

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FOS Dates

Working Bee: May 2nd, 2:30PM

Mother's Day Event: Friday 9th
May @ 7pm

Important Term Dates

May

2nd FOS Working Bee

7th District AFL

8th Yr 5/6 Girls Program

19th District Soccer

19-23 Education Week – theme 'Celebrate All Cultures'

27th Branch Out – Brainstorm Productions Performance

June

3rd – 11th Somers Camp (selected students only)

6th District Netball

9th Kings Birthday Public Holiday

24th Wurundjeri Mob Incursion

July

4th LAST DAY OF TERM – 2.30 finish

Keep an eye on
these dates for
any changes.

Any changes will
be reflected on
Compass

Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

What a busy week it has already been! We have our students heading down to Gisborne Aquatic Centre each day for the first week of our intensive swimming program. It is a huge task taking everyone down to the pool so a massive thank you to everyone who helped organise it and for everyone for doing their part to make it a smooth operation.

Mother's Day Dinner: An invitation has been sent via Compass to our wonderful mums here at MMPS for the Annual FOS Mother's Day Event! This year FOS are holding a dinner at 'Rockswood', Mrs Glenister's house, on Friday the 9th of May. It should be a wonderful night of connection, and we hope that many of you are able to make it along. You can RSVP via the event on Compass.

ANZAC Dawn Service: It was an enormous privilege to see so many of our students at the Dawn Service last Friday morning. We had a number of students help hand out sprigs of rosemary to attendees and our School Captains, Mirra and Raph, helped lay a wreath on behalf of our school. To be a part of the service was a beautiful opportunity to connect to our wider Mt. Macedon community.

Working Bee: There will be a working bee this Friday afternoon from 2:30pm to help clear up the autumn leaves for election day. If have a bit of spare time it would be great if you could pop in and lend a hand.

Election Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale: FOS are organising a sausage sizzle and bake sale to be held at school on Saturday the 3rd of May. Making the most of extra visitors to the school, sausages and sweet treats will be on sale from 9:00am – 1:00pm, if you are free to volunteer your time, please contact Dan or Pia via the information provided in the classroom WhatsApp groups or alternatively contact the front office.

Review and Parent Focus Group: A survey is live on Compass asking parents to be part of our upcoming school review parent focus group. Next Tuesday morning, time to be confirmed, we are asking parents to participate in a focus group with our school review panel to discuss the strengths and future of our wonderful school. After completing the survey we will contact you with details about what time the focus group will be taking place. The link below will take you to the survey:

<https://mountmacedonps-vic.compass.education/Records/User.aspx?displayInsightsCycleId=6>

New Education Support Staff: It is exciting to be able to welcome Amber Fairley who will be working in our Foundation room three days a week as extra education support staff. We are also welcoming Mahli Hill to our Foundation room to undertake a pre-service teaching placement for the next three weeks.

I cannot express how grateful I am for all the support parents have been able to offer in preparation for our school review and for the programs we have been running here at MMPS this year.

Our school review will help shape the next four years of direction for our school and I cannot wait to move through the process with everyone.

Many thanks, Joe.



Election sausage sizzle

On the 3rd of May there will be a sausage sizzle and bake sale at the school. Come and vote, have a sausage in bread and maybe even a sweet treat!

From 9am to 1pm.

We hope to see you there!

School swimming lessons

This week most of the students at Mount Macedon went to school swimming. It was at the Gisborne Aquatic centre. We got put in different groups based on our swimming level. We go over different strokes and learn new ones. We get on the bus from school, and it takes us to the pool. We get off the bus and get put into our groups ready to get in the pool.

It is a 45-minute lesson.

I think most people that go enjoy the lessons.



JASPER



FLORA

School Captains Report

Dawn Service

On ANZAC day (25th of April) some of the grade 5/6 students went to the ANZAC day memorial service near the top of Mount Macedon. We had to get to the top of the mountain at around 4:30 in the morning, it was super cold and dark at that time! Some people took the buses from Tony Clark because the main road was closed off.

If students wanted to, they could hand out Rosemary at the front gate of the memorial cross. Rosemary is a symbol of remembrance of the Gallipoli war, where they found rosemary. There was free sausage in bread, tea and hot chocolate with ANZAC biscuits.

At 6:00 am the ceremony started. Luke Bordanaro was the main person who spoke at the Dawn ceremony. Lots of high school captains spoke about different people that went to war. Braemar college, Gisborne secondary and Kyneton high.

We laid 2 wreaths, one of them was on behalf of Rob Mitchel and the other was on behalf of Mount Macedon Primary School.

At the end 2 bomber planes did a flyover. The names of the planes are C182 and the Stampe SV4B aircraft from the Kyneton Aero Club.

It was a great experience, and it made you really appreciate the people that went to war.

I definitely recommend going to the dawn service at Mount Macedon cross in 2026.



INQUIRY UNIT



In Grade 1 we have started looking at all the different things that make up a balanced lifestyle. Our Central Idea is 'Having balanced choices about times enables people to have a healthy lifestyle'.



We started off with some great wonderings such as:

Why do we need to be healthy?

Why can't we have soft drink all the time?

Why do we need to do exercise?

Does doing mindfulness make us healthy?

Is fruit juice as good as fruit?



We have also talked about the things that we do that make us happy and why these are also important. We can't wait to keep looking at all the ways we can have a balanced and healthy lifestyle.



By Grade 1

Join us for
BBranch Out

Cultivating **positive mental health** for your child
Thursday 8th May 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Macedon Primary School



Do you want to help support your child but don't know how?



Are you worried about too much screen time?



Does your child internalise their issues?



Are you looking to share your concerns with other parents?

Together with Macedon Primary, we're hosting clinical psychologist and Tuning into Kids specialist, Professor Sophie Havighurst, for an in-depth discussion on emotional intelligence and building resilient children who are equipped for their future.



Macedon Ranges
Shire Council

P.E. Report

Hi everyone and welcome back to school, I hope everyone had a super fun and sugar filled Easter holidays!

Term 2 is another busy term in P.E and district sports.

Last week a selection of students from grades 3 to 6 competed in District Cross Country at Dixon Field.

All our runners did a fantastic job, displaying great determination and perseverance. The race is no easy feat, and everyone should be super proud of their efforts!

Congratulations to Pearl, Francesca and Cressida who have advanced to compete at division level on the 28th May. All the best girls!

Coming up we have Callan and Pearl joining Macedon PS in the district AFL 9's next week, good luck to the both of you. In following weeks, we have District Soccer on Monday May 19th at District Field and District Netball on Friday 6th June at Boardman Stadium.

Jess Stone.





Mindful Yoga growing kindness Term 2, 2025

Start the day with a yoga practice helping to connect the mind, body and breath to balance, calm and strength.

This yoga practice invites a flow through sound vibrations, movement, mindfulness and breath, to explore how we can show ourselves, each other and the world kindness.

When Monday 28th April - 30th June (excluding 9th June - King's birthday)
8.30-9am

Where Mt Macedon PS Multipurpose Room

Investment \$90 per child for the term

To enrol Contact Shanti Studio:
shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com



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Energising Yoga building connection Term 2, 2025

Embrace the day connecting to adaptability, creativity and strength with a yoga practice to unite the mind, body + breath.

This yoga practice invites connection to sound vibrations, movement, focus and breath to build connection of mind, body and breath.

When Wednesday 23rd April - 2nd July
8.30-9am

Where Mt Macedon PS Multipurpose Room

Investment \$110 per child for the term

To enrol Contact Shanti Studio:
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TERM TWO REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

AUSSIE HOOPS

8 WEEKS | 60 MINS SESSIONS
INTRODUCTION TO BASKETBALL

GISBORNE (MRSP) -
WEDNESDAY - 4:45PM - 5:45PM
SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:30AM
WOODEND (BUFFALO STADIUM) -
FRIDAY - 4:30PM - 5:30PM
SATURDAY - 8:30AM - 9:30AM

WJFNC

TRIVIA Night

Join Woodend Junior Football Netball Club for our first fundraising event of the year! Gather your friends for a fun, kid-free night out. Test your trivia skills, meet other parents and win some amazing local prizes!

Saturday 3 May
7.30 PM - 11:30 PM
Social Rooms @ Gilbert Gordon

Book Now!

Join Scouts

Ready to try something new?

Macedon Woodend Scout Group is looking for young people to join their Group!

Every week, nearly half a million young people dive into exciting adventures, make lifelong friendships, and explore the great outdoors with Scouting!

Try Scouts today and enjoy **3 weeks FREE** to see why the fun never stops. Whether it's camping, hiking, or tackling STEM challenges, there's always something thrilling happening.

Don't miss out, unlock your adventure today!

For more information or to join email,
gl.macedonwoodend@scoutsvictoria.com.au

KIDS CLASSES

AT THE WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

ART CLUB FOR KIDS

- 2-5 years
Wed: 2pm - 3pm
- Prep to Grade 4
Wed: 3.45pm - 5pm
- Grade 5 & 6
Wed: 5.15pm - 6.30pm

YOGA FOR KIDS

- Bendy Buddies
2-5 years
Tues: 9.30am - 10am
- Creative Yoga
Prep to Grade 6
Wed: 3.45pm - 5pm

More information: www.woodendnh.org.au

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

RSVP & pay on compass by Wednesday 7th May

\$20 for a ticket

Date: Friday 9th of May

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Rockswold 373 Bawden Rd

Looking for dads to cook dinner & assist on evening - contact Dan 0416 504 835

Mount Macedon Primary School
Election Sausage Sizzle

Sausage sizzle and bake sale

9:00AM TILL 1:00PM

Saturday 3 May 2025

Sausage sizzle and bake sale!

WORKING BEE

FRIDAY 2ND MAY - 2:30PM

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.

WEEDING, RAKING LEAVES, PRUNING ECT

GENERAL SCHOOL YARD TIDY UP FOR AUTUMN

20th WOODEND winter arts festival

11:30am Monday 9 June 2025 (St Anthony Hall, Woodend)

CINDERELLA

Experience a magical evening where the children's "Cinderella" comes with new life. Let the story of Cinderella inspire you off your feet with their extraordinary performance, weaving together the timeless tale with today's children's captivating imagination. Like Cinderella's transformation at the stroke of midnight, experience a symphonic metamorphosis that transports you through every heart and turn of the story, with each note, you'll feel as if you're gliding across the Euphoric Road, swept up in a whirlwind of emotion and melody. Join us for a night where music and storytelling converge, leaving you spellbound till the final curtain falls.

This is a family-friendly event with children's tickets available.

For tickets and more information visit woodendwinterartsfestival.com.au

MACEDON CATS FNC PINK LADIES DAY

Ladie's lets turn Tony Clarke pink!

The day will consists of high tea with a twist, complimentary drink on arrival, silent auction, last lady standing, raffle prizes, guest speakers and much more...

SCAN ME

Breast Cancer Network Australia

CLOUD DISTILLERY MACEDON RANGES

MACEDON FNC

SIGNIFICANT DATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE

8th March – International Women's Day

17–23rd March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week

17th – 23rd March – Harmony Week

April – Autism Acceptance Month

20th May – International 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 – International Day of People with a Disability

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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 World's Indigenous Peoples

3rd September (First Wednesday) – Indigenous Literacy Day

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International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) – 17 May

On May 17, countries worldwide mark the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), a day dedicated to raising awareness of the discrimination faced by the LGBTIQIA+ community and advocating for equality. This day promotes inclusivity and respect, discussions about the importance of diversity and fostering a culture of acceptance and support.

Access resources from [Minus18](#) and [The Safe Schools Program](#) to support LGBTIQIA+ students and allies.

Acknowledgement of Country

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.

