

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT Macedon PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FOS Events

Welcome BBQ

Friday 6th February @ 4pm

Holi Festival Colour Run

Wednesday March 4th

Important Term Dates

Term 1

January

28th Yr 1 – 6 Students Start

29th Foundation Start

February

NO PREPS ON WEDNESDAYS

5th Year 6 Car Wash Fundraiser

6th Welcome BBQ

9th Meet the Teacher Interviews

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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

Principal's Report

Hello everybody and welcome back!

It was so lovely to see our 1-6s return yesterday and fill our classrooms. Schools are odd places during the holidays and it's not until we have our students return that the beautiful energy they bring remind us why we have chosen this beautiful place to work.

It was also amazing to welcome our new Foundation students today! Such big hats and big school bags! They all settled so well into the classroom and spent the morning getting to know their classmates and teachers. The first day of primary school is a huge day for students and parents!

New Staff: As well as welcoming new students, we are also welcoming Tarsh Randle to our staff! Tarsh will be working in our junior grades as Education Support. We are very lucky to have Tarsh join us and share her expertise and passion for supporting young people on their learning journey.

Bushfire Preparedness: On Tuesday we had our first EXTREME weather forecast for the term. This triggered a RELOCATION Day for us and school staff had to work remotely due to the MMPS site being closed for the day. During term 1 and 4 I receive twice-daily weather forecasts directly from the Department of Education's Emergency Management department. These can sometimes vary from what is publicly published. If a day is forecast to be EXTREME you will receive an emergency text message from Compass and you will need to reply to the school mobile with whether or not your child will be attending school and relocating OR if you will be keeping your child home to enact your own bushfire safety plans. I am very aware of the nature of bushfire risk in Mount Macedon and fully support your decision to enact your own fire plans.

Holiday Works: Over the holiday break we had lots of work completed onsite. Many of these are able to be completed due to your generous donations to the *Buildings and Grounds fund*. Some of the works completed included:

- Mural artwork by Candela
- Installed new cupboards doors in junior classrooms
- Library desk upgrade
- New teacher iPads, Apple TV adapters
- 30 new student computers
- Outdoor classroom deck/fairy garden completed
- Local resident donated and installed nets on our basketball hoops

Fire Safety upgrades

- Upgrade phone system
- Cleared guttering (fire season)
- Upgrade to our roof sprinkler plumbing
- Installed new bubbler taps
- Roof safety check
- General grounds maintenance

Welcome BBQ: Next Friday MMPS will be holding our annual Welcome BBQ! This event is a great chance to meet new families and reconnect after the long summer break. The BBQ will be kicking off from 5:00pm where a sausage sizzle will provide dinner, everything else is BYO. We cannot wait to see you all there!

My office door is always open so please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions, concerns or things you would like to share!

It is great to be back!

Joe.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

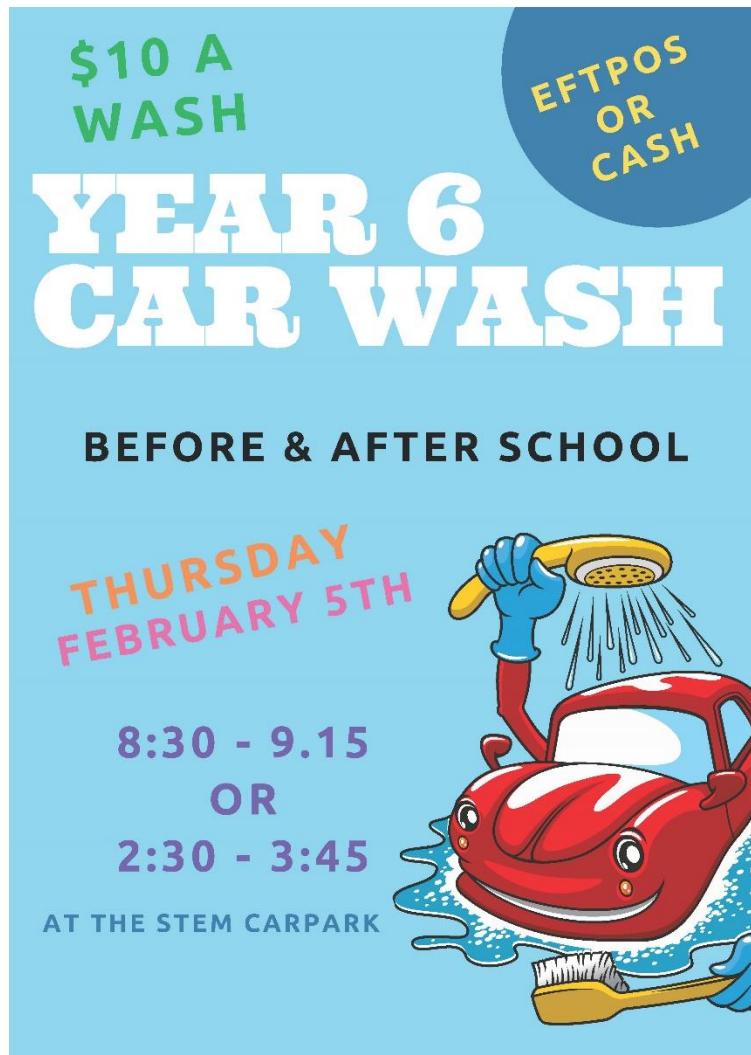
Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy, which can be found on our website, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



Community News cont.

Guitar Lessons

Weekly ½ hour group lessons (3-5 students)

- \$210 per term
- During school hours
- For students in Grade 2-6

Scan here to complete online.

Questions/Queries Contact: Aaron Moor P: 0438 177 764 E: aaronmoor@infinitesound.com.au www.infinitesound.com.au

We recommend that beginners use a ½ size nylon string guitar for home practice.

Awaken your sense of Adventure!

Twilight Orienteering

• 4 FEB BULLENGAROOK RECREATION RESERVE
• 11 FEB MALMSBURY SPORTING RESERVE
• 18 FEB KYNETON COMMUNITY GARDENS
• 25 FEB GIBSONE AITKEN RESERVE

• Registration from 6pm Courses close 8pm.
• \$5 per participant, includes electronic timing chip hire
• Suitable for all fitness levels, families and groups welcome
• Visit www.centralhighlands.weebly.com for more details

WHOLE TOWN GARAGE SALE

Had a clear out? Love a bargain?
This event is for you!
Saturday 7 February 2026
Maps on sale from 8am

Sellers: registrations close
Wednesday 4th February 2026
Register with the WNH website
or by calling 5427 1845.
Get on the map for \$10

Shoppers: buy a map
for \$5 and shop 'til you drop!
Maps on sale from 8am
at Woodend Neighbourhood House,
47 Forest Street, Woodend

03 5427 1845 reception@woodendnh.org.au www.facebook.com/woodendnh
47 Forest Street, Woodend VIC 3442 www.woodendnh.org.au

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

ART CLUB
Wednesdays 3:45pm - 5pm

CREATIVE YOGA
Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

For More Information Visit www.woodendnh.org.au

Victoria Police Macedon Ranges PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Family violence
- Young people
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must. Please scan the QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ylts8t9b>

A Microsoft TEAMS link will be made available via email to all registered attendees on the day of the event.

A SAFE VICTORIA

Summer's Soulful Sunday - yoga for mermaids -

WHAT's it about think water - connecting to breath, moving with fabulously fun aqua, then floating into supported relaxation

WHEN Sunday 22nd Feb 2026 9.30-11am

WHERE Splash Buddies, 13a Pioneer Way New Gisborne Business Park

INVESTMENT \$64/mermaid + you get a delightfully refreshing treat from....

TO BOOK

<https://tinyurl.com/ylts8t9b>

26th January - Australia Day
17th February - Lunar New Year (Chinese & Vietnamese)
2nd March - Holi Festival
16-22nd March - Neurodiversity Celebration Week
20th March - Bullying No Way!
21st March - Harmony Week
25th April - ANZAC Day
17th May - IDAHOBIT
MAY - Australians Biggest Morning Tea
12-17th May - Mental Health Awareness Week
11-15th August - Bullying No Way, National Week of Action
28th August - Wear it purple day
August - Daffodil Day
10th September - World Suicide Prevention Day
10th September - R U OK? Day
10th September - World Suicide Prevention Day
3rd December - International Day of People with a Disability

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Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

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



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

