

# Welcome to the Mount Macedon Primary School Newsletter

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## Important Term Dates

### Term 2

May

**13<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY**

14<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Education Support Staff Day

15<sup>th</sup> District Soccer (selected students)

22<sup>nd</sup> Walk to School Day

25<sup>th</sup> Indigenous VR Incursion

**29<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY**

June

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Yr 5&6 students City Camp

**8<sup>th</sup> KINGS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

12<sup>th</sup> District Netball (selected students)

### Term 3

August

Production

### Term 4

Whole School Swimming Program

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY**

December

12<sup>th</sup> Foundation BBQ Dinner

Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp

## FOS Events

Mother's Day Event Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Lantern Parade June 17<sup>th</sup>

Fathers Day Event Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

## Meetings

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Hello everyone,

**FOS Mother's Day Event:** Preparations are underway for our annual Mother's Day Dinner to be held tonight at Rockswood. A big thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket and a huge thanks to FOS for organising the event! I hope everyone going has an absolute blast!

**NEON Disco:** The Neon Disco (most likely the most favourite student event of the year!) is coming up on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Information about tickets will go home early next week via Compass so please keep an eye out!

**Cupcake Stall:** In preparation for our upcoming Light Festival (formally Lantern Parade), Mrs. Glenister put on a cupcake stall after school last Friday. The money raised directly funds the purchase of ICT materials that will be used for the Light Festival. In total we raised over \$1100 which is absolutely flabbergasting!

**Grade 5/6 City Camp:** Information has gone this week regarding our upcoming Grade 5/6 City Camp. You are now able to pay for and provide consent for your child in the 'events' section of Compass. The camp is looking like a great chance to explore all the wonderful things that Melbourne has to offer, things we don't always get the chance to do. Students will be visiting the Shrine of Remembrance, the MCG, Parliament House and the Old Treasury Building to do tours of these significant buildings and explore the fascinating history of Melbourne.

**Pupil Free Day:** Just a reminder that we have a pupil free day next Wednesday. Teaching staff are all looking forward to seeing the International Baccalaureate being delivered in a different setting while our ES staff are all heading over to Melton Specialist School to explore education support in a varied and dynamic setting.

**Attitudes to School Survey:** In the coming weeks our grade 4, 5 and 6 students will be completing the annual Attitudes to School Survey. This survey gives students an important voice in sharing their experiences, helping us celebrate what is working well and identify opportunities to continue strengthening learning, wellbeing and school culture at our school. If you do not want your child to participate in the survey please contact the school before the end of next week.

**International Baccalaureate Learner Profile:** I have included some information about the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile. The Learner Profile helps students develop the skills, attitudes and understandings needed to become thoughtful, compassionate and lifelong learners and sits at the core of how we want our students here at MMPS to develop.

I hope all our mums and mother figures have a gorgeous weekend!

Many thanks, Joe.

## Mother's Day Dinner 8/05

This Friday, I think we have the most amazing event in this whole year, the Mothers Day event! All mothers and mother figures are welcome to the event, which is held at Rockswood. Tickets are available on Compass, costing \$30. From my perspective, that's a steal as you get drinks, a delicious dinner and beautiful dessert. Ohh, just thinking about it makes my mouth water and that's not even all of it! The tickets include a FREE taxi service straight to the party! Tickets are available, but running out fast, you don't want to miss this once in a lifetime even.

## Pupil Free Day 13/5

Next Wednesday, all teachers are going to Good News Lutheran College, Tarneit. Over there, they will see different styles of teaching. ES staff will be going to Melton Specialist School. It is a chance to learn more about how the International Baccalaureate is taught in different schools. To learn and grow not only as students, but as teachers. No student will need to come to school on that day.

## District Soccer 15/5

On Friday, 15th May, many experienced soccer players will be heading to Dixon Field to compete against other schools. Every time that I go to play, I always have a cracking time, no matter if we win or lose. I am really proud of all the students who put their hand up to play, doing so, you have officially showcased our school in a way all teachers are proud of. All parent helpers are important, and spots are still available, so we would love some more caring parents to join the fun!

Items needed on the day; runner/football boots, shin guards (if using your own), mouthguard (optional), warm clothing, change of clothes and a towel, all players will receive a game top on the morning of the event.

## 5/6 Camp

On the 3-5 June, we have the Grade 5/6 city camp. All grade 5/6's will catch the train to Melbourne, we will all have a bunch of great activities, which includes visits to ACMI, the Shrine of Remembrance, MCG for a tour of the grounds and sports museum, tour of the Old Treasury building and Parliament House. All students will love all the bits and bobs Melbourne has to offer. I literally can't wait for this amazing camp! Camp details, consent and payment will be on Compass very shortly. Students will need a MYKI to come to camp, you can get a MYKI from Gisborne Railway Service.

## Inquiry

In inquiry, we have a teacher who is working with us in sustainability, Emily Condon, attending the school. Emily spoke about how we need to be sustainable and caring to the environment. I love her work as she teaches students how to be sustainable and better toward the environment.

Yash Sharma – School reporter



# FOS Mother's Day Dinner

FRIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM  
  
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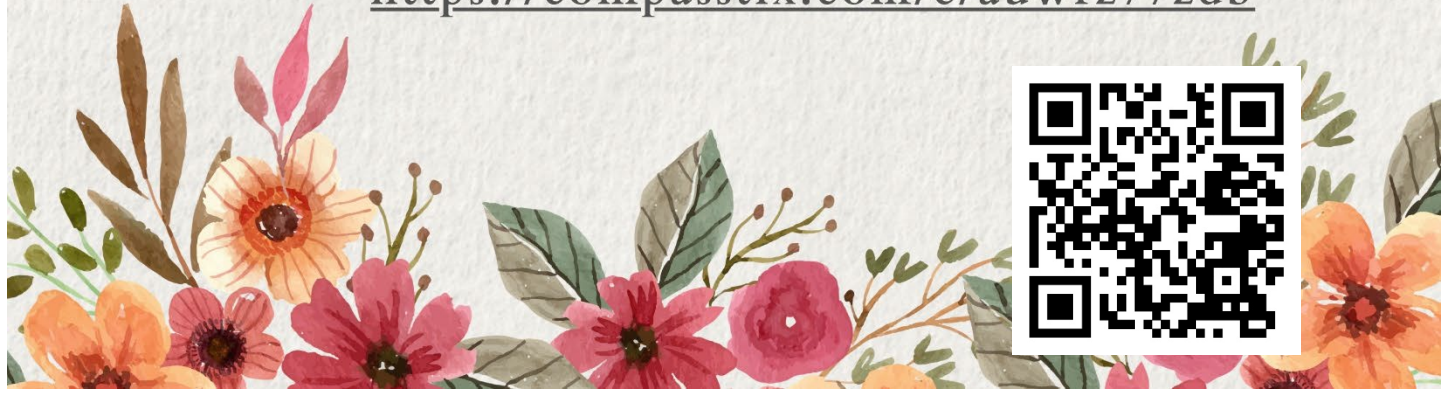
Celebrate the special mothers and mother figures in our lives at our upcoming FOS Mother's Day Dinner.

FREE TAXI  
SERVICE  
AVAILABLE

Your \$30 ticket includes dinner and drinks, with dinner being served from 7:30pm.

As MMPS promotes an inclusive community we are celebrating motherhood in all its forms with all mother figures invited to this event.

Tickets are available via CompassTix:  
<https://compasstix.com/e/auwrz77zdb>



## Building Our Community: Future Architects at Work

This week in Digital Technologies, we launched a new project all about our community and the amazing careers of the people who shape it. Throughout the term, we will be exploring a range of professions and the digital tools they use every day.

We kicked things off this week by stepping into the shoes of Architects. Across the school, our students explored spatial design in some fantastic ways:

**Junior Classes:** Sketched out imaginative 2D floor plans for their ultimate dream bedrooms.

**Middle Classes:** Took on the mathematical challenge of redrawing their house plans to scale.

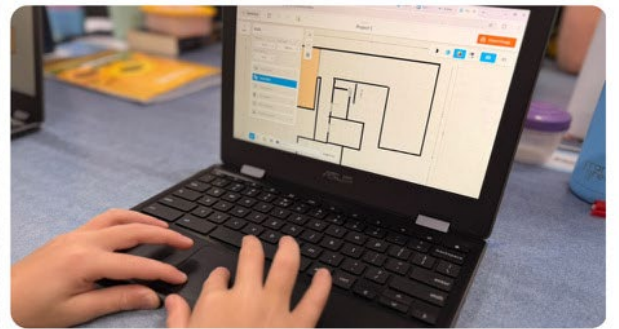
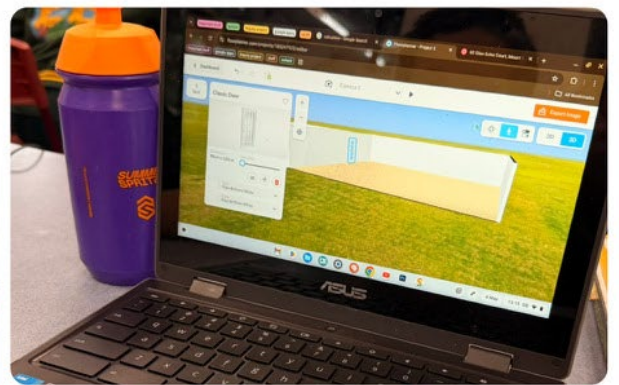
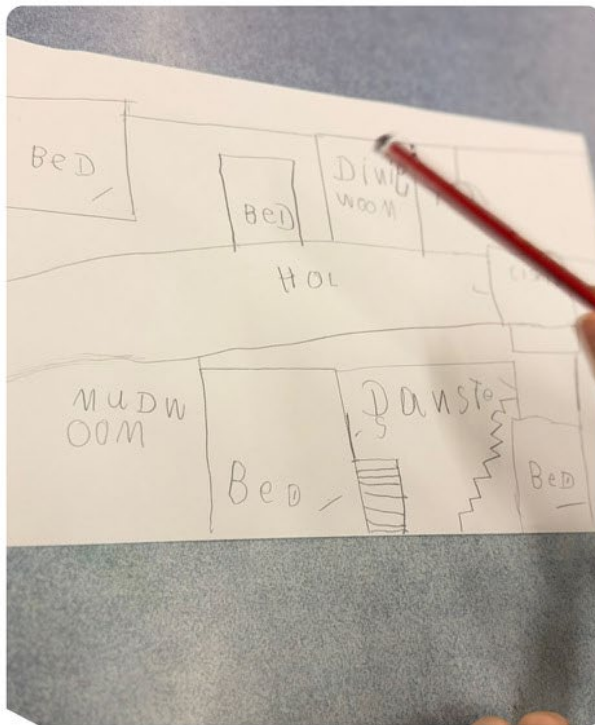
**Senior Classes:** Used a digital design tool to build incredible 3D recreations of their homes that they could actually "walk" through on their screens.

Everyone had a great time testing out their design skills and seeing if architecture might be a potential career choice for them in the future.

If your young architect wants to keep designing at home, they can use the free website we used in the senior classes: [floorplanner.com](https://www.floorplanner.com) (it's a lot cheaper and safer for bare feet than a new LEGO set)

Happy building.

Mr. Garcia





# Grade 4/5 Classroom UPDATE

## INQUIRY

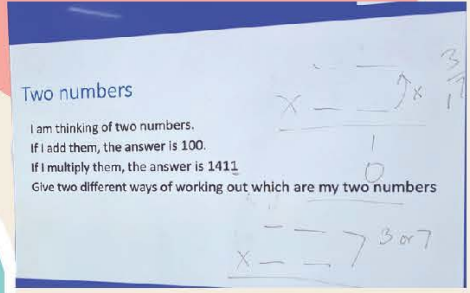
During our unit 'How we organise ourselves' we explored rules, laws and government systems around the world. We have commenced 'How we express ourselves' and will look at how technology changes and challenges the way we express ourselves.

## MATHS

In Maths this term we have done Multiplication and Division and the different strategies to use as well as problem solving. This week we are looking at the properties of 3D shapes and connecting these to their nets.

## Writing

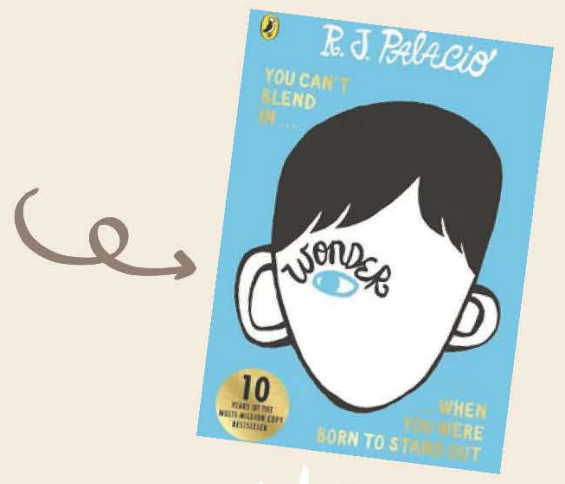
In writing, we have been using formal and informal language and writing for different audiences. This week we are looking at Recount writing and the important elements to include.



**Reminder:**  
Don't forget to keep practising your times tables!

## Reading

We are reading 'Wonder' By R. J. Palacio as a class. We will explore many important themes throughout the book such as kindness, empathy, acceptance and resilience.



# The IB PYP LEARNER PROFILE



At our school, we believe in nurturing the whole child. The IB PYP Learner Profile represents the qualities we strive to develop in every learner.



Who we are. How we learn. How we grow.

★ These ten attributes inspire our students to be caring, curious and principled global citizens who make a **positive difference** in the world.



**INQUIRERS**  
We are naturally curious. We develop our skills to explore ideas, ask questions and investigate the world around us.



**THINKERS**  
We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems.



**KNOWLEDGEABLE**  
We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across disciplines and in our local and global communities.



**COMMUNICATORS**  
We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening to others and sharing our ideas.



**CARING**  
We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service and to making a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.



**RISK-TAKERS**  
We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies.



**PRINCIPLED**  
We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of all.



**BALANCED**  
We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others.



**OPEN-MINDED**  
We appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view.



**REFLECTIVE**  
We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experiences. We work to understand our strengths and areas for growth in order to support our learning and development.

♥ Growing learners. Inspiring futures. ★



Thank you for being part of our learning community.  
**Together, we can make a better world.** ♥



## G.E.M of the week

By Sadie & Jax J

### Resilience project

This week in the Resilience project we worked on counting our breathing and focusing on one thing at a time. This is helpful for when you are mad or upset and need a way to calm down.



### The thoughts of: Grace

Q. What are you grateful for today?

A. I am grateful for my family and all the shelter I have.

## Wellbeing

### Supporting eSafety at Home

Last term, students participated in National eSmart / eSafety Week activities across the school. Classes joined the National Online Safety Storytime before taking part in classroom discussions and activities focused on staying safe, respectful and responsible online.

Students explored topics such as cyberbullying, online gaming, privacy, safe communication and the importance of seeking help from a trusted adult when needed. These learning experiences support students to build positive digital habits and develop the skills needed to safely navigate online spaces.

Families are encouraged to continue these conversations at home and access the excellent free parent resources available through the Alannah & Madeline Foundation and the eSafety Commissioner.

Helpful resources include:

- Family tech agreements
- Cyberbullying advice
- Online gaming and screen time guides
- Parent webinars and videos
- Conversation starters for children and young people

Useful links:

- Alannah & Madeline Foundation eSmart Parents: <https://www.alannahandmadeline.org.au/what-we-do/prevention-programs/esmart/esmart-parents>
- eSafety Commissioner Parents Hub: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



# Wominjeka - Welcome

## Wirundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

26<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day

17<sup>th</sup> February – Lunar New Year (Chinese & Vietnamese)

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Holi Festival

25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day

May – Australians Biggest Morning Tea

11-15<sup>th</sup> August – Bullying No Way, National Week of Action

August – Daffodil Day



### Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

21<sup>st</sup> March – National Close the Gap Day

26<sup>th</sup> May – National Sorry Day

27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

All May	<a href="#">Thyroid Awareness Month</a>	
All May	<a href="#">Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month</a>	
All May	<a href="#">Australia's Biggest Morning Tea</a>	
All May	<a href="#">Mindful in May</a>	
4-10 May	<a href="#">Heart Week</a>	
10 May	<a href="#">World Lupus Day</a>	
11 - 17 May	<a href="#">Mental Health Awareness Week</a>	
11-17 May	<a href="#">National Families Week</a>	
17 May	<a href="#">IDAHOBIT</a>	
18-24 May	<a href="#">National Volunteers Week</a>	
24 May	<a href="#">World Schizophrenia Awareness Day</a>	
26 May	National Sorry Day	
24 May -30 May	<a href="#">Food Allergy Awareness Week</a>	

## 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.

