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2nd 2026 Foundation Orientation Session

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15th Year 6 Graduation

17th Picnic at Hanging Rock

18th End of Year Assembly & Morning Tea

19th LAST DAY OF TERM finish @ 1.30

Hello everyone and welcome back!

Grade 3 Camp: I have just waved off our Grade 3 students as they head off to Boomerang Ranch for their camp. Boomerang Ranch is a horse-riding camp based in Daylesford and gives students the chance to explore nature on horseback as well as a number of other fun outdoor activities. I will be heading over tomorrow to spend the day with the campers and Miss Probert and Mrs Wenczel, I cannot wait!

New Fence and holiday works: It has been a very busy Term 3 holidays here at school. As you may have noticed we have replaced our old wooden fence with a new wire one. This project is part of our bushfire preparedness works. We will also be upgrading the fence around the basketball court to reduce the amount of gravel that ends up on the court. We have had arborists come in and prepare the trees for the upcoming bushfire season. New cubbies have been provided by the Woodend Men's Shed and been placed down in the fairy garden. We have also had new soccer goals delivered and they are being put together as I write this!

Swimming Program: We will be holding the second week of our two-week Swimming Program next week. Please make sure you have jumped onto Compass and provided payment and permission for your child/ren to attend. If you have any questions about the program please reach out to your child's teacher.

FOS Parent's Night: Our FOS Parent's Trivia Night is coming up on the evening of **Friday the 24th of October**. Tickets are now on sale through CompassTix via the information below. Tickets are sold individually, and you will be asked to select a seat on a particular table. It would be great if you organise with friends which table you would like to all sit on and then jump onto CompassTix and make sure you all get the same table, tables are made up of ten seats. The event is movie themed so please feel free to dress up based on a particular movie or movie character! We are trying out CompassTix to see if it works as a platform for these types of events and as it is our first try, we would love to hear your feedback about your experience with it.

We are also offering a taxi service through Kimco and will be seeking interest through an online form to see if we go ahead with it. It would offer rides home at the end of the night at cost of \$5 per person.

Term 4 Admin: Please remember to make sure your child has their hat at school as Term 4 is a hat-wearing term. Students will have to spend recess and lunch in the shaded areas if they do not have a hat with them. We will also be making sure students have sunscreen on and if your child has their own sunscreen, they need to make sure they bring it each day.

Drop off in the mornings is 8:45am as this is when supervision of the yard begins by staff. Please make sure that you are not dropping your child /ren off before this time as supervision cannot be guaranteed.

As it is Term 4 and it is a very busy one please keep an eye on the *Important Term Dates* section of the newsletter. We have camps, pupil free days and a huge number of incursions and excursions coming up. All information about these events will be on Compass if you need to refer to them at any time.

A big congratulations to our students that completed the Victorian High-Ability Program last term: Raphy Crawford, Jasper Edmunds, Raffy Garcia, Edward Jones and Flora Quinn!

It has been great to see everyone come back to school with such huge smiles.

Many thanks, Joe.

Big Congrats to Our Futsal Legends!

A huge shoutout to **Mirra, Will, Chloe and Liam** for representing Central Victoria at the 2025 National School Championships in Brisbane during the second week of the school holidays!

These four were scouted earlier in the year while playing in the School District Futsal Tournament in New Gisborne, and they’ve done an amazing job taking their skills to the next level. They played hard, had a great time, and showed awesome sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Even more exciting, some of them have been selected to represent Australia overseas in 2026! What an incredible achievement!

Well done, team, you’ve made our school super proud!



FOS Trivia Night



Tickets for the FOS Trivia night are on sale now!

Tickets are sold individually, and you will be asked to select a seat on a particular table. It would be great if you organise with friends which table you would like to all sit on and then purchase them at the link below.

BYO Food and snacks

Drinks at bar prices

Link to Tickets:
<https://compasstix.com/e/ndovs5btvu>

Mount Macedon Digital Technologies – Bird Count Excursion

In our next classes, we'll be going on an *excursion*—a very long two-minute walk down the road—to take part in the **Australian Bird Count**. This nationwide event invites people across Australia to collect data on local bird species to help track populations and support conservation efforts.

With over **180 species of birds recorded in the Macedon Ranges**, our students will see what they can contribute to this important citizen science project.

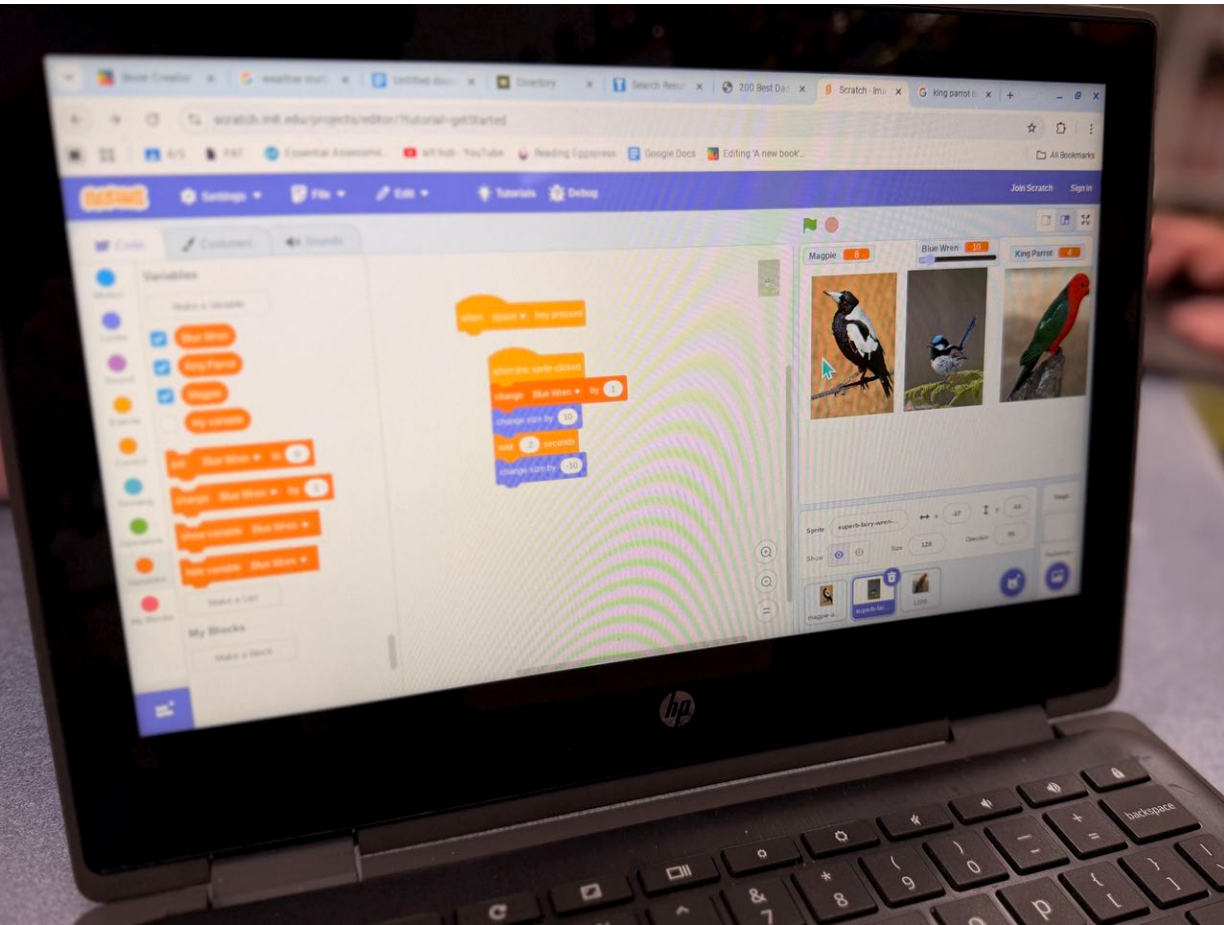
To prepare, our senior students have been combining their coding and problem-solving skills to design their own **“Counting App”** using Scratch. Each student created a program that allows them to record the birds they see, using simple buttons, counters, and visual feedback. Through this, they’ve been learning how data can be collected, organised, and interpreted — key digital technologies skills that connect directly to real-world science and environmental monitoring.

These activities encourage students to see how coding can be used for a purpose beyond the screen, helping them understand how digital tools can support research, conservation, and community initiatives.

You can see some of their creative designs below.

If you want to take part in the **Australian Bird Count** with your family at home, you can get all the details here: <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au>

Mr Garcia.



Japanese Day is coming around again. On November 11th students will come dressed in costumes fitting to any aspect of Japanese Culture. They can wear traditional or contemporary Japanese dress, come as historical Japanese characters, anime characters past and present, or as a character reflecting modern Japanese 'cute' culture, such as Hello Kitty. Some may choose to come simply as a Japanese Flag, a sushi or dress in Japanese colours.

There will be a brief costume parade for children to show off their creative endeavours followed by a cross-age rotation of Japanese Cultural activities supervised by staff. In some activities children will produce art/craft work to bring home. Integral to all these activities is the immersion in chosen aspects of traditional and contemporary Japanese Culture.

At 12.30pm Showko will be appearing in the hall. For lunch children can choose to bring Japanese food instead of the usual Australian options.

A timetable will be drawn up within the next couple of weeks and parents are invited to assist with any of the activities. To register your interest in one or more time slots/activities, please see Amy at the office. Parent helpers are welcome to come along to the incursion and see Showko. All volunteers will require a working with children check.

So, start talking with your child(ren) about their costume and plan whether you will be available on the 11th November to help out.

Sharyn Morrice

Japanese Teacher





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3.45pm - 5pm

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Wednesdays
4pm - 5pm

Prep - Grade 6
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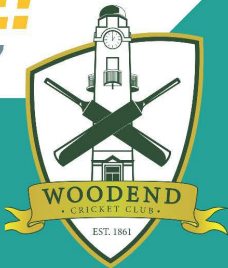
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Children's Week 2025
18-26 October

Theme: Everyone should know about Children's Rights



Artwork Winner: **Helen Priestley (ATC) 'Bubble Rights'** - "I love to play with bubbles. This drawing teaches children's rights to be safe and grow. They need to have a family, to have a safe home, a warm bed and to eat. They need to have a school, to play, to talk or to say what they want and to be listened to - even with a bubble (P.E.C.S.) if they can't talk."



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Wominjeka- Welcome

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8th March – International Women's Day

17-23rd March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week

17th – 23rd March – Harmony Week

April – Autism Acceptance Month

20th May – International 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 – International Day of People with a Disability



Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

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 World's Indigenous Peoples

3rd 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

