

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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any changes.

Any changes will
also be reflected
on Compass

Important Term Dates

February

25th District Swimming (selected students only)

March

3rd – Year 6 Leadership Conference

6th – Whole School House Athletics Carnival

10th – Labour Day Holiday

11th – 14th – Dental Van Visit

11th Division Swimming (selected students only)

14th FOS Colour Run @ 3pm

1st – Year 3-6 House Cross Country

25TH – District Futsal Day 1

31st – SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

April

1st – District Futsal Day 2

4th – Last Day of Term finish at 2.30

Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

Swimming Carnival and District Swimming: It was great to see so many smiling faces and wonderful swimmers at our Swimming Carnival last Friday. A huge thank you to everyone who made the day a success! Parent volunteers, teachers and Mrs Stone all worked so hard to make sure everyone had a great time. Congratulations to everyone and in particular our students who will be participating in the District Swimming competition being held next Tuesday the 25th of February. *If your child has made it through to District Swimming a Compass notification will come through this afternoon.*

Relocation: I would like to thank everyone who was able to respond to our Compass SMS regarding last Thursday's Relocation to Romsey PS. The whole day went very smoothly, and I would like to thank everyone who helped make that happen. If you have any questions or feedback on the process, please come in and see us.

Policy Review: I am asking our wonderful parent community to review a number of policies we are developing and reviewing as part of our annual policy development process.

- Bullying Prevention
- Child Safety: Responding and Reporting Obligations
- Complaints
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement

If you could please head to our website and review the following policies and provide feedback to us via our school email that would be great.

Grade 6 Car Wash: The Grade 6 students have been busy developing ideas for a fundraiser to help them cover the cost of their Grade 6 Jackets and Leadership badges. It is wonderful to see such initiative in our students. Working with Mr Sonogan, they have developed a business plan and organised a Car Wash to be held at school next Wednesday the 26th of February. \$10 will see your car expertly washed for a wonderful cause! More information is below.

Rob Mitchell MP Visit: Tomorrow we are hosting Rob Mitchell MP to celebrate the successful granting and execution of our Saluting Their Service flagpole grant. MMPS received funding to upgrade the flagpoles and to develop the garden around their base.

We are zooming through this term! As always, my door is always open for a chat so please do not hesitate to come on in and see me about anything and everything!

Many thanks, Joe.

Year 6 School Reporters

Last Friday we went to the Woodend pool for our school Swimming Carnival. The Foundation – Grade 2 students were in the smaller pool doing novelty events to earn ribbons. While the little kids were having fun the grades 3-6s were swimming races and earning points for their teams to help their teams win. Some of the grade threes to sixes have earned their spot in the district event being held on the 25th of February.



This Thursday we will be having Rob Mitchell MP visiting us to look at our new flags at the front of the school hanging off the wall, they're pretty hard to miss so the next time you come to the school take a look at the flags and try and figure out why they look like that. There we have the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags.

On the 3rd of March the Grade 6s will be going to Melbourne to a leadership conference. We will be learning about how to be caring and disciplined leaders and making the most of our wonderful school and its excellent students. We are all looking forward to the day, it should be a lot of fun!

Written by Flora Q and Jasper E



MMPS Student Achievement



Hi, I'm Yash Sharma, I have won some awards for my painting and tennis skills, The most recent one is my tennis award. I went to Tullamarine which is near the airport in Melbourne. I played 3 games, I won all of them, the scores were 6-0 6-0 6-4. I came first in the round robin.

This award was given to me for coming second in the Kyneton show. I painted a picture of Melbourne, it went up for the public to see, I got voted for second place with 43 points as first was with 51 points. Thank you for reading this and have a lovely day!



PE Report



Congratulations to all the students who competed at our House Swimming Carnival last Friday. There were so many of you that braved the icy waters and displayed resilience when faced with the challenge of swimming in front of an audience, you should all be so proud! There were many first-place getters that will now represent our school at the District School event in Sunbury next Tuesday, good luck to all our competitors!

A massive thank you to our parent helpers on the day, you were monumental in the day running so smoothly, and I am truly grateful as these events cannot go ahead without your help.

Thank you to all the staff who helped with the lead up and on the day, your assistance did not go unnoticed, team work really does make the dream work!

A reminder that there is an AFL Auskick clinic happening after school (3:45-4:45pm) at Macedon Primary School every Thursday of term 1. Please refer to compass for further information.

Thank you,

Mrs. Jess Stone

PE Teacher



House Captains Chloe & Pearl



Join fellow parents and Clinical Psychologist, Professor Sophie Havighurst for an in-depth discussion about how to support positive mental health in our children.

As program specialist for Tuning into Kids, an evidence based, emotion-focused group parenting program, Professor Havighurst will help improve communication with your children, develop stronger relationships and guide optimal responses to their emotions.

We will begin the evening with a light supper where you'll have the opportunity to meet other parents and share your stories.

WHEN: Tuesday, 4th March

TIME: 6.30PM-8.00PM.

WHERE: Macedon Primary School

Childcare is available at school during the event. Children will be supervised by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Youth Services Team, who will be showing a movie (Inside Out).

For catering and childcare purposes please RSVP using the link below if you can attend.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeBg_cgQHQ1MUtM1X_l2xo36P0KVrplywpNZ666jhky8-9YA/viewform?usp=header

No more tears – Parenting tips for an easier drop off.

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au/articles-and-news/post/no-more-tears-parenting-tips-for-easier-drop-offs/>

Brooke McInnes

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader & Inclusion Coordinator

Marrung Lead

Mount Macedon Primary School

(Mon, Wed, Thurs; Tues fortnightly)

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](#), 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 website sites and programs 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 devices to access the internet or online programs, please contact the school.

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

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

MACEDON JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

Let's Get Back on the Court!
Join us for the 2025 season,
Saturday morning netball!

All age groups & all abilities welcome,
from Under 9s to Under 16s.
Find us on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/macedonjuniornetballclub>

Macedon Junior Cats signup:
<https://bit.ly/MJNC2025>

OR SCAN:




For further information, please contact:
Marty Managhan, Club President
Email: macedoncatssecretary@gmail.com
Phone: 0439 411 248

Hey kids, we had so much fun last series,
we're making more episodes of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

That's right, our last batch of contestants
blew us away with some amazing topics like
Aviation Disasters, Caterpillar Earthmovers,
Ants, Babushka Dolls, The Norris Nuts,
Space Travel, The Leadbeater's Possum
and loads more.

So if you'll be in Year 5, 6 or 7 in 2025, no matter
what your topic, if you know more about it than
anyone else (and think you can be a bit cheeky
if Tom tries to outsmart you), go ahead and
apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

Just grab your parent or guardian and head to
hardquizkidsauditions.com.au
(You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application.)

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only
open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 23 February 2025.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, **HARD!**



THE MOUNT PLAYERS PRESENTS

The IMPORTANCE of being EARNEST

A TRIVIAL COMEDY FOR SERIOUS PEOPLE

Written by
Oscar Wilde

Directed by
Vicki Smith

FEBRUARY 21 TO MARCH 9 2025

BOOKINGS at www.themountplayers.com
or call 5426 1892

ARBOUNVIEW THEATRE
56 Smith Street, Macedon



MACEDON RANGES MUSIC FESTIVAL

Held on the land of the Woi Wurrung, Djaara & Taangurung people.

AT HANGING ROCK

EMMA DONOVAN

STEPH STRINGS HOT POTATO BAND

FOOLS SON QUBA JOSHUA BATTEN

PLUS COUNTRY STRUTS BOOT SCOOTING

THE MRMF YOUTH STAGE WINNER

SATURDAY 29th MARCH 2025

ALL PROFITS DONATED TO THE CAMBODIAN KIDS FOUNDATION



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.

KNOW YOUR COUNTRY

CLOSING THE KNOWLEDGE GAP
ABOUT FIRST NATIONS HISTORY AND
CULTURE STARTS AT SCHOOL


