

# WELCOME TO THE MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FOS Dates

Colour Run - March 14<sup>th</sup>

Easter Raffle - Drawn April 4<sup>th</sup>

Mothers Day Event  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm

Working Bee – May 2nd

## Important Term Dates

### March

6<sup>th</sup> – Whole School House Athletics Carnival

10<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day Holiday

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Dental Van Visit

14<sup>th</sup> FOS Colour Run @ 3pm

17<sup>th</sup> – Year 3-6 House Cross Country

25<sup>TH</sup> – District Futsal Day 1

28<sup>th</sup> – Macedon Bike Ride

**31<sup>st</sup> – SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

### April

1<sup>st</sup> – District Futsal Day 2

3<sup>rd</sup> – Williamstown Bike Ride

4<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term finish at 2.30

## Term 2

### April

22<sup>nd</sup> First Day of Term

25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day – students invited to represent the  
school and attend Mt Macedon Cross Service

# Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

**Athletics Carnival:** Tomorrow we will all be travelling down to Dixon Field for our annual Athletics Carnival. Please pop down and help cheer on our students as they compete in fun activities and structured track and field events.

**Leadership Conference:** I was lucky enough to be able to join Mr Sonogan and the grade 6 students at the Youth Leadership Conference on Monday at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. Students listened to speakers discuss the importance of leadership and the many forms it can take. Speakers included, Majak Daw (AFL footballer), Emma McKeon (Australian Olympic swimmer), Catherine Laga'aia (Actress playing Moana in the live action remake) and Thomas Duncan-Watt (Writer and Producer). It was a fantastic day that gave our Grade 6 leaders the chance to recognise the many different ways they can be leaders and role models in our school.

**Performance Report and Review:** 2025 is a School Review year for MMPS. We will be having our review in the first 3 weeks of next term, and I will be asking for your feedback on a number of things in the coming weeks. It is so important to have parent feedback form part of our future planning. The review will develop a four-year plan called a School Strategic Plan and parent involvement is an important part of its design.

I have included at the bottom of my report today our 2024 School Performance Report. This report looks at the areas of Learning and Wellbeing and compares MMPS to other similar schools. For both areas of Learning and Wellbeing, MMPS has scored the highest result possible: High. This is a moment of congratulations for our school, the staff, parents and the hardworking students we have here. Well done everyone!

**Friends of the School:** We held our first FOS meeting of the year on Monday night. At this meeting we discussed upcoming events and delegated roles and responsibilities. A big thank you to Dan Ryan, Katya Woods and Sandi Gardner who have taken on the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Some of the upcoming events that FOS are planning are:

**Colour Run and Bake Sale:** Next Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March we will be holding a Colour Run to make connection to and celebrate the Hindu Holi festival. Holi is a special festival celebrated by people in India and other countries. It's a time when everyone comes together to have fun and spread happiness. Look out for a flyer coming home in the next few days with more information. We will also be holding a bake sale on the day so please bring along some money for a sweet treat after all that running!

**Easter Raffle:** Our annual Easter Raffle will be held on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March at our final assembly for the term. Donation baskets will be placed in each of our classrooms, donations do not have to take the form of chocolate but can be any easter related items. Raffle tickets will go home in the coming weeks.

If you would like to join FOS please do not hesitate to come along to one of our meetings, we try to hold them frequently and can offer Webex for people who would like to join the meetings remotely.

**Headlice program:** We have had a small outbreak of live lice at school. Please make sure that you are continuing to treat your children's hair if you are notified that there have been lice identified.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming long weekend!

Many thanks, Joe.

Mount Macedon Primary School

### LEARNING performance group

**Current Level:** High  
**Change Level:** Maintained

The Learning domain measures performance on NAPLAN assessments in Reading and Numeracy, NAPLAN relative growth, and Teacher judgement growth for English and Mathematics.

Most other schools in this similar schools group are High in the Learning domain.

**Similar schools' LEARNING performance groups**

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### WELLBEING performance group

**Current Level:** High  
**Change Level:** Improved

The Wellbeing domain measures performance on a set of Attitudes to School Survey factors related to emotional awareness, managing bullying, school connectedness, stimulated learning and student voice; and the school's attendance rate.

Most other schools in this similar schools group are Medium in the Wellbeing domain.

**Similar schools' WELLBEING performance groups**

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### OVERALL performance group

**Your school:** HIGH

A school's overall performance group represents its combined performance on Learning and Wellbeing Domains.

As an overall performance group, this indicates a range of student outcomes that are high across learning and wellbeing measures.

### SIMILAR schools

Comparing your school's performance with the performance of your similar schools group can provide information about how your school performs compared to schools with similar characteristics.

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For a more in-depth look at the data in this report, including five-year trends and comparisons with Similar Schools, see the [Panorama Dashboards](#).



## Year 6 School Reporters

This Monday the grade six class went into Melbourne to go to a Leadership conference. At the leadership conference we learned about how we can become better leaders and role models for all of the younger children of our school. We had to get to school at 7:30am, so we could get there on time.

When we were there we saw four speakers their names were Emma Mckeon, Catherine laga'aia, Thomas Duncan-Watt and Majak Daw.

On Monday the 10th of March no one will be at school because it's LABOR DAY! Which means that we get a long weekend so no school until Tuesday

### House athletics

On Thursday the 6th of March we are going to Dixon field to have our house athletics and hopefully we get a winning house or get their house on the athletics plaque engraved there for future students to see.

Written by Jasper.E and Flora.Q



Yr 6 at the Halogen Young Leaders Conference

## Wurundjeri Mob PE Incursion – A Day of Learning and Fun

Last week, staff and students were privileged to take part in an incursion with the Wurundjeri Mob, where they explored traditional Indigenous games and the rich cultural knowledge behind them.

Throughout the day, students learned about how these games were played, the materials traditionally used, and the skills they helped develop. From throwing and aiming challenges to team-based activities, each game had a special significance, connecting students to the traditions and practices of the Wurundjeri people.

It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience, deepening our understanding of First Nations culture and the importance of play in Indigenous communities.

A big thank you to the Wurundjeri Mob for sharing their time, stories, and knowledge with us!



## Wellbeing

The Inspire Parent/Carer Hub content is designed to keep families engaged in the program. It includes information about the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**, along with the benefits of regularly practising these. Additionally, it offers activities that families can practise at home to support their wellbeing.

### Accessing the Hub

The Hub can be accessed via the secure link below, with no account setup or login required:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2025-parent-carer-hub-inspire-1/>

Brooke McInnes

**Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader & Inclusion Coordinator**

**Marrung Lead**

**RESILIENCE PROJECT.**  
**Parent & Carer Hub**

When supporting your children's mental health, we know the best outcomes happen when we **work together and practise.**

Head over to our **Parent & Carer Hub** to learn more about the **evidence-based strategies** being taught in the classroom, so you can enhance their impact at home. You'll find activities you can practise to support your family's wellbeing.

Click [here](#) or scan this QR code to learn more about our Parent & Carer Hub.

To learn more about The Resilience project, head to:  
The Resilience Project | The Resilience Project | theresilienceproject.com.au

**COLOURS OF Autumn**  
MOUNT MACEDON SCHOOL OF ARTS  
MONDAY 7th APRIL - THURSDAY 17th April 2025

7th MONDAY SWEET SURPRISE	14th MONDAY YES DAY!
8th TUESDAY SPORTS CARNIVAL	15th TUESDAY MOVIE DAY
9th WEDNESDAY MAGIC DAY	16th WEDNESDAY SUPERPAK
10th THURSDAY PARK CHALLENGE	17th THURSDAY GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL DISCO
11th FRIDAY COLOUR RUN	18th FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

ENROL NOW AT [www.schoolsofarts.net.au](http://www.schoolsofarts.net.au)  
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

**Journey CAMP**  
7-11 APRIL  
REGISTER

**Push your limits. Find your potential**  
Life for today's young people is fast-paced, digital, and often overwhelming. The Portsea Camp Journey Program offers a unique opportunity for kids and teens to unplug, challenge themselves, and develop resilience in a supportive and nature-based environment.

This five-day adventure is designed to push limits, build confidence, and foster real connections. Under the guidance of expert outdoor facilitators, participants will take part in a series of endurance challenges, survival skills training, and teamwork exercises that will leave them feeling empowered, capable, and inspired.

Hike, Bike Ride, Tent Camping, Troughs Cooking, Self-care & Mindfulness, Survival Skills

**Why This is a Game-Changer**

- Confidence:** Overcome physical and mental challenges, proving personal strength.
- Resilience:** Learn to adapt, stay focused, and push through obstacles.
- Endurance:** Discover the power of perseverance and mental fortitude.
- Connection:** Form lifelong friendships and strengthen teamwork skills.
- Nature:** Experience the benefits of outdoor adventure for mental and emotional well-being.

**JUNIOR** 8-12yo  
A beginner-friendly experience designed to introduce outdoor adventure.

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**HOLIDAY CAMPS**

SUNBURY JETS BASKETBALL

**COLLEGE TOURS**  
For prospective families  
Check our website for upcoming dates

Call for more information or book online Ph: 5428 3691

College Tours - book online at [www.gjsbornesc.vic.edu.au/college-tours/](http://www.gjsbornesc.vic.edu.au/college-tours/)

visitmacedonranges.com/autumn-festival

**MACEDON RANGES AUTUMN FESTIVAL**

1 APRIL - 30 APRIL 2025

Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Community Bank, Bendigo Bank, MACE DON RANGES NATURALLY COOL

**TYLDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR**  
SAT 22 MARCH  
10AM - 3PM  
CASH PREFERRED - EFTPOS AVAILABLE

\*Fun Rides \* Camels \* Silent Auction  
\*Live Music \* Food Stalls \* Crafts \* Plants  
.....and much more!

11 CLOWES ST, TYLDEN PH: 5424 8244

**Free Meditation Session - Embrace Wellbeing & Reconnect**

Mindfulness Community Connection hosted by Mount Macedon Reality & Emily from MEMM Collective

Thursday 13th March @ 9.30am - 45 minute session  
690 Mount Macedon Road, Mount Macedon (in the paddock)

Take time to pause, reflect, and ground yourself in a peaceful, beautiful outdoor setting.

**What to Expect:**

- Feel More Connected to Yourself and Others
- Reduce Stress, Anxiety, and Pain
- Boost Energy & Improve Sleep
- Enhance Emotional Well-being

**What to Bring:**

- A picnic rug, towel, or yoga mat
- Or simply sit comfortably on a chair (available in our office)

This introductory class is open to everyone of all levels. For more information email: [info@mtm.com.au](mailto:info@mtm.com.au) (Weather permitting)

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# SIGNIFICANT DATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE

8<sup>th</sup> March – International Womens Day

17-23<sup>rd</sup> March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week

17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Harmony Week

April – Autism Acceptance Month

20<sup>th</sup> May – Internation day of Happiness

MAY – Australians Biggest Morning Tea

12-17<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Awareness Week

17<sup>th</sup> May – IDAHOBIT

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

30<sup>th</sup> August – Wear it Purple day

31<sup>st</sup> August – Daffodil Day

10<sup>th</sup> September – World Suicide Prevention Day

12<sup>th</sup> September – R U OK? Day

October – Mental Health Awareness Month

10<sup>th</sup> October – World Mental Health Day

14<sup>th</sup> November – World Diabetes Day

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Internation Day of People with a Disability

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### Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Invasion Day / Australia Day

20<sup>th</sup> March – National Close the Gap Day

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

27<sup>th</sup> May – Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum

27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Reconciliation Week

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Mabo Day

July 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – NAIDOC Week

4<sup>th</sup> August – National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day

9<sup>th</sup> August – International Day of the Worlds Indigenous Peoples

3<sup>rd</sup> September (First Wednesday) – Indigenous Literacy Day

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## **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.

