Mount Macedon Primary School Newsletter

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20th School Council Meeting
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6th & 13th & 20th SEA Program
12th Foundation BBQ Dinner
& Yr 1/2 &Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp
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27th PUPIL FREE DAY

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Principal's Report

Hello everyone!

Parent Opinion Survey: Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. **All families are invited to participate in the survey.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026.**

Information on accessing and completing the survey will be sent out via Compass on Monday.

Meerkat Productions – *Dear Broccoli*: As part of MMPS's Book Week celebrations we have invited Meerkat Productions to come and perform a production based on the book *Dear Broccoli*. The performance will be today in our school hall and should be a lot of fun! Meerkat Productions consistently create wonderful and engaging performances based on award winning books.

Book Week: We are inviting students to dress up as their favourite characters from their favourite books on Friday the 28th of August to help celebrate Book Week 2026! We will be having a parade at our assembly that afternoon. Assembly is from 3:00pm in our school hall every Friday.

District Basketball/Athletics: We have two teams off at District Basketball today! We wish them all the best and hope they have a fun and exciting day! We are also sending a team of amazing athletes off to District Athletics next Thursday the 20th of August. Good luck to all involved!

Kids ROAR – Protective Behaviour Education: Information is included below about MMPS engaging KidsROAR to come and support our school community in delivering Protective Behaviours Education to our students, staff and parents. We will be running the program in class time but have KidsROAR running a Parent/Carer information session beforehand.

Rubbish Truck Design Winner! A HUGE congratulations to Audrey in our grade 2/3 classroom who was one of the winners of last Term's competition to have their design on the side of our MRSC rubbish trucks! Audrey's clever and beautiful design will be zooming around the shire so keep a look out! Well done Audrey!

I hope everyone is travelling well! We are absolutely steaming through Term 3 so if you have anything at all you'd like to come and chat about, feel free pop on in and see me!

Thanks, Joe.

Audrey R's winning design! Well done Audrey!

This week at MMPS!

Athletics

On the 20th of August, some students from grades 3-6 are going to district athletics, which is one of my favourite events of the whole school year! This is an opportunity for students to compete in competitive and friendly sporting events. Mrs Stone has been working very hard on allowing our school to go to all these sporting events.

For athletics, it is advised that you wear sporty clothing which is flexible, so you can run, jump and have fun in an amazing way! Another great opportunity is if you place in one of these races, you have the opportunity to go to division athletics! This is only for the most privileged people, so feel proud if you achieve it!

Science Week

On the 17-21th of August, our school is participating in the National Science Week, an annual celebration that sparks public interest, curiosity, and appreciation for the wonders of STEM. Held each August, this nationwide initiative teaches schools about the wonders of science, universes, elements, research institutions, and all topics regarding science.

It provides a unique platform for scientists to share their groundbreaking research directly with the public, making complex concepts accessible and engaging for people of all ages. By encouraging scientific thinking and showcasing how scientific innovation drives progress and solves real-world challenges, Science Week inspires the next generation of innovators and cultivates a deeply science-literate society.

Yash Sharma
School Reporter

KidsROAR Personal Safety Program

This term, our school is partnering with KidsROAR to deliver Protective Behaviours Education to our students. We know body safety can feel like a sensitive topic, but we believe it's one of the most important things we can teach our children — right up there with road safety or swimming lessons. It's not about frightening kids; it's about giving them simple, practical skills to recognise when something feels wrong and to know they can always tell a trusted adult.

We've attached KidsROAR's letter below with full details on the program and the content covered in student sessions.

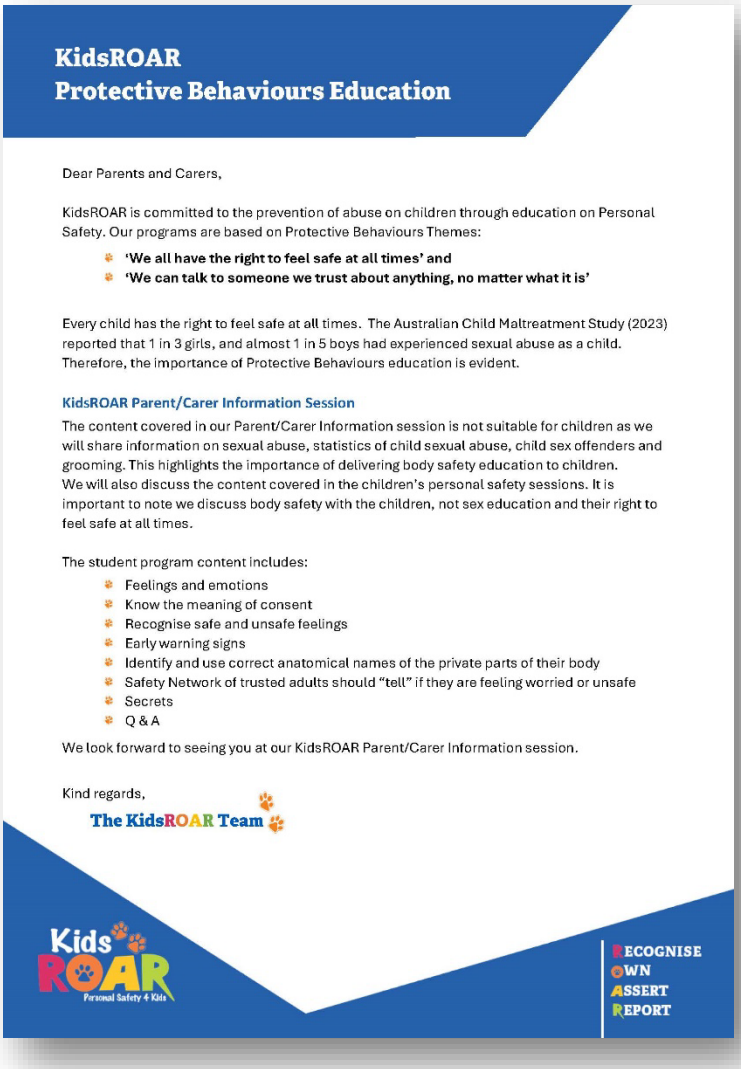
Before the student sessions, we're hosting a Parent/Carer Information Session (Zoom, Thursday 27th August, 8pm)

We'd strongly encourage every family to attend. This is your chance to see exactly what your child will be taught, ask questions directly to the KidsROAR facilitators, and feel fully informed and comfortable before the sessions go ahead.

Zoom login details will be shared closer to the date via Compass.

Upcoming KidsROAR Session Dates

- Parent/Carer Information Session (Zoom): Thursday 27th August, 8pm
- Grades 4, 5 & 6 Workshop: Wednesday 2nd September
- Foundation/1, 1/2 & 2/3 Workshops: Thursday 3rd September



KidsROAR
Protective Behaviours Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

KidsROAR is committed to the prevention of abuse on children through education on Personal Safety. Our programs are based on Protective Behaviours Themes:

- **'We all have the right to feel safe at all times' and**
- **'We can talk to someone we trust about anything, no matter what it is'**

Every child has the right to feel safe at all times. The Australian Child Maltreatment Study (2023) reported that 1 in 3 girls, and almost 1 in 5 boys had experienced sexual abuse as a child. Therefore, the importance of Protective Behaviours education is evident.

KidsROAR Parent/Carer Information Session

The content covered in our Parent/Carer Information session is not suitable for children as we will share information on sexual abuse, statistics of child sexual abuse, child sex offenders and grooming. This highlights the importance of delivering body safety education to children.
We will also discuss the content covered in the children's personal safety sessions. It is important to note we discuss body safety with the children, not sex education and their right to feel safe at all times.

The student program content includes:

- Feelings and emotions
- Know the meaning of consent
- Recognise safe and unsafe feelings
- Early warning signs
- Identify and use correct anatomical names of the private parts of their body
- Safety Network of trusted adults should "tell" if they are feeling worried or unsafe
- Secrets
- Q & A

We look forward to seeing you at our KidsROAR Parent/Carer Information session.

Kind regards,
The KidsROAR Team

Kids ROAR
Personal Safety 4 Kids

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OWN
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REPORT

GRADE 1/2 INQUIRY UPDATE

During our Inquiry work this term we have been looking at how we can express ourselves through different forms of art. So far we have looked at stories, music, dance, mime and plays. We have written our own scripts for a scene that we will perform using puppets we have drawn. We are currently practising our plays and can't wait until we can share them with the class.

The Four dogs

By Lenni

Characters: Sausage, Spotty, Arthur, Fluffy, Teacher

Setting: Cubbyhouse

Fluffy: Look! A cubbyhouse. It has a sign

Spotty: What does it say?

Arthur: It says "School for dogs" Should we go inside?

Spotty: Yes. Look, a ladder.

Fluffy: Let's climb up

Spotty: Look, a dog teacher. There are lots of classes. Should we go in this class?

Arthur: Yes

Sausage/Spotty/Arthur/Fluffy: Hi teacher

Teacher: Do you four dogs want to sit down?

IB PYP - DigiTech

Hi Mount Macedon families,

Next week is officially Science Week, but we just couldn't wait and decided to kick things off early with a Digital Tech and Science crossover event. The star of the show? The Periodic Table of Elements.

Here is what we got up to across the year levels:
Juniors: Digital Alchemists - To get our Juniors wrapping their heads around how elements mix together to create everything in our world (without melting their brains with exploding suns and protons just yet), we became digital wizards. We used a drag-and-drop program called *Little Alchemy*. The students experimented with combining basic materials to see what they could invent. They quickly discovered that mixing Earth and Water makes Mud, and combining Mud and Heat makes Bricks. It was a fantastic way to introduce the core idea of chemistry: mixing things together makes brand-new things.
https://littlealchemy.com/

Middles: The Element Detectives - Our Middle students took on the role of Element Detectives. Armed with their very own visual Periodic Tables, they scoured the classroom to find real-world examples of elements hiding in plain sight. From the aluminium in our window frames to the copper in our wires and the carbon in our pencils, they did a brilliant job connecting abstract science to the everyday objects around them.

Seniors: The Minecraft Chemistry Lab - Our Seniors stepped up to the lab benches to run some high-level chemical engineering. Now, Mr. Flynn made it *very* clear that we were absolutely not allowed to make our own plutonium or recreate scenes from *Breaking Bad* in the classroom. So, to keep everyone safe, we fired up Minecraft Education's Chemistry Lab. The students used the digital 'Compound Creator' to break down standard blocks into their base elements and then mixed them together using accurate chemical recipes to craft amazing items that don't exist in the regular game.

Curriculum Connections
For those tracking along at home, here is how this week's fun ties directly into our learning frameworks:
Victorian Curriculum:

- **Juniors:** Exploring how materials can be mixed or combined for a purpose (Science) and using digital systems to play and explore (Digital Technologies).
- **Middles:** Understanding that natural and processed materials have a range of physical properties and are made of basic building blocks (Science).
- **Seniors:** Investigating reversible and irreversible changes to materials (Science) and using digital environments to model and simulate real-world data (Digital Technologies).

IB PYP (Primary Years Programme) Links:

- **Transdisciplinary Theme:** *How the World Works* – inquiring into the natural world, its laws, and how humans use their understanding of scientific principles.
- **Key Concepts:** *Connection* (how do these elements interact?) and *Change* (what happens when we mix them together?).
- **Learner Profile:** Our students were absolute **Inquirers** (curious about what makes up their world) and **Thinkers** (problem-solving their Minecraft and Alchemy recipes).

Have a great week and stay tuned for more Science Week adventures next week.

Mr. Garcia

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
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2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
SYMPHONY OF STORIES
22–28 August 2026
THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
DRESS UP DAY
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
Come dressed as your favourite character!

thrive
Mindful Girls
Teen
AGES 13-15
A welcoming space for teenage girls to build confidence, strengthen emotional wellbeing and navigate adolescence with greater self-awareness and resilience.
Girls will focus on:
Identity and self-worth
Managing stress and anxiety
Healthy relationships and boundaries
Emotional wellbeing
Confidence and resilience
Practical coping strategies
Location
Gisborne, Victoria
Session Length
60-minute sessions
Small Group Sizes
Creating a safe, supportive and personalised experience.

thrive
Mindful Girls
bloom
AGES 9-12
Designed for girls navigating the important years where confidence, friendships and emotional wellbeing become increasingly important. Bloom helps girls feel supported while developing lifelong skills for resilience.
Girls will explore:
Confidence and self esteem
Healthy friendships
Managing worries and big emotions
Growth mindset
Resilience
Self-care and wellbeing
Location
Gisborne, Victoria
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MACEDON CATS FNC
THROUGH THE MACEDON JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
AIMED AT 5–10 YEAR OLDS
TO LEARN THE NETBALL BASICS
RUNNING TERM 4
STARTING
FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER
FROM 4–4.45PM
AT TONY CLARKE ON THE OUTDOOR COURT
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!
VIA NETBALL CONNECT
Woolworths net set go
$120
INCLUDES
NET SET GO PACK
AND VNL REGISTRATION
QUESTIONS? Contact Kelly Nicholas
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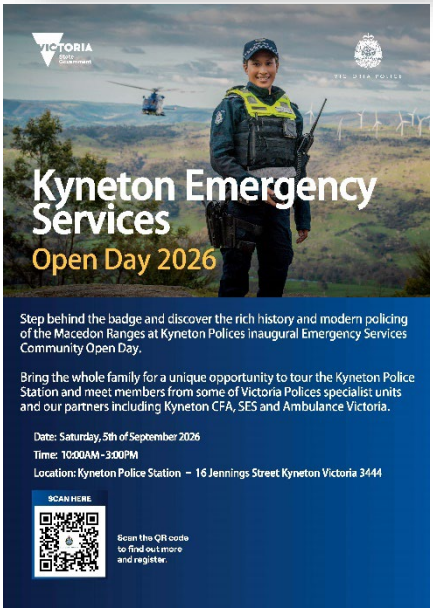
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Kyneton Emergency Services
Open Day 2026
Step behind the badge and discover the rich history and modern policing of the Macedon Ranges at Kyneton Polices inaugural Emergency Services Community Open Day.
Bring the whole family for a unique opportunity to tour the Kyneton Police Station and meet members from some of Victoria Polices specialist units and our partners including Kyneton CFA, SES and Ambulance Victoria.
Date: Saturday, 5th of September 2026
Time: 10:00AM - 3:00PM
Location: Kyneton Police Station – 16 Jennings Street Kyneton Victoria 3444
SCAN HERE
Scan the QR code to find out more and register.

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

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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 Worlds Indigenous Peoples

September (First Wednesday) – Indigenous Literacy Day

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2026 Health & Wellbeing

August	
TBC	National Stroke Week
10-14 Aug	Bullying No Way: National Week of Action
12 Aug	International Youth Day
17-23 Aug	Brain Injury Awareness Week
26 Aug	National Meals on Wheels Day
28 Aug	Wear It Purple 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.