Welcome to the Mount Macedon Primary School Newsletter

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& Yr 1/2 &Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp
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Principal's Report

Hello everyone!

Fete Update: I am sending out possibly the most important save the date of the year today and that is for the upcoming 2026 MMPS Community Fete! Our parent association FOS met this week to start preparations for this year's Fete. It was unanimously decided that the overall financial goal for this year's Fete will be to contribute to our 5 year plan to fund covering the basketball courts with an all-weather covering, ensuring that the space can be used in any weather. More information about this will be coming out in the coming weeks.

2026 FETE SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 5th of December.

Mancave and Big Sister Experience: We were lucky enough to welcome presenters from the Mancave and Big Sister Experience to spend the day with our senior students on Monday. Mancave worked with our senior boys to discuss how to navigate their changing world with openness and confidence and how to build on their social connections. Our senior girls got to spend the day with presenters from the BSE who explored topics such as friendships, mental health, body image and more. Both organisations created safe, supportive and engaging spaces for our students to discuss these topics. It was amazing to see just how insightful and articulate our senior students are about these complex and important areas of life.

100 Days of School: A big congratulations to our Foundation students who have reached the milestone of 100 days of school! Seeing a bunch of 4 foot tall 100-year-olds running around at recess and lunch was absolutely hilarious! 10 out of 10 for dressing up!

JSC PJ Day: Our JSC has raised over $150 to go towards supporting people in need this winter season. We have also collected a huge number of warm jackets and blankets that will go to helping people stay warm and the temperature plummets. *Thank you to everyone who helped make today a huge success.*

2027 Planning: Looking forward to 2027 is an important part of term 3 and that is especially the case this year. We have a very healthy number of Foundation students enrolled for next year and we are beginning to have a play with student numbers and working out class structures for next year. As we have fluctuating numbers, finding the balance for our class structures changes each year. We are extremely lucky here at MMPS to have such experienced staff who are able to manage these changes from year to year to ensure that each child is taught at their individual level.

If you know that your child will not be returning for 2027, could you please let me know as soon as possible? This helps us work with an accurate picture of our student numbers for next year.

Many thanks, Joe.

This week at MMPS!

Design for myki
The annual new design for the youth MYKI is starting up again, and I am writing as this is a great opportunity to improve your drawing skills, as well as winning a huge prize pool of $1000. If you haven't received a sheet, ask your parents/carers to find you the online form. This is a huge opportunity which you must not miss.

I am super excited as I know a huge amount of aspiring artists come to our school, so I am really looking forward to see some amazing designs!

Big Sister
On Monday the 27th of July, the grade 4 to 6 girls had an incursion called the Big Sister experience. The Big Sister Experience is when two people [big sisters] come to the school and talk to the grade 4's to 6's about things like body image, using your own voice, mental, physical health, filling your cup and how friendships can come and go. The two ladies that came were called Mirimba and Chantel. In the beginning they told us their stories about their childhood and how they came to work at the Big Sister Experience. I found it quite sentimental because of how open they were to talk about their experiences as kids and young adults.

First we talked about mental health, we did a drawing of a cup and wrote things that we love, and things that make us feel happy. Afterwards, we played a game where Chantel played five seconds of a song, and we had to guess the song name which got your team one point and if you got the artist's name correct then you got three points. My team won, we were called the Slay Sisters. We had a good talk about insecurities and things that you may not normally talk about.

Evie C.

Soup Day
On Friday the 31st, JSC leaders Abby and Hunter, along with class representatives, will run a Soup Day, where you can have some delicious warm soup! We are trying this for the first time ever, so we would like it if students could really turn on their listening caps!

If students want to wear their pyjamas, they are more than welcome to! And a gold coin donation of $1 or $2 will be appreciated as well. A warm coat or blanket can also be brought to donate to the Salvation Army for those in need. We really hope that this event will be super fun to all!

Yash Sharma
School Reporter

children's health & wellbeing local
Free support for children and their families

PARENT SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SESSIONS TERM 3, 2026

The Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local offers free weekly education sessions that address mental health and wellbeing. The sessions are run by a mental health or allied health clinician at the Local.

Sessions are open to any parents or carers of children aged 0-11.

Why join in?

- Talk to Local staff about your child.
- Ask any practical questions you have about parenting now.
- Gain support for yourself as a parent.

Where: The Loddon Child and Health Wellbeing Local, 19 Helm St KANGAROO FLAT 3555. Enter via the green porch at the back of the site.

Dates and topics: Wednesdays (Face to face) please call us if you want to attend online to see if we can accommodate that.

WHEN	TIME	TOPIC
Jul 15	9.30am	ADHD What is it and How Can I Help?
Jul 22	9.30am	What Is Autism and How Can I Help?
Jul 29	9.30am	Parent Wellbeing
Aug 5	9.30am	Sensory processing and strategies
Aug 15	9.30am	Managing Big Feelings
Aug 19	9.30am	All about anger
Aug 26	9.30am	Anxiety in kids
Sep 2	9.30am	Family rules and consequences
Sep 9	9.30am	Sibling Rivalry
Sep 16	9.30am	Parent drop-in/fun day

If you have any Questions, please contact Annette Clemments on 1800 433 977 Book in via email icfhwlocals@bchs.com.au. **Please state your name, your child's name and the session(s) you wish to attend.**

HEAD TO HEALTH kids
The Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and the Australian Government through the Head to Health Kids Initiative.

In partnership with Bendigo Health, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Njernda Aboriginal Corporation, Echuca Regional Health, North Central LLEN, Maryborough District Health, Dhelkaya Health and Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health

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THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

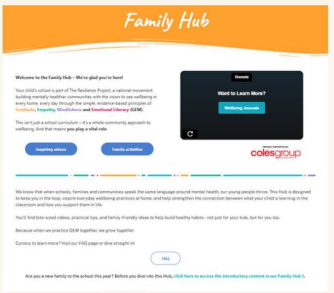
Did you know you have access to the Resilience Project Family Hub?

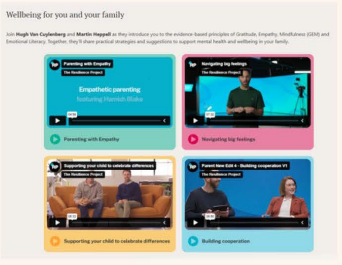
What is the family hub?

The Family Hub keeps you connected to what your child is learning at school around Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy (GEM) — and gives you simple, practical ways to bring those same habits home.
Inside, you'll find:

- Short, inspiring videos from Hugh Van Cuylenberg and Martin Heppell on topics like parenting with empathy, navigating big feelings, and building cooperation
- The four GEM principles explained — what they are, why they matter, and how to build them into everyday family life
- Dinner-table conversation starters for each principle, perfect for building small daily habits
- Free printable family activities you can download and try together
- A parent masterclass on body image, created with The Embrace Collective

It's a genuinely useful, bite-sized resource — nothing overwhelming, just simple ideas you can dip into whenever suits your family.





Visit the Family Hub
https://theresilienceproject.com.au/family-hub-3/

Scan the QR Code to access the parent hub

Got questions? Check the Parent and Carer FAQs.

STEM – STATIC ELECTRICITY!

CAN YOU MAKE SOMETHING MOVE WITHOUT TOUCHING IT?

USING ONLY BALLOONS, MICROFIBRE CLOTHS, TISSUE PAPER AND EMPTY DRINK CANS, STUDENTS IN STEM LAST WEEK INVESTIGATED WHETHER THEY COULD MAKE TINY TISSUE PEOPLE DANCE AND RACE CANS ACROSS THE HALL—WITHOUT EVER TOUCHING THEM.

NOT EVERY EXPERIMENT WORKED THE FIRST TIME... AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE BEST PARTS!

OUR YOUNG SCIENTISTS ASKED QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- 🤔 WHY DID IT WORK THIS TIME?
- 🤔 WHY DIDN'T IT WORK THAT TIME?
- 🤔 DOES RUBBING THE BALLOON FOR LONGER MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
- 🤔 DOES THE TYPE OF MATERIAL MATTER?
- 🤔 COULD THE WEATHER OR HUMIDITY AFFECT OUR RESULTS?

Science in Action!

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F/1 CLASSROOM UPDATE

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FOUNDATION STUDENTS REPORTED TO BE 100 DAYS SMARTER

FOUNDATION STUDENTS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS IN STYLE

This week in the Foundation/1 classroom we celebrated our 100th day of school. We celebrated by dressing up as our future 100 year olds selves. There were lots of walking sticks, glasses, grey and white wigs, moustaches and even a pipe. We excitedly shared our costumes with each other and discussed what we think we will look like and enjoy doing when we're 100.

We used these ideas to write about our 100 year old selves and then drew a picture.

During maths, we had brought 100 objects from home and we shared these with each other. We had all brought different things like 100 pieces of pasta, 100 lego pieces, 100 pegs, 100 beads etc. We talked about how 100 objects can look different depending on the size and shape of the group. We enjoyed sorting and counting our objects.

100 DAYS,
100 OBJECTS,
100 SMILES!

WRITING OUR WAY TO 100 YEARS OLD

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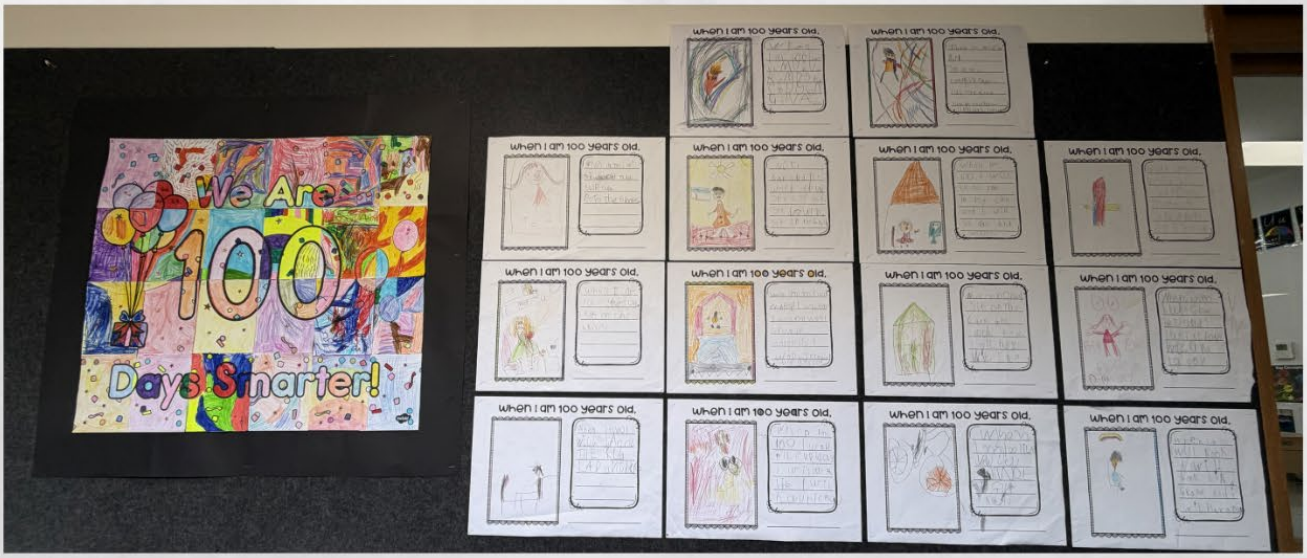


A CENTURY OF IMAGINATION

After lunch we created a collaborative piece of art to represent our 100 Days. We all coloured a jigsaw style piece and then Mrs Barclay pieced it altogether at the end to make a big collage. We have loved finding the piece that we each coloured and its a beautiful representation of our class this year.

Specialist - DigiTech

This week, our Mount Macedon Primary students embarked on an exciting real-world design project: creating the artwork for the next **Youth Myki**

The competition, which opened this week, gives students an incredible opportunity to see their personal artwork in the pockets of thousands of young commuters across Victoria. Oh, and did we mention there is a **$1,000 prize**? (Don't worry, the students have already confidently decided they will be the winners and have fully mapped out how they plan to spend their fortunes).

What We Learned: NFC
While the prospect of prize money was highly motivating, we made sure to look into the tech behind the everyday magic of public transport (unless you are waiting at Macedon station and the train is 20 minutes late again)
Before getting to the drawing board, we learned about the technology that makes a Myki card work: **NFC (Near Field Communication)**.

- **How it works:** We discovered that NFC allows two devices to talk to each other using radio waves when they are very close together (usually a few centimetres).
- **No batteries required:** The students were fascinated to learn that a Myki card doesn't even have a battery, instead, when you tap on, the Myki reader generates a small electromagnetic field. This powers up the tiny microchip hidden inside the plastic card just long enough to securely transmit your ticket data.

The Design Process
Armed with this technological knowledge, students were given the creative freedom to design their Myki cards using their preferred mediums. We had a fantastic mix of multimodal learning going on, with students utilising pencils, iPads, laptops, and sometimes a clever combination of all three.

We Need Your Help to Enter
Now it is time to submit these masterpieces, and the students need your help to cross the finish line.

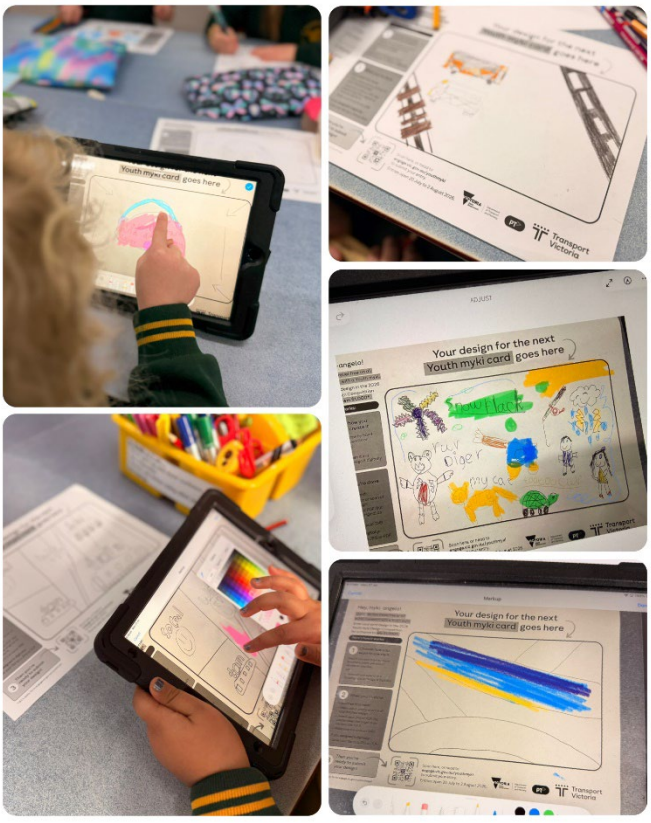
- **Physical Artworks:** Students will be bringing their physical entries home today. Many are still putting the final touches on their work and will need to finish them up this week. Once complete, you will need to snap a clear photo of their work to upload.
- **Digital Artworks:** For students who completed their designs digitally, I will be coordinating with their classroom teachers to ensure the files are shared directly with you.

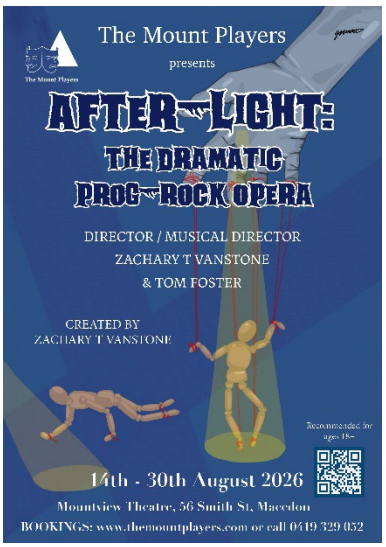
When you sit down to help them upload their entry, please remind them that you will be taking a well-deserved 10% commission on any winnings for your administrative services. (Please note this is applied *after* my standard 50% teacher's commission is taken out, of course).

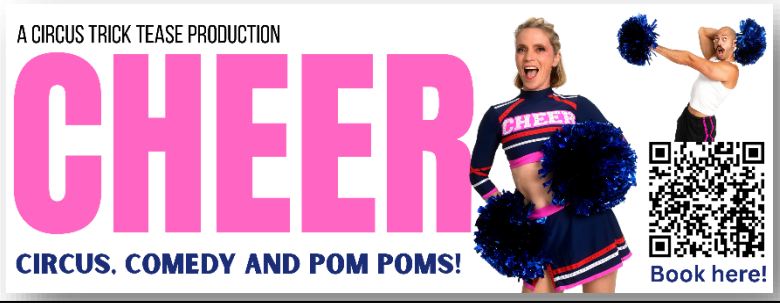
Entries close this Sunday August 2nd! Ready to submit? You can find the entry page right here:
https://engage.vic.gov.au/project/youthmyki/survey/6481

Good luck!

Mr Garcia







CHEER - Circus at the Bluestone

Explosive acrobatics, laugh-out-loud comedy and incredible circus collide in a high-energy spectacle for the whole family packed with dazzling stunts, a killer soundtrack and more enthusiasm than a cat with a laser pointer.

Brought to you by a local Macedon Ranges mum who wants to create more local activities for our kids. CHEER is unlike anything you've seen before, featuring world class Cheerleaders (yes, they won nationals) and all-star circus artists who are bursting with bold tricks and big laughs.

WHERE? WHEN? HOW?
1st August: 2pm and 5pm @ Kyneton Bluestone Theatre.

For more info and tickets, visit www.circustricktease.com

NB: Book in advance, tickets are already selling fast.

26th January – Australia Day

17th February - Lunar New Year (Chinese & Vietnamese)

2nd March – Holi Festival

25th April - ANZAC Day

May – Australians Biggest Morning Tea

11-15th August – Bullying No Way, National Week of Action

August – Daffodil Day

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Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

21st 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

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2026 Health & Wellbeing

August	
TBC	National Stroke Week
10-14 Aug	Bullying No Way: National Week of Action
12 Aug	International Youth Day
17-23 Aug	Brain Injury Awareness Week
26 Aug	National Meals on Wheels Day
28 Aug	Wear It Purple 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.