

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT Macedon PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2026 FOS Events

Welcome BBQ

Friday 6th February @ 4pm

Holi Festival Colour Run

Wednesday March 4th

Important Term Dates

Term 4

December

18th End of Year Assembly & Morning Tea @ 9.15am

19th LAST DAY OF TERM finish @ 1.30

2026

Term 1

January

28th Yr 1 – 6 Students Start

29th Foundation Start

February

NO PREPS ON WEDNESDAYS

9th Meet the Teacher Interviews

10th Meet the Teacher Interviews

School Council Meeting @ 7pm

13TH House Swimming Carnival

24th District Swimming (selected students)

March

3rd District Girls Futsal (selected students)

4th District Boys Futsal (selected students)

9th LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

10th School Council Meeting @ 7pm

13th House Athletics

17th Parents 'Resilience Project' Session

18th Brainstorm Productions Incursion

23rd House Cross Country

24th Macedon Bike Ride

26th Yr 6 Young Leaders Conference

30th SCHOOL PHOTOS

April

1st Williamstown Bike Ride

2nd LAST DAY OF TERM – FISHISH @ 2.30

Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

What a year it has been! That there are so many thank you-s/celebrations/farewells and see you next year-s in the following principal's report demonstrate just how important everyone's support has been in getting us this far!

Reports: Your child's Semester 2 reports are available now on Compass. Please see the instructions on the newsfeed for this newsletter on how to access them. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank You: As I said in our final assembly today, primary schools are complex systems that require an enormously supportive eco-system to succeed. We are very lucky here at MMPS to have exactly that. I want to send a big thank you to our hard-working Friends Of the School group who have put on so many amazing events that have brought joy to students, parents, staff and the wider community this year. From the Colour Run, Neon Disco, Parent Trivia Night to a number of pop-up cafes and support in developing and running the Hand Me Down Lane 2nd-hand uniform shop, FOS have continued to be committed to supporting the school community. While there are many people who have helped FOS this year, a special thank you has to go to our FOS President Dan Ryan who has worked with Katya Woods, Sandi Gardner and Rowena Glenister to form the core group of FOS this year. Thank you all for the wonderful, fun activities you have put on for our school community this year.

To each and every parent who has come in for Reading, you have helped our little people on their reading journey, and we are truly grateful for your time. Reading with students is always a fulfilling act and it is not always easy to make time in our busy weeks but to see you come each week fills us all with so much gratitude.

A big thank you to our School Council who have worked through 2025 to create a strategic plan for the next four years, help our school meet all of our financial obligations and work towards making MMPS a beautiful place to learn and grow. Thank you to Michael Woods, Brad Ellul, Geni Krajewski, Brooke Briody, Dan Ryan, Daniel Casella, Liz Halloran and Pia Shea for all your hard work this year.

Farewells: I wish all the families and students who are finishing their learning journey with us this year all the very best! We cannot wait to hear about your adventures and look forward to you popping in again to share these with us. It is always so hard to say goodbye! 2025 sees MMPS say farewell to a number of staff! We wish Sophie Conlan all the very best on her return to Romsey PS and thank her for coming over and taking our Grade 4/5 class this year. Sophie was able to fit in with our staff and students really well and I am actually looking forward to our Relocations next year so we can all go and say hi! I wish Sophie all the very best for her wedding tomorrow too! We are also saying goodbye to Helen Burgess who has been the teacher leading our Tutor Learning Initiative. The TLI program was set up after covid to support students who had specific need for support across literacy and numeracy. Helen was able to use her expertise and passion for teaching to help so many of our students over this time. We also say goodbye to Rebecca Bowen who officially finished up with us this year after an extended period of long service leave. Rebecca has been a teacher here for many many years and has helped to set our students up for success as a Foundation teacher for the past 8 years. Her expertise and passion for teaching has been inspiring to watch and I wish her all the best for her retirement years!

Graduation Report: On Monday evening we held our annual Grade 6 Graduation at the Trading Post. The night was a celebration of the milestone of finishing primary school which is no small step. It was amazing to see our Grade 6s, all grown up retelling their journey, year by year and remembering all the fun and games through the years. I am confident that all of our graduating students will be amazing in whatever they choose to do! Congratulations to our graduating class of 2025!

Friendship Chair: Years back we had a designated chair that students could sit on at recess and lunch if they had no one to play with or were having a tough time. It slowly fell into disrepair and fell out of our memories. Step in the Langhorne family! The Langhorne family (Imogen, Eloise and Matilda) came in over the weekend and painted the seat next to the playground white. We then spent lunchtime on Tuesday having all students paint a coloured dot on the chair and have reintroduced the friendship chair to MMPS!

Last Day Details: Just a reminder that school finishes at 1:30PM tomorrow, Friday the 19th of December. Our grade 6 students will be ringing the bell at this time.

I wish you all the very best of Holiday periods and hope you get the chance to rest and recharge with family. Take care and we will see you back here on the 28th of January, 2026!

Many thanks, Joe.

Jiu Jitsu

And that's a wrap for Jiu Jitsu this year. Congratulations to Will, Ethan and Callan on being the first students in the program to move up and earn their coloured belts.



Carols by candlelight

On the 17th we have carols by candlelight at Tony Clark. It starts at 5.30pm.

Hanging rock

On Wednesday we have our annual Hanging rock excursion, so make sure you have given permission and paid.

Graduation

On the 15th of December we had the grade 6 graduation.

Mindfulness group

Everyone has been really enthusiastic about Mindfulness Group from the very start. Sure, it isn't the most popular lunchtime group, but I love it. When Emily left, I had some helpers for a bit, (thanks to everyone who helped out!) Then eventually I started doing it by myself. Some of the regulars are Eloise, Imogen, Lenni and Finn. Thank you to all those that come nearly every week. I'm going to miss running Mindfulness Group.

Last day of school

On Friday it will be our last day of school for the year so that means it is an early finish, we finish at 1:30pm on Friday.

Farewell everyone, have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Library News

As the year quickly draws to an end, can I please ask all students to look around home for any school library books that need returning. Library borrowing has now closed for the year, and all books need to be returned ASAP.

Thank you all for your help in keeping the library up to date and tidy.

Vicki

Back to School
with

Kyneton
Shoes

Every child is expertly and personally fitted
with top quality brands.

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-2pm

ROC

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Wilde

Clarks

23 High Street, Kyneton
03 5422 2090

WOODEND
winter
arts
FESTIVAL

Woodend Winter Arts Festival Presents
**CHRISTMAS
CAROLS**
3.00pm Saturday 13th December 2025
St Amrose Church, Woodend

Join us for a family friendly afternoon of Christmas Carols, as outstanding chamber choir Ensemble Consort, directed by John O'Donnell, bring the Christmas cheer to Woodend once again.

Imagine being in Kings College Cambridge listening to Christmas carols of many times and places, from the Medieval era to the present day, with much loved melodies from Europe, the Americas and Australia. The program will feature some well-known carols, including many family favourites, along with some lesser-known pieces.

Listen to them in the glorious acoustics of St Amrose Church. Don't miss what is guaranteed to be an enjoyable and uplifting performance by Australia's premier a cappella choral ensemble. Tickets are on sale now!

For tickets and more information visit
woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au
We encourage you to book online to avoid disappointment.

CHRISTMAS
WORKSHOPS

JOIN US

WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Everyone is invited to this fun workshop to make your very own festive masterpiece (adults & kids)

Saturday 29 November
1pm - 2.30pm

\$50

KIDS CRAFT: TABLETOP XMAS TREES

School-aged children from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to get creative and make a personalised tabletop Christmas tree!

Monday 1 December
4pm - 5.30pm

\$10

KIDS COOKING: CHRISTMAS TREATS

School-aged children from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to come festive fun in the kitchen - making and decorating Christmas goodies!

Thursday 11 December
4pm - 5.30pm

\$15

KIDS YOGA: THE GIFT OF CREATING

School-aged children in Prep to Grade 6 are invited to celebrate the end of term & unwind with some yoga, and enjoy some time to get creative.

Monday 22 December
10am - 12noon OR 2pm - 4pm

\$30

47 Forest Street, Woodend woodendnh.org.au reception@woodendnh.org.au 5422 1845

MACEDON & MT MACEDON
COMMUNITY CAROLS

Best Christmas
Outfit Prizes

Macedon
& Mt Macedon
Carols by
Candlelight
Wed 17th Dec
5.30pm

Hosted by "Our"
Shane Jacobson

FREE EVENT @ TONY CLARKE

BYO picnic
Santa and the CFA
Food stalls including the SES BBQ

Follow Us

Sing along to Carols by
local schools and artists

Sponsored by

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Bendigo Bank

Mount Macedon Realty

CARLOS
ALCARAZ
IS IN,
ARE YOU?

AO 1 POINT
SLAM

TOURNAMENT NAME:
MACEDON TENNIS CLUB AO 1 POINT SLAM

LOCATION:
MACEDON TENNIS CLUB, 37 WATERFALLS RD, MACEDON

DATE:
18/12/2025

TIME:
6:00 PM

ENTRY DEADLINE:
15/12/2025

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

SHANTI STUDIO

1 DEC 2025

TERM 4, WEEK 11

yoga

nurturing connection to
mind, body + breath

OM, how are you?
Last week of term! WOW!

Reflecting this time of year allows gratitude to flow:

- Thank you to all the Mt Macedon PS community for sharing the space to allow the practice yoga
- Thank you to each family who has shared time + practice over the year
- Thank you to each child who has embraced the mat with curiosity, enthusiasm + honesty.

Am truly honoured to be continuing practice next year!

If useful:

The staff of creative with yoga @ Woodend Neighbourhood House will be shared Mon 22nd Dec, 10am-12noon + 2-4pm.

The time will embrace celebrations, movement, rest + creativeness. Enrol via Woodend Neighbourhood House: <https://www.woodendnh.org.au/>

As summer looks different for each of us, may there be fun + rest, laughs + kindness. With sincere appreciation, peace + joy, Sarah

season to be giving

As the term wrapped up - we sat around the tree + explored the beautiful thoughts captured in passion to be giving notebook - which can now be found in the wellness room.

Then before heading away from the mat, each child received a card + yoga bag to embrace the summer with

sunny day adventure

Practicing the hat song has allowed mind + body to stretch, whilst keeping ones cool to balance!

Finding deep, steady breaths has allowed us to fly mini kites.

And connecting to our inner strength, has invited laughs, as we slid like reindeer around the room!

Looking forward to the terms last practice, Wednesday 17th Dec!

shanti
STUDIO

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Mondays

Mindful Yoga

Embrace Monday mornings with a mindful yoga practice. Flowing between movement + breath work, before embracing a mindful moment.

This flow invites connection to I am, peaceful, calm, kind, loving, strong, creative, helpful, I am ME!

When: Mondays from 12th Feb - 30th March (excluding Mon 19th March - Labour Day) 5:30am - school music

Where: Mt Macedon PS Hall

Investment: \$1000/child for the 8-week term \$125/child/practice

For enquiries: Sarah 0438 604 020 shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com

Wednesdays

Enriching Yoga

Embrace Wednesday mornings with an energising yoga practice. Flowing between movement + breath work, before embracing a little meditation. This flow invites awareness to being ready + set for the day ahead.

Feeling into what the mind or body need to connect with, before heading into class. Is it focus, strength, confidence or maybe a little calm?

When: Wednesdays from 28th Jan - 1st April 8:30am - school music

Where: Mt Macedon PS Hall

Investment: \$225/child for the 10-week term \$125/child/practice

For enquiries: Sarah 0438 604 020 shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com

to enrol

<https://shanti-studio.square.site>

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Wominjeka- Welcome

WURUNDJERI WOI WURRUNG CULTURAL HERITAGE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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



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



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

