Welcome to the Mount Macedon Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

Grade 4/5/6 Camp: What a huge week it was last week. Our Grade 4/56s zoomed off down to Queenscliff for their camp, spending three days exploring the town and the many wonderful attractions it offers. We visited the maritime museum and the marine discovery centre where we learned about the maritime history of Queenscliff and the important role Fisheries Victoria play in keeping our marine environments safe and healthy. On the final day we explored Fort Queenscliff and discovered that the very first shot fired in WWI may have been from Fort Queenscliff. Overall it was a huge few days and a massive thank you to all staff who went along, we could not have offered this wonderful camp without you.

Ga Ga ball pit: Last Monday was day-one of Ga Ga Ball! We had our new Ga Ga Ball pit installed over the weekend and so far, it has been a huge hit! Ga Ga ball is a game played inside a specially made pit, students aim to hit, with their hands, a small ball into the legs of other players, if you get hit by the ball you are out! It is a fast-paced game that has been enjoyed by all year levels.

Guitar concert: What a wonderful celebration of guitar work our Annual Guitar Concert was! It was amazing to see all of Aaron's students jump up and perform songs that they have been learning this year. It is one thing putting in all the time and effort learning an instrument but it is another thing all together getting up and playing to an audience!

Transition mornings: Today I was able to meet and greet our 2026 Foundation students as they undertook their second transition morning. It is such an exciting time to see our new faces for next year and to welcome new families into our community. They all settled well and spent time with Mrs Barclay and Mrs Glenister in their 2026 classroom. A whole school transition morning will take place on Tuesday the 9th of December where all students will spend time in their 2026 classrooms.

Pollination Excursion: Today our grade 5/6 students head off to the city for an excursion exploring pollination. It is day two of a two-part exploration of the important role pollination plays in nature.

Japanese Day: I had the pleasure of working with Morrice Sensei and all students yesterday for our Japanese Day activities. We took groups in the library and explored traditional Japanese games while other groups created masks, sang Karaoke and created anime drawings. Many students dressed up for the day, and we had a parade to show off these wonderful Japanese dress ups.

Viewfield Christmas Party: Viewfield are holding their Christmas Party this coming Sunday the 30th of November. MMPS has students preforming Christmas songs on the day. It should be a wonderful celebration; I hope to see many of you there.

Thank you to Jonathan Swain for taking the Grade 2/3 classroom while Ms Probert is away. It has been a pleasure working with Jonathan and the kids have loved having him in their classroom.

Pupil Free Day: Just a reminder that Friday the 5th of December is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Staff will be preparing for 2026 and taking the day to review assessments in preparation for reports going home.

It is going to be a busy few weeks so please keep an eye on our newsletters and on Compass where all important information will be being shared. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks, Joe.

Riddle

Answer from last week: seven.

A woman is sitting in her hotel room and hears a knock at the door. She opens the door to see a man whom she's never met before. He says, "I'm sorry, I have made a mistake, I thought this was my room." He then goes down the corridor and into the elevator. The woman goes back into her room and calls security. What made the woman so suspicious of the man?

Camp

On the 17th of November, grades 4,5 and 6s went to Queenscliff for camp! On the first day we caught a bus and went to Cottage By The Sea. When we arrived we got sorted into our bunks and all that stuff. Then we walked to the Maritime Museum. We learnt a lot of interesting things.

Then we got back and had some dinner and then went for a night walk and saw some cool War Bunkers! Then we walked back and got into bed.

On the next day we went to the Marine Discovery Centre.

While the other group did beach combing. Then we went back and had lunch. Then we played outside and had fun!

Then we had dinner and watched a movie and then went to bed.

On the last day we packed everything up and went to Fort Queenscliff and then the bus picked us up and we went back to school.

By William Muir and Raff Garcia.

Growing up in 2025 Part2

On the 27th of November we are doing the other half of growing up in 2025. If you need a reminder then growing up in 2025 is a program where your child gets a photo taken of them at the start of the year and at the end of the year to see how your child has changed. (T&Cs if you have not consented for your child to have photos taken of them then this program is not available for your child)

IB Update – Cottage by the Sea Camp

On Monday the grades 4, 5 and 6s went to camp. It was called Cottage by the Sea.
On the first day we went to the boat museum we had so much fun we got to go into a real boat. We had to do a question sheet. We saw a model of a sea mine. A sea mine is a bomb under the sea. Then we went to a look out tower. We saw all of the ocean. It was amazing. The next day we saw a dead puffer fish on the beach. Then we went to an aquarium.
At the aquarium I saw a rock lobster and there was a touch tank.
By Jax H

On Monday the 17th grade four five six went to Cottage by the Sea for three days and two nights.
The first day we all got to school at 8.45am and we all left at 9.00am. We all went on one bus for 2 hours and after a long wait we finally arrived. As soon as we got there we all unpacked the bus and went to our rooms. The girls all went to their rooms and the boys all went to their room and we all went to our bunks. I was in one with Scarlett. It was the best.
After that we went on a walk to the Maritime Museum and then we walked up the lookout tower. It was so high and then we walked back to camp and we got free time in the yard and played soccer and it was so funny.
When the teachers said it was time to have dinner we went inside and ate lasagne. It was so delicious. When we had all finished we got some ice cream and dressings then we all put some bug spray on and went on a bush walk and we all got to crawl through an army bunker. Soon we were walking on the beach and back and we had showers and went to watch some tv and then we ate some cookies for supper, brushed our teeth and went to bed. In the morning we got dressed and ate breakfast. It was cereal and toast. After that we all played on the playground for a long time and then we all ate lunch, it was sausage rolls. Then we split up into groups and the first group went to the Marine Discovery Center while the second group went beach combing and my group got to touch squid eggs and then we swapped over the groups and we got to go beach combing and I found a piece of sea weed that looked like a gut. When we had all done everything we all walked back and played in the yard for a while and then we had dinner. It was butter chicken and for dessert we had apple pie with custard. Then we played in the yard and then we had a shower and then we watched the Secret lives of pets and ate some apples and even when we were watching the movie Amy braided my hair and then we brushed our teeth and went to bed.
In the morning we ate cereal and went to the fort. It was so cool. When we finished, the camp delivered us lunch. It was sandwiches and then we hopped on the bus and went home.
It was a two hour ride and we were all so tired I almost slept the whole way.
By Francesca T

IB Update – Cottage by the Sea Camp cont.

On Monday almost all the grade fours,fives and grade sixes took a two hour bus ride to Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff. When we got there we got assigned bunk buddies. My bunk buddie was Alister and the people next to us were George and Cillian. Then we got to play outside. There was a down ball court and a basketball court and another room with foosball, air hockey and table tennis. Then we had lunch and went to the Maritime Museum where there was a pilot boat and other fascinating stuff.

When we got back we had lasagne and salad and bread for dinner. It was good, then we had ice cream for supper and went outside to play. Then we went on a night walk and went inside an abandoned military bunker. We got called to go to the showers the grade four's went to the showers first.

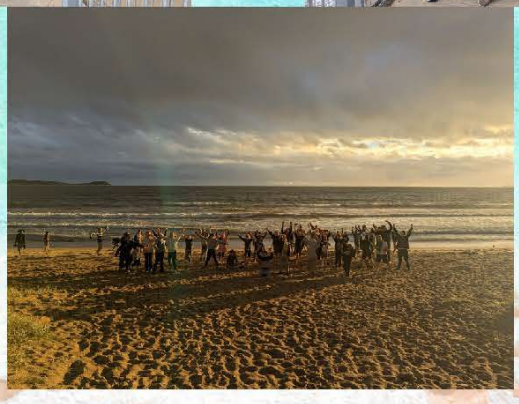
When we got out of the showers we watched Little Lunch and Bluey and got anzac biscuits.

In the morning we got milo and cereal or toast then we played outside and before we left for the next activity we got split into groups.

The two groups did different activities one was a beach comb the other went to the Marine Center. At the beach we found different things. At the Marine Center there was a touch tank and different fish.

We got buttered chicken for dinner. It was spicy. We got apple pie and custard for supper. We watched the Secret life of pets .

On the last day we packed up our rooms. We had breakfast and played outside. Then left for Queenscliff Fort it was so secret you had to show I.D. We saw where the missiles were made and got to touch a cannon. They shot the first missile for the whole British empire. We got to try on army uniforms. Then we got to go into the war museum. Then the Cottage by the Sea had delivered lunch and after we ate we left. The bus driver had packed the bus, then we had the same two hour bus drive. It was great.
By Lindsay R



IB Update – Cottage by the Sea Camp cont.

Cottage by the sea camp

Monday the 17th of November
the grade 4, grade 5 and grade 6's went to camp. On the first day we got told who we were with. I was with Jack on bunks. We went to a boat museum and we had to do a sheet with questions.
We got to go on a real ship and inside there were so many cool things that we looked at. Then we went up it. Some people were scared but I loved it. We also went on a night walk and there was a bunker

Tuesday: We went on to the beach and looked at cool stuff. We found a dead puffer fish and we saw lots of sea urchins which were cool and we saw a sea cucumber and it spit out its stomach. Then we went to a Marine Discovery center. It was cool and I loved it.

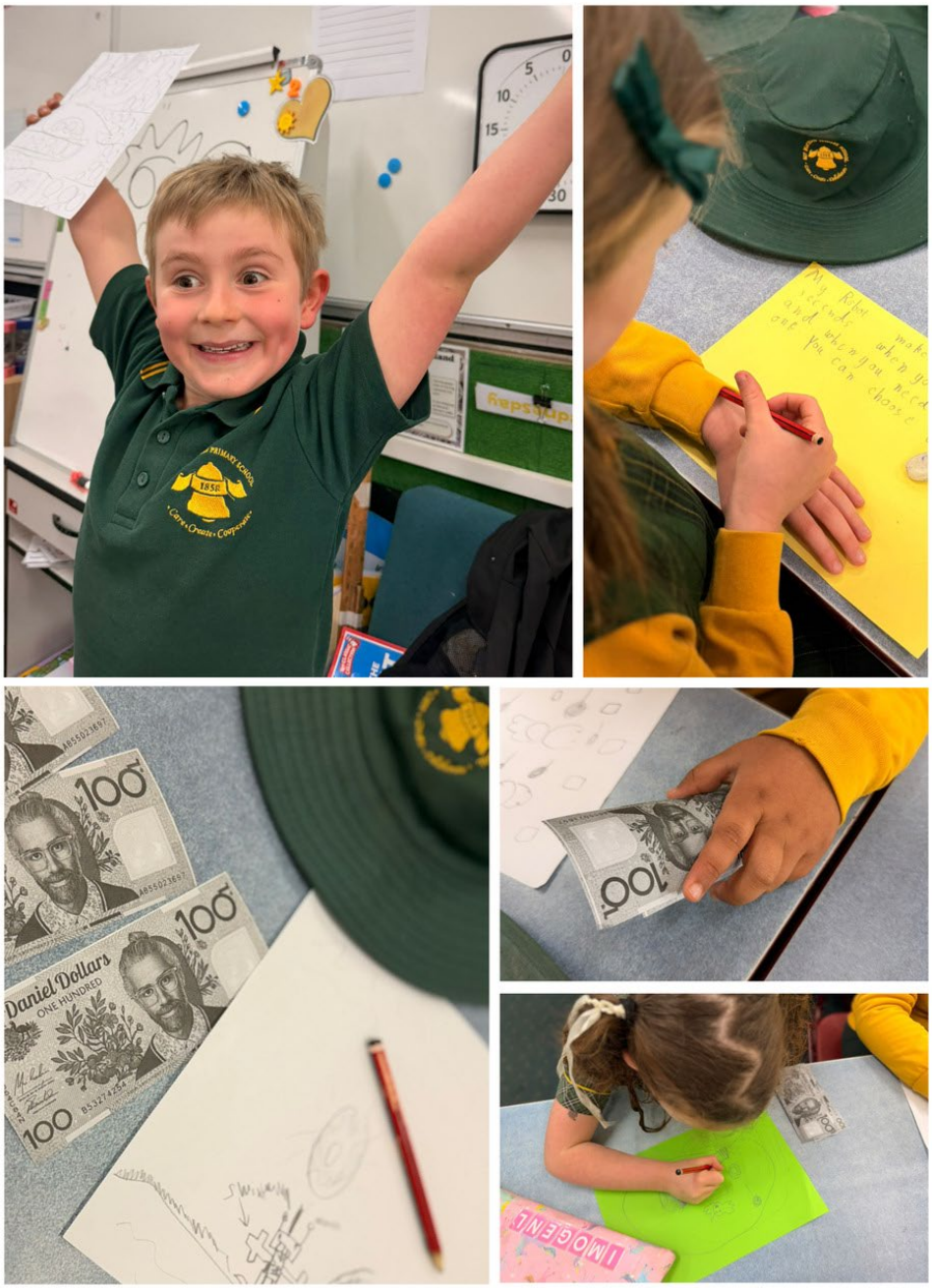
Wednesday was the final day. We went to a fort. We saw the prison for soldiers and then we saw lots of guns and also we saw where they get their ammo from. It was very cool
By Robert W

With half the school away on camp, we decided to run a fun, action-packed activity in Digital Technologies. Inspired by all the incredible inventions around us, I challenged the students to become inventors themselves.

In just one session, students had to dream up an idea, craft a pitch, and present it to the class to see which project would get "funded." Normally, I'd sneak a bit of MMPS funding for this, but with Mr Flynn away on camp, I had to improvise... luckily, I got my hands on some of the newly released $100 notes. Apologies in advance to any local businesses who may receive these as tender this week.

It was fantastic to see the creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills on display—all core elements of the Digital Technologies curriculum in action. Who knows, perhaps we've spotted the next big tech startup right here in MMPS? (and, as I have said many times, I get 10% of all future earnings)

Mr Garcia



Student Achievements

Congratulations, Mirra!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate **Mirra**, one of our outstanding Year 6 students, who has been selected to represent Australia in Futsal at an international competition in Malaysia. This is an exceptional achievement and a testament to her skill and hard work.

We wish Mirra all the very best as she takes on this exciting challenge. The whole school community is cheering her on!

Community News

Join us for one of the most loved events in the local calendar. An evening of music, joy, and festive cheer with performances from our local school children, a visit from Santa on the fire truck, delicious food vendors and more.

Proudly supported by the **Community Bank Gisborne & District**, **Mount Macedon Realty**, **Macedon Ranges Produce**, **Mt Macedon Trading Post**, **Tiffany Warner Photography**, **Mount Macedon CFA**,

Bring your picnic rug and help celebrate the 21st year of this special community tradition.

The Victoria Police Macedon Ranges Police Service Area is conducting a six-month education and enforcement operation focusing on the safe and lawful use of **E-Scooters** by young people. The aim is to reduce injuries, improve road safety awareness, and support schools and families with clear, consistent information.

Wade Andrews | Leading Senior Constable 32306

Proactive Policing Unit | Macedon Ranges

E-scooter Road Rules

Tougher penalties as e-scooters are made permanent.

e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h

e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors

Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations)
transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules

VICTORIA State Government | Department of Transport and Planning

8th March – International Women's Day

17-23rd March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week

17th – 23rd March – Harmony Week

April – Autism Acceptance Month

20th May – Internation day of Happiness

MAY – Australians Biggest Morning Tea

12-17th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

17th May – IDAHOBIT

11-15th August – Bullying No Way, National Week of Action

30th August – Wear it purple day

31st August – Daffodil Day

10th September – World Suicide Prevention Day

12th September – R U OK? Day

October – Mental Health Awareness Month

10th October – World Mental Health Day

14th November – World Diabetes Day

3rd December – Internation Day of People with a Disability

Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

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Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

20th March – National Close the Gap Day

26th May – National Sorry Day
27th May – Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum
27th May – 3rd June – Reconciliation Week

3rd June – Mabo Day

July 6th – 13th – NAIDOC Week

4th August – National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day
9th August – International Day of the Worlds Indigenous Peoples

3rd September (First Wednesday) – Indigenous Literacy Day

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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.