creative then the studio class.

Mon 29/9 - Sun 4/10

web: www.shantistudio.com.au email: shantistudio@shantistudio.com.au phone: 0437 524 100

Emergency Services Expo

see Bluey and Bingo

Victoria Park, Daylesford | Sat 7 November | 10 am to 2 pm

Family friendly | Meet local heroes | Activities

Scan the QR code or visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/expo26

Hepburn SHIRE COUNCIL

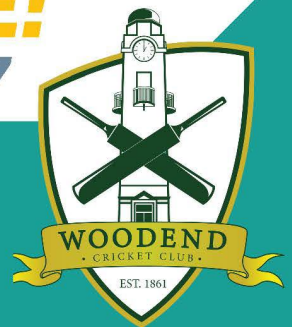
CRICKET REGISTRATIONS OPEN

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME!

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



WWW.WOODENDCRICKETCLUB.ORG/JUNIORS
EMAIL: WOODENDCRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM
JUNIOR COORDINATOR (BEN) 0490 023 301



MACEDON CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET 2026/27

New players welcome! No experience needed

UNDER 11s MIXED

Boys & Girls - Real matches

STARTS Monday 5 October, 4:30pm

WHERE Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon

SCAN TO REGISTER

JUNIOR BLASTERS

Our entry program for the youngest players

STARTS Sunday 15 November, 9am-10am

WHERE Tony Clarke Reserve, Macedon

SCAN TO REGISTER

QUESTIONS?

Anthony Belcher - Junior Co-ordinator
0494 221 003
juniormcc@gmail.com
macedoncricket.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT ARTRISE

Spring Program

Learn more and book your spot online

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Image of two children playing in a park

Book at www.hume.vic.gov.au/artrise

Art Workshops	Performances	Creative Play (drop-in)	Tickets Required = \$
Wednesday, 23 September 2026			
Pottery for Kids (8-12 yrs) 10:30am-12pm Sketch Quest (7 yrs) 1:30-2:30pm		Clickopolis (5 yrs+) 10am-3pm	Imagination Station (6 yrs+) 10am-3pm
Thursday, 24 September 2026			
Comedy Improv Workshop (7-10 yrs) 12:30-1:30pm	Jon & Jero STUFF (5-10 yrs) 11am-12pm	Clickopolis (5 yrs+) 10am-3pm	Imagination Station (6 yrs+) 10am-3pm
Saturday, 26 September 2026			
Cardboard Automata (8-12 yrs) 10:30am-12pm		Clickopolis (5 yrs+) 10am-2:30pm	Imagination Station (6 yrs+) 10am-2:30pm
Wednesday, 30 September 2026			
Comics and Cartoons (7 yrs+) 12:30pm - 1:30pm	Dr Hubble's Builders (5-10 yrs) 10:30-11:30am	Clickopolis (5 yrs+) 10am-3pm	Imagination Station (6 yrs+) 10am-3pm
Thursday, 1 October 2026			
Build a Robot Arm (7 yrs+) 10:30-11:30am Creative Characters Sculpture with Foil (8-12 yrs) 1:30-2:30pm		Clickopolis (5 yrs+) 10am-3pm	Imagination Station (6 yrs+) 10am-3pm
Friday, 2 October 2026			
Wacky Lolly Launching machine (8-12 yrs) 12:30-1:30pm	Whalebone (9-12 yrs) 10:30-11:30am	Clickopolis (5 yrs+) 10am-3pm	Imagination Station (6 yrs+) 10am-3pm
Saturday, 3 October 2026			
Build & Beest (7-10 yrs) 10:30am-12pm		Clickopolis (5 yrs+) 10am-2:30pm	Imagination Station (6 yrs+) 10am-2:30pm

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

September

All Sept	<u>Prostate Cancer Awareness Month</u>
All Sept	<u>No FASD Month</u>
1-9 Sept	<u>Headache and Migraine Week</u>
7-13 Sept	<u>Body Image and Eating Disorder Awareness Week</u> 
7-11 Sept	<u>Women's Health Week</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

