

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FOS Dates

Easter Raffle drawn April 4th –
1:45PM in school hall.

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

Working Bee – May 2nd

Important Term Dates

March

28th – Macedon Bike Ride

31st – SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

April

1st – District Girls Futsal

3rd – Williamstown Bike Ride – Helpers Needed!

4th – Last Day of Term finish at 2.30

Term 2

April

22nd First Day of Term

24th District Cross Country

25th ANZAC Day –

ALL students are invited to represent the school in uniform along with staff at Mount Macedon dawn cross service.

28th April – 2nd May Swimming Program

May

2nd FOS Working Bee

7th District AFL

8th Yr 5/6 Girls Program

Keep an eye on these dates for any changes.

Any changes will be reflected on Compass

Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

2025 School Council: After the biggest School Council elections I have ever seen we were able to hold our first school council meeting of the new year on Monday night. We welcomed onto school council Pia Shea and Liz Halloran and welcomed back Daniel Casella. At this time we also extend our thanks to Katrina Monaghan, Amy Crosbie and Ben Wilde who have come to the end of their time on School Council. Our School Council for 2025 is:

Joseph Flynn: Principal
Michael Woods: President
Brad Ellul: Vice-president
Brooke Briody
Dan Ryan
Daniel Casella
Pia Shea
Liz Halloran
Geni Krajewski

School Photos: Next Monday is School Photo Day! We require students in full school uniform and to be here at school promptly so we can begin moving through each class without delay.

FOS Meeting: Friends of the school will be holding a FOS meeting in our school library next Monday, 31st of March at 7:00pm. We always encourage new members and would love to see more representation from across the year levels!

School Review Parent Session: As we head into our school review, I am formally inviting all parents who would be interested in sharing their voice to be a part of the Parent Session. This involves a small group discussion about the strengths of the school and your vision for it going forward. It is so important to have your voice as a driving voice in our school strategic planning for the next four years.

The parent session will be held at 9:00AM on Tuesday, 6th of May 2025. An invitation will go out on Compass in the next few days for you to RSVP to.

Compass Parent Survey: Our Parent Survey is still available to be completed via the Compass newsfeed link. It is not too late to have your input so please jump onto Compass and click through the link.

Bike Education Update: I had the pleasure of heading off on my bike with the grades 4, 5 and 6s today as they completed the Macedon Bike Ride. It was awesome to see how their skills and confidence have grown during our bike education program.

Easter raffle and 2:30pm finish next Friday: We are still taking donations for the Easter Raffle to be held at our final assembly of the term, next Friday the 4th of April. Our assembly will be at 1:45PM in our school hall followed by a 2:30pm finish.

ANZAC Day Rosemary Donations: This year MMPS is proud to be a part of the annual ANZAC Day commemoration up at the Memorial Cross. We are calling for donations of rosemary for our volunteer students to hand out before the dawn service. If you have any rosemary you could donate, could you please let us know?

4/5 Persuasive Letters: I walked into my office the other day to find 25 or so very well written letters on my desk. The grade 4/5 class had used perfectly constructed persuasive writing pieces to help me get a picture of some school improvements that I should be implementing! Ranging from new soccer goals to no seating plans in our classrooms and new playgrounds, each letter showed a passion for our school and some well placed rhetorical questions: 'You wouldn't want us to stop socialising?', 'Surely staff and students wouldn't mind lunch being half an hour longer?'. Awesome work grade 4/5s!

Many thanks, Joe.

Year 6 School Reporters

School photos

At the end of the term on the 31st of March we will be having our school photos so all the students should look their best, in full school uniform.

Junior School Council - Pancake day

On the 27th of March we are going to have Pancake Day. On Pancake Day we are also having casual clothes. It will be a gold coin donation for youth homelessness.

Futsal boys 25th March and Girls 1st April

So on Tuesday some of the grade 5/6 boys went to district futsal and here's what happened:

We got there at around about 9:30 but didn't have our first game until 10:30 so we had a lot of time to warm up and prepare a strategy because we would have 4 back-to-back games. For our first game we were versing Gisborne, and we lost 6-0 and that was just the start of our bad luck. Our next game was against New Gisborne, and we lost 7-1 so... yeah not the best start to the day. Our third game we went against Holy Cross and this game was a bit closer; we ended up losing 2-3. Our last game was by far our best although it wasn't that close, we played Braemar, and the score was 2-0 their way but we played our best. After everything we stayed to watch the semifinals and the finals. Macedon took out the finals 2-1 against St Brigid's. So, at the end of the day, we didn't win any games but we all had a lot of fun.

Last week the mindfulness group coloured in some leaves for harmony week. We hung them up in the locker room so everyone in the school could see. Harmony week is celebrating everyone's differences. We hope everyone had fun in our last wellbeing session and we hope you come again.



Jasper



Flora



POSITIVE PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR FREE

Working in a school setting, you likely know of or support children with disability and their families. Their parents and carers want them to get the most out of everyday life and handle daily challenges, like getting ready in the morning, socialising and building independence.

Here at the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, we have a new online program to help.

[Stepping Stones Triple P Online](#) provides parents and carers of children with disability with a toolkit of proven strategies to help their child with key life skills, like with daily routines, relationships and behaviour.

Thanks to Australian Government funding, it's free.

HOW CAN THIS FREE PROGRAM BENEFIT FAMILIES AT YOUR SCHOOL?

Stepping Stones Triple P Online helps parents and carers of children with disability aged under 12 years to:

- Use positive, practical strategies to manage everyday life with more ease
- Encourage their child's independence and self-care skills
- Communicate better with each other, including when their child has an alternate communication style
- Reduce behavioural concerns and support everyone's wellbeing
- Build their child's social skills to grow relationships at home and beyond
- Help the whole family adapt and enjoy life more!

It's all backed by extensive research, proven to work - and it's free.

CAN YOU HELP SPREAD THE WORD?

To share this update with the families in your school and community, you can:

- Encourage parents and carers to learn more about the program or sign up at www.triplep-parenting.net.au
- Share [this flyer](#) with parents and carers.
- Share an update in your newsletter or social media channels. Simply cut and paste the words (below).

Free positive parenting strategies for families of children with disability

If you are a parent or carer of a child with disability, you want to support them to get the most out of everyday life, like their daily routines, socialising with others and building independence. We would like to highlight that there's now free online support available so that you can help them with the key life skills they need and build your confidence, too. [Stepping Stones Triple P Online](#) provides a toolkit of practical, proven strategies that you can use straight away and adjust to your family's needs. Developed by the world-acclaimed Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, it can make life less stressful, to help the whole family adapt and enjoy life more. Do it online, anytime. Plus, it's free! Learn more at: triplep-parenting.net.au

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT FAMILIES

At Triple P, we understand how important your role is in guiding children's development and wellbeing, and in supporting families.

By recommending this new program, you can help parents and carers boost their confidence, improve family relationships and reduce stress, for happier kids and homes.

If you have any questions, or would like further support, please contact us at: connect@triplep.net

DID YOU KNOW?

Triple P has more free parenting programs, including [Triple P Online](#) (for parents and carers with children under 12) and [Fear-Less Triple P Online](#) (for parents and carers with children 6+ who are often anxious). These are just a few of the programs on offer and they're all available now at: triplep-parenting.net.au

You can also find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) where we share tips and chat about topics parents want to know more about.

Free Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® support is available thanks to funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the Parenting Education and Support Program.



Triple P International acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters on which we live and work. We respectfully acknowledge Elders, past and present who continue to guide us with their wisdom on our journey to support and build strong healthy families.

AI, Apples & Insect Hotels

As part of our exploration of **AI models and their potential impact on our lives and learning**, students had the chance to experiment with **Google's Teachable Machine**. This amazing tool allowed us to train our own AI models using **Machine Learning**, helping our computers recognise patterns from the data we provided.

Using **drawings, images, and even apples and cucumbers** as training data, students tested whether their models could correctly identify objects—or even themselves. But just as important as training AI was our discussion about **data privacy and safety**. We learned that when we upload models online, **only the training data results are shared—not the actual images**. This means that while others can use our AI model, our personal data remains private and protected.

For those who'd like to give it a go, you can try Mira's "**What Student Am I?**" model using the link below. **(Apologies in advance if you end up being a "Mr Garcia"—the AI is still learning!)**

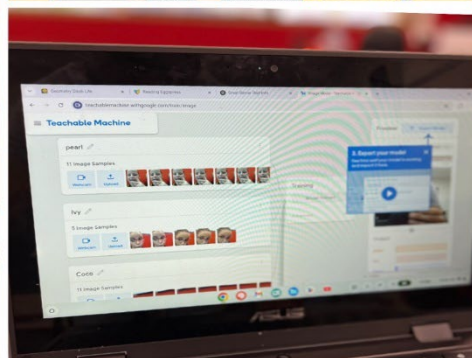
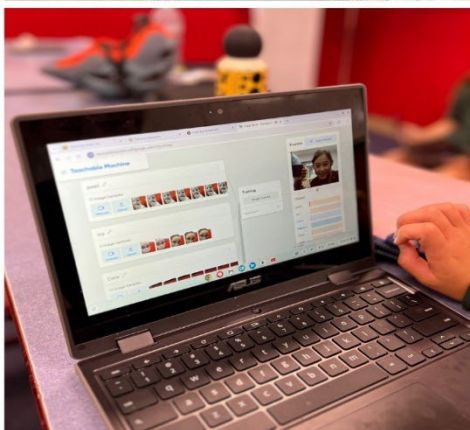
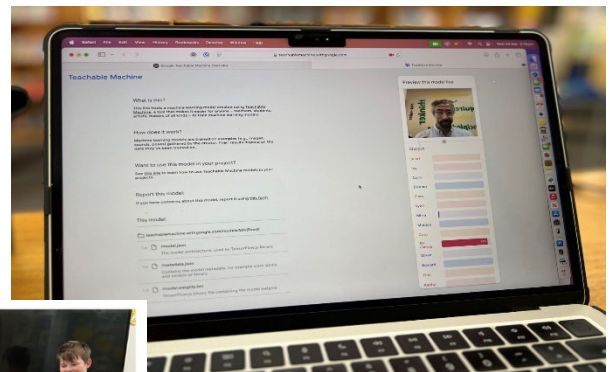
Try it here:

<https://teachablemachine.withgoogle.com/models/SBvj9auxl/>

Meanwhile, some of our students also worked on finishing their **insect hotels**, which we began in our last class. These mini shelters will soon be placed in our school garden to encourage biodiversity. Max impressed the class with his **amazing insect hotel**, inspiring others to complete their own. **Great work, Max!**

It was a fantastic day of **learning, problem-solving, and creativity**, reminding us that whether we're working with AI or nature, responsible and thoughtful actions make all the difference.

Mr. Garcia



Student Sports Report

Futsal

On the 25th of March, Callan, Liam, William, Ethan, Jasper, Yash, Billy and Raph went to district Futsal. When we got there, we had to set up and change into our tops.

We played at the Regional Sports Precinct Centre in Gisborne. We played four matches. We played New Gisborne, and we lost 6 to 0, that was the most we lost by all day.

We also played Braemar and lost 2 nil and we also played Holy Cross, and we lost 3 to 2. Next, we played Gisborne and lost 7 to 1 and had another loss.

Then we watched the finals. Macedon played St. Brigid's in the Grand Final and Macedon won. Then we went back to school, and it was 2.20.

We all enjoyed the day.

By Callan & Liam



COLOURS OF Autumn

SCHOOL'S OUT!

MOUNT MACEDON MONDAY 7th APRIL - THURSDAY 17th APRIL 2025

7th MONDAY SWEET SURPRISE You are so sweet - a true delight! Join us for a day that is sure to delight!	14th MONDAY YES DAY! KIDS CHOICE!! What do you want to do today?!
8th TUESDAY SPORTS CARNIVAL It is time to compete against all of SchoolSOL! Show off your sporting skills!	15th TUESDAY MOVIE DAY Who wants popcorn?! Join us for The Minceart Movie at Reading Cinema Sunbury!
9th WEDNESDAY MAGIC DAY Want to see some magic and become a magician? I know we do!	16th WEDNESDAY SUPERPARK Jump, climb and explore at SuperPark Maryborough! Don't miss out on this fun!
10th THURSDAY PARK CHALLENGE Team up and complete the challenges - who will be the challenge champions?!	17th THURSDAY GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL DISCO DANCE PARTY to support the Good Friday Appeal - bring a gold coin donation for a special Lunch treat!
11th FRIDAY COLOUR RUN Come dressed in white - leave FULL OF COLOUR!	18th FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED

BASE DAY EXCURSION INCURSION

ENROL NOW AT SCHOOLSOLOGY.MVC.AU
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH

APRIL 2025

IMAGINARY INSECTS Make your own imaginary insects using found natural materials, in this fun Creative Me workshop. Monday 7th April 10am - 11.30am \$35 Prep to Grade 6	STORYBOARD DRAMA Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and energetic performance workshop. Wednesday 9th April 9.30am - 12.30pm \$35 Prep to Grade 6
STORYBOARD DRAMA Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and energetic performance workshop. Wednesday 9th April 1pm - 4pm \$35 Prep to Grade 6	BENDY BUDDIES Bendy Buddies Yoga is a joyful and playful yoga adventure designed for little yogis. Thursday 10th April 9.30am - 10am \$10 Preschoolers Aged 2 - 5 years
CREATIVE YOGA FOR KIDS Join Sarah for this unique blend of yoga, fun and relaxation perfect for primary school kids. Thursday 10th April 10.30am - 11.30am \$15 Prep to Grade 6	YOGA FOR TEENS Recharge, refocus, and release stress through mindful movement and breathwork. Thursday 10th April 12noon - 1pm \$15 Years 7 - 12
SUN CATCHER WORKSHOP Get creative with our volunteers and transform old CDs into stunning sun catchers. Monday 14th April 10am - 11.30am \$10 Prep to Grade 6	EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOP Using pipe cleaners, a wooden log and your imagination, create an Easter decoration with Creative Me. Wednesday 16th April 10am - 11.30am \$35 Prep to Grade 6

For more information or to make a booking, visit our website: www.woodendnh.org.au or call 5427 1845

MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

MIDWEEK JUNIOR BASKETBALL

WINTER SEASON 2025

15 WEEK SEASON - STARTING 12TH MAY

NEW SEASON, NEW LOOK!
CREATE YOUR OWN TEAM WITH FRIENDS!
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

\$150 40TH BIRTHDAY EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
PLUS BY 6 BA FEE, WHERE APPLICABLE
ENDS SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH
AFTER THIS DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$210

AGE GROUPS

MONDAY JUNIOR GIRLS INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	TUESDAY U12 BOYS U14 BOYS U16 BOYS	WEDNESDAY U10 BOYS
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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE - WWW.MRBA.ORG.AU

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HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

24 HOUR TENNIS MARATHON

Raffle Prizes

Babolat Tennis Racquet (\$200 value!)
AO tennis merch, lessons from Coach Ash, Trading Post gift basket, Terra Australas Gin, Moet Champagne, Mistral fan, Vouchers from Kuzu and Mr. Hair products from Foxx & Beagle, Cool Clutch, books and much more!

\$10 for 1 - \$50 for 6 - \$80 for 10

BUY RAFFLE TIX ONLINE ON THE CLUB WEBSITE OR AT THE EVENT MARCH 29/30



A Macedon Tennis Club Centenary Fundraising Event

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Register your child for 3 or 4 year old kindergarten 2026

Give your child the best start to their learning journey at one of Council's eight kindergartens. Register online by 31 May 2025.

Visit mrs.c.vic.gov.au/kindergarten or call our Enrolment Officer on 5422 0239 to register.

SIGNIFICANT DATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE

8th March – International Womans 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

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Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

26th Jan – Invasion Day / Australia Day

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

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.

