

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Father's Day Event Friday 4th September

Meetings

Tuesday 21st July 7.30pm

Important Term Dates

Term 2

June

25th Yr 5 visit to Gisborne Secondary College

26th LAST DAY OF TERM FINISH AT 2.30PM

Term 3

July

13th FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

27th Yr 4/5/6 Students Man Cave or Big Sister

28th School Council Meeting @ 7.30pm

29th 100 days of school (prep celebration)

31st Braemar Students visit

August

7th Principals Day

14th District Basketball (selected students)

17th -21st Bullying NO WAY & Science Week

20th District Athletics (selected students)

21st MMPS IB PYP Open Day

24th – 28th Book Week

28th Braemar Students visit & Wear it Purple Day

25th School Council Meeting

31st District Hot Shots Tennis (selected students)

September

4th District Hot Shots Tennis

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

16 October – Full loaded softball (selected students)

November 2nd PUPIL FREE DAY

November 3rd Cup Day Public Holiday

November 27th PUPIL FREE DAY

December

12th Foundation BBQ Dinner

Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp

Hello everyone and welcome to the last week of term!

Goodbyes: Goodbyes are always a mix of emotions, especially here at MMPS but we have two very important goodbyes to share as the term ends.

It is with a mix of sadness and excitement that we say farewell to Bree Warner who has taken on our office admin role for the past two years. Bree is off to Kyneton PS to take on a larger role, which we are very excited for her! Bree's last day was today. Good luck Bree!

It is also enormously hard for us to say goodbye to Viki Bryant who has spent this year on leave but will officially finish up with us at the end of this term. Vicki has been an Education Support staff member here at MMPS for almost 30 years! Vicki has worked in so many different areas of our school, Literacy support, office admin, student aide and library and she has touched the lives of hundreds of MMPS students over that time. MMPS has been so lucky to have Vicki be part of the fabric of our community for so long and we wish Vicki all the very best for the future!

Grade 6 International Baccalaureate Exhibition: It was amazing to see our Grade 6s put on such an incredible Exhibition last yesterday and last night in our school hall. The students have been hard at work all term exploring The Arts, Imitation and parody. The creativity and execution in the finished pieces of work on display was incredible. Students explored local and globally recognised artists, visited the art collection at Duneira and created their own parodies of world-renowned artworks and art styles. A huge thank you to Mr. Sonogan for helping guide our grade 6s through the unit of Inquiry and to everyone who helped make the Exhibition such a success.

The Exhibition is a huge milestone in our students' journey through the Primary Years Program International Baccalaureate, one where they get the chance to share their work with the whole school community. It was beautiful to see our younger students being inspired by all our grade 6s' hard work.

Grade 5 visit to Gisborne Secondary College: Our grade 5 students headed down to Gisborne Secondary College for the day today! They were given the opportunity to spend the day exploring a range of programs that GSC offers its students. Our students were able to join history classes, woodworking classes and sports classes and get a feeling of how a day in the life of a secondary student goes.

Teaching staff off to International Baccalaureate PD Days: You may notice several staff absent for the first three days of next term. We have a number of staff heading down to Wesley College in Melbourne to attend foundational International Baccalaureate professional learning. The course runs for three days and covers all the structures and features of an IB school. This professional learning is a big undertaking, but it is vital in helping MMPS be the best IB school it can be. The IB plays a hugely significant role in fostering the engagement and curiosity consistently demonstrated by our wonderful students and continuing to invest in IB professional learning consolidates that for the future.

Socceroos Vs Paraguay: We will be making the Socceroos clash with Paraguay available to watch for all our interested students tomorrow. The match will be shown in our school hall from 12:00pm and students are invited to wear any sports uniforms, jumpers, Australia-themed clothing or anything green and gold that they have on hand.

Last Day of Term- 2:30PM Finish: Please remember that we finish at 2:30pm tomorrow, Friday the 26th of June as it is the last day of Term.

I hope everyone gets a great break, either off somewhere warm or enjoying and appreciating Mount Macedon at its wintery best!

Many thanks, Joe.

Last day of this semester

On the 26th of June, we have the last day of this semester! All students are super excited to have this well-deserved break. School will continue after two weeks and we expect all students to have to be straight into their schooltime. I hope everyone has a great and safe rest on these school holidays.

Farewell Bree

Very soon, we will have a dearest member of our staff continue on their road down to another school, we hope Bree finds what she's looking for. We are very fortunate to have such a great receptionist to help Amy, and we hope she becomes as successful as can be!

Production - Zoo Stew

For Term 3, we have a Production, in which all students will participate. Production is a chance for students to see how good their acting skills are! I find production one of the best activities for Term 3. I can't wait to see how great this year's production will be!

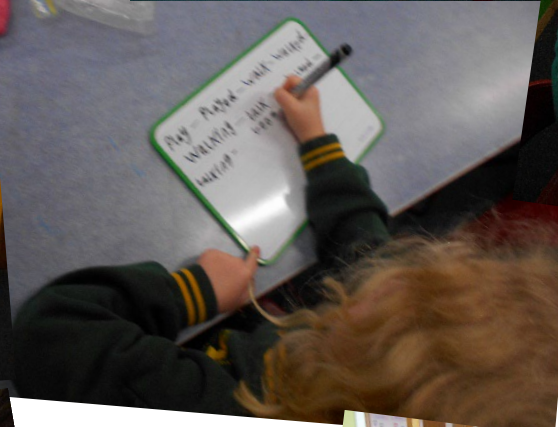
I hope everyone will practise their script at home, so this production can be as enjoyable as possible. This production will be one of a kind!

JSC

The Junior school council leaders have been working hard on improving the school to make it a better and more exciting place. On the 12th of June the junior school leaders held pancake day where students were able to buy pancakes. In total we raised \$243. This money will be going towards the Energy Breakthrough Billycart races on the 17th of November.

Exhibition Photos:





STEM *in Action!*

RAINBOW MILK MAGIC

EXPLORING SURFACE TENSION

This week, students from Prep to Grade 6 became **scientists and explorers** as they investigated how different substances interact! Through the magical reaction of milk, food colouring and detergent, students discovered the science of surface tension and created spectacular rainbow patterns.

ALL GRADES, ONE BIG DISCOVERY!
 From our youngest scientists in Foundation/1 to our curious Grade 6 learners, every class explored, observed and explained the magic happening in a simple dish of milk.

**Photos feature our Foundation/1 class in action.*



The moment detergent touches the milk – watch the colours burst into motion!

WHAT WE DID

- 1 We made **PREDICTIONS** about what would happen when we added food colouring and touched the milk with detergent.
- 2 We **OBSERVED** carefully as the colours moved and swirled across the milk!
- 3 We **EXPLAINED** what happened and learned about surface tension and how detergent breaks it.

WHAT WE DISCOVERED

Detergent is attracted to the fat in the milk. When it spreads out, it breaks the **surface tension**. This causes the food colouring to move and swirl – creating beautiful rainbow patterns!

STEM SKILLS IN ACTION

- OBSERVING**
We noticed changes and described what we saw.
- PREDICTING**
We used our thinking to guess what might happen.
- INVESTIGATING**
We followed a method and tested our ideas.
- EXPLAINING**
We shared our ideas and explained what happened.

KEY VOCABULARY

FOUNDATION-2	GRADES 3-6
Mix	Surface tension
Move	Molecule
Colour	Fat
Observe	Chemical interaction
Predict	Reaction

WE CONNECTED IT TO...

- SCIENCE**
Exploring materials and chemical reactions.
- INQUIRY**
Asking questions and finding answers.
- PYP CONNECTION**
How the world works (Sharing the Planet)
- LEARNER PROFILE**
We are inquirers, thinkers and knowledgeable!

THINK LIKE A SCIENTIST!

"Scientists often learn by noticing unexpected things." The beautiful rainbow patterns were not our goal – they happened because of how detergent interacts with fat and surface tension. How did observing this help us learn something about how materials behave?"

A fantastic week of curiosity, teamwork and scientific thinking across Prep to Grade 6! Well done to all our amazing STEM scientists!

Kids Cooking Competition

Mystery Box Challenge! Ages 9 - 13



When: Tuesday 30 June & Wednesday 1 July
10.30am - 12.30pm

Where: Macedon Ranges Health, 5 Neal St, Gisborne

Get ready to think like a chef!

In this fun, hands-on cooking challenge, kids will open a surprise mystery box filled with fresh, healthy ingredients and create their very own masterpiece.

Participants will work in small teams to design a tasty, colourful snack - just like on MasterChef! There's no right or wrong answer, just plenty of creativity, teamwork and fun.

Our friendly judges will be looking for:

- 🌟 Creative ideas
- 🎨 Colourful, nutritious choices
- 🍴 Eye-catching presentation
- 👏 Great teamwork

From rainbow veggie pinwheels to fruit parfaits and crunchy veggie cups, this session is all about building confidence in the kitchen while learning that healthy food can be fun and delicious. Fast-paced and full of surprises!

Bookings essential:

mrh.org.au/event/junior-chefs





Mount Macedon Primary School is once again participating in the **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge**. The challenge encourages students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts. Students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate at the end of the year. All students are participating, with junior class teachers keeping a whole class record of books read together, while senior classes (Grade 4, 5 and 6) are adding their own books. The challenge closes at the end of Term 3, so keep reading and adding books!

<https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>



Department of Education - Protecting against diphtheria

There are [diphtheria outbreaks](#) happening in some parts of Australia, especially in regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia. There have been no cases identified in Victoria to date.

Vaccination is the best way to protect against getting very sick from diphtheria. Everyone should stay up to date with their vaccinations.

Travel to higher risk areas over the school holidays

If your family is travelling to a [higher risk area](#), the Department of Health recommends that you:

- check your family's diphtheria vaccinations
- consider getting vaccinated if you or your family have not had a diphtheria vaccine in the past 5 years.

You can check your diphtheria vaccination records:

- on your Medicare online account through [MyGov](#) or by contacting the [Australian Immunisation Register](#) on 1800 653 809
- on your personal health records, such as your childhood immunisation records
- by speaking to your GP, immunisation provider or [Aboriginal Health Service](#).

You can also check if your family is up to date with other vaccinations before travel in Australia or overseas.

About diphtheria

[Diphtheria](#) is a serious infection. It can affect the skin or the nose, throat and airways. In severe illness, it can affect the heart, kidneys and nerves.

It is spread through close contact with an infected person, through skin sores, or droplets from coughs, sneezes and saliva. Sometimes it can spread through contact with contaminated items such as towels or shared objects.

People who are not fully immunised have higher risk of severe illness. Pregnant women, children aged under 5 years and those with weakened immune systems also have higher risk.

Free diphtheria vaccinations

Vaccination is free for:

- people aged less than 20 years who need a catch-up vaccination
- refugees and humanitarian entrants
- pregnant women
- some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

For more information about eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's [diphtheria booster vaccination campaign](#).

Vaccination is available at your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service. Call ahead to see if you are eligible for a free vaccine.

Please note that there are no restrictions on travel to [Northern Territory/Western Australia/South Australia] based on vaccination status.

Find out more

For more information, refer to:

- Better Health Channel for information on [finding your immunisation records](#)
- Department of Health for information about [free booster vaccine eligibility](#)
- your GP, local pharmacist, local council or [Aboriginal Health Service](#)

Community News

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH

JUNE - JULY 2026

YOGA FOR KIDS

Discover the joys of yoga through fun stories, songs and fun activities.

Tuesday 30th June
 8:15 - 9:15am (5-6 years)
 9:30am - 10:30am (7-8 years)

MONSTER BURGERS

Unleash your creativity and imagination with our fun and delicious monster burgers.

Wednesday 1st July
 10:30am - 12:00pm

DRAMA

Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and engaging performance workshop.

Thursday 2nd July
 9:30am - 12:00pm

RACE WITH MARIO

Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and engaging performance workshop.

Tuesday 7th July
 9:30am - 12:30pm

JUNIOR ROBOTICS

Learn how to build, code and compete in the all NEW Junior Robotics workshop.

Tuesday 7th July
 4pm - 4pm

STICKER MANDALAS

Learn how to create beautiful and colorful mandalas using stickers.

Wednesday 8th July
 10:30am - 12:00pm

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

Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues? Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a young carer. This may look like...

- Going with them to appointments or helping with medication
- Cleaning the house or helping with other chores
- Providing transport and help with errands
- Taking care of younger siblings

Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone. Carer Gateway has free support for young carers aged 25 and under.

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.

Free support, call now! **1800 422 737** carergateway.gov.au

RANGES STUDIO

SPEECH & DRAMATIC ARTS

JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Imagine. Explore. Perform.

THURSDAY 2 JULY
MACEDON

omnia Community Health

Fussy Eater Presentation

This free 45-minute online workshop focuses on educating parents and caregivers with information to help support children who are picky eaters.

For parents and caregivers of children < 10 years of age
 Tuesday 30 June 2026 | 12:30pm

Hosted online by Omnia Community Health, Registrations essential.

For more information and to register, contact Jenelle Mendosa
 @jenelle.mendosa@omniahealth.org.au | 5421 1889

SCHOOLSOUT! MT MACEDON PRIMARY

CHRISTMAS in JULY
JUN 29TH - JULY 10TH

JUNE 29 LEGO MASTERS	JUNE 30 BOWLING FRENZY	JULY 1 MOVIES, MINIONS & PJS	JULY 2 WIZARDING SCHOOL	JULY 3 DISCO MANIA
JULY 6 WINTER EXPLORERS	JULY 7 DRESS UP YOUR DREAMS	JULY 8 SPR PRK	JULY 9 CHRISTMAS in JULY	JULY 10 ANIMAL MANIA w. animal incursion

SCHOOLSOUT.NET.AU | 1300 329 106 | BOOK IN NOW

Ford aussie hoops

Beginners aged 5-9 years old

Term 3

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

8 WEEKS - 45 MIN SESSIONS

GISBORNE - MRSP
 WED 4:30 - 5:15PM
 WED 5:15 - 6:00PM *ALL GIRLS SESSION
 SAT 8:30 - 9:15AM

WOODEND - BUFFALO
 FRI 4:45 - 5:30PM
 SAT 8:30 - 9:15AM

FOR MORE INFO - AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU

SUNDAY JULY 5TH (SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

FUN, SKILLS & FRIENDS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Come and learn from senior HDNHL football and netball players and coaches including 3 time A Grade netball premiership players and coach.

EDUCATION
 Gilbert Gordon Reserve 1 Lavy St, Woodend

ENTRY FEE \$50.00
 includes full kit, equipment & LEASER tickets

TICKETS
 FULL KIT, EQUIPMENT & LEASER TICKETS \$120.00

GIVEAWAYS
 For all registered participants

TICKETS
 FULL KIT, EQUIPMENT & LEASER TICKETS \$120.00

BBQ & CANTEEN
 AVAILABLE ON THE DAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.rydgesport.com.au

shanti studio

Yoga for the Winter Holidays

2-5 years Tues 9:0-10:0am @ WNH	Prep - 6 Tues 10:30-12:00 @ WNH	Prep - 6 Thurs 2:17-3:30pm @ MRFEC
gum flowers 2-4 years Mon 29/6-10-10:30am Wed 1/7-2-2:30pm	appointments @ shanti studio Mon-Fri	then the studio pauses Mon 6/7 - Sun 12/7

web: www.shantistudio.com.au email: shantistudowoodend@gmail.com phone: 0438 694 920

Before School Yoga

for Foundation - G6
term 3, 2026

finding focus in quiet
 This 10 week term explores:
 - how sounds create around us
 - the rhythm of the breath
 - how the focus changes with quiet
 which can even help us fly!

rhythmic yoga
 Feed into the beat to find rhythm within each pose.
 Then connect to the rhythm of breath, finding energy + calm for the day ahead.

TO BOOK
 Mon: Wednesdays 8:30am - 9am
 MRF School Hall
 Inver: \$25/child for 10 weeks
 \$15/child casual class

Ranges Studio

Growing confident, creative thinkers

NOW WELCOMING
TERM 3 ENROLMENTS
 & expressions of interest

TELL & SHOW
 1-5 years

SPEECH & DRAMA
 5+ years

ENQUIRE & ENROL
 @ nic@rangesstudio.com.au
 @ rangesstudio.com.au

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

Winter school holidays Nature Journaling for kids

Join us at Duneira Estate these Winter School Holidays for Nature Journaling for kids aged 8-13. We will walk around the Estate and explore the treasures of the garden, picking up leaves, flowers, moss, chestnuts and putting it all in our baskets to bring back to the stables, where we will be warm and cozy by the fire. Then we will draw and paint all the treasures we discover in our own special nature journal that you can take home!

Tuesday 30th June and Tuesday 7th July
 10am - 12pm
 \$30 per child (8-13)
 Bookings: duneiraestate.com.au

MRF School Holiday Program

Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct
 10am-3pm

TUESDAY JUNE 30- PREP- GRADE 2
WEDNESDAY JULY 1- GRADE 3-4
THURSDAY JULY 2- GRADE 5-8

Subway lunch is optional, please also pack snacks and water.
 Please wear comfortable clothes and runners. Shin pads preferred.
 Parents are welcome to stay and watch.

\$55 PER CHILD
\$8 SUBWAY LUNCH

Melanie 0414767791
mrfskills@gmail.com

SYNERGY FUTBOL

JOIN OUR WINTER TERM 3

KICKSTART FUTSAL SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
 GISBORNE PRIMARY

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT US AT - SYNERGYFUTBOL7@GMAIL.COM

REGISTRATION FEE \$130
 DATES & TIMES
22 JUL - 9 SEP

8 Sessions in Term 3

4:30PM - 5:30PM - GRADES PREP - 2
5:30PM - 6:30PM - GRADES 3 - 6

PLEASE ENSURE YOU REGISTER FOR THE CORRECT AGE GROUP

MAXIMUM OF 18 PLAYERS PER CLASS

ABOUT KICKSTART:
 Kickstart Futsal School is a futsal development program designed to provide opportunities for local kids to learn and have fun. Each session will focus on learning the basic futsal skills and movements as well as game play. If you have a child with a burning desire to play and improve their futsal or soccer, then this is the program for them!

www.synergyfutbol.com

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 Events Calendar

June	
8-14 June	World Men's Health Week
14 June	World Blood Donor Day 
15 June	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 
14-20 June	National Refugee Week
27 June - 3 July	World Allergy Week

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

