

# WELCOME TO THE MOUNT Macedon Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## FOS Events

Mother's Day Event Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Lantern Parade June 17<sup>th</sup>

Fathers Day Event Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

## Meetings

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

## Important Term Dates

### Term 2

**BOOK FAIR APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### May

5<sup>th</sup> May District AFL (selected students)

6<sup>th</sup> AEU Protected Industrial Action

**13<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY**

14<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Education Support Staff Day

15<sup>th</sup> District Soccer (selected students)

22<sup>nd</sup> Walk to School Day

25<sup>th</sup> Indigenous VR Incursion

**29<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY**

#### June

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Yr 5&6 students City Camp

**8<sup>th</sup> KINGS B'DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

12<sup>th</sup> District Netball (selected students)

### Term 3

#### August

Production

### Term 4

Whole School Swimming Program

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY**

December

12<sup>th</sup> Foundation BBQ Dinner

Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp

Hello everyone!

The smell of chlorine is heavy in the air! It must be swimming week!

**Upcoming Industrial Action:** As the AEU continues to negotiate with the Victorian Government regarding pay and conditions for teachers and Education Support staff, members of the AEU are taking further protected industrial action to highlight ongoing concerns regarding workload and pay.

A further half-day stop-work is planned for next Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, from 8:30am-12:30pm. As of today, I anticipate significant MMPS staff involvement which will mean that supervision here at school will be minimal. This will likely result in you needing to find alternative supervision for your child during this time. Normal school operations will start at 12:30PM that day.

*I will confirm details regarding this half-day stop-work on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, from 12:00PM.*

**Mother's Day Dinner:** Information has now been sent out to families regarding our upcoming FOS Mother's Day Dinner. This year we will be celebrating all the wonderful mums and mum figures in our lives at a special dinner on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, from 7:00PM. Your \$30 ticket includes dinner and drinks all night and can include a free taxi service if you require it. All information is up on Compass and included below so please jump on board for a wonderful night! Tickets can be purchased through the link or QR code below!

**Swimming Update:** You may have some extra-tired kids coming home from school this week as they have made it through almost the whole of our first week of intensive swimming lessons. Students have been learning swimming skills as well as running through safety lessons on how to be safe and confident swimmers.

**Pupil Free Day Reminder:** Just a reminder that we have a PUPIL FERE DAY coming up on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. On this day our teaching staff will be heading down to Good News Lutheran College's PYP Open Day where we will get a chance to engage with their staff on matters of planning and PYP delivery. Our Education Support staff will be heading to Melton Specialist School to see how other settings maximize the expertise of their ES staff.

**Bulb Drive:** We raised over \$400 through our bulb drive and will be using the proceeds to purchase plantings for the front of our admin office.

**ANZAC Day report:** The Mount Macedon Memorial Cross Dawn Service was one of the most poignant and inspiring ANZAC Day services I have ever been to. We invited our grade 6 students to hand out rosemary sprigs to attendees as they made their way to the cross for the service. It was amazing to see so many of our students (and parents) getting up so early and being so enthusiastic about helping out on such a special day. Our two school captains, Edward and Matilda, laid a wreath as part of the official ceremony, a moment that made me enormously proud to be here at this school.

**Cupcake Drive:** There will be a cupcake stall on tomorrow after school to raise money for our upcoming Light Festival Event! See below!

Many thanks, Joe.



## **Swimming Program**

On Monday the 27th of April, many students from all year levels headed off to go to the Gisborne aquatic center to improve their swimming skills. I see many great teachers who are kind and caring, educating our students on how to be safe around water. I see great improvement from me and my fellow classmates, all the students who went learnt a new style or way of swimming.

The students who do not undertake the swimming program are being taught inside of the library, upgrading all areas of their academic skills, but I really recommend going to swimming, it's a great experience for students. I used to not like going to swimming lessons, but the Gisborne Aquatic center is great at removing any nerves.

## **Pupil Free Day**

On the 13th of May, we have a pupil free day. All teachers will go to another primary school to see how teachers teach and implement our Inquiry program. We all won't be going to school, so your child can have a well deserved rest. School will be resuming the next day.

## **ANZAC Day Report**

On the 25th of April, our school captains and various students from Grade 6 went to our memorial cross. All the students went with the rest of the school, and caught the 4:15 am bus. All students handed out freshly cut rosemary to ceremony attendees at the front gate.

The school captains went in during the memorial service, and placed a wreath made with students' flowers onto the cross. ANZAC Day Memorial was a great way to pay our respects as a whole school, we listened to the last post, had one minute of silence and all had a great time.

## **District Cross Country**

On the 23rd of April, approximately 50 students went to Dixon field to participate in cross-country. All of those students had done well enough to make it into districts. I am very proud of all the students who had participated and gave it their best shot, everyone who participated did an amazing job. Many people placed in such a hard athletic level, including Francesca who placed 2nd, Primrose placed 9th, Evelyn placed 4th and Aston placed 4th, meaning they go onto the next stage.

Yash Sharma – School reporter



# FOS Mother's Day Dinner

FRIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM  
  
373 BAWDEN  
RD, WOODEND

Celebrate the special mothers and mother figures in our lives at our upcoming FOS Mother's Day Dinner.

Your \$30 ticket includes dinner and drinks, with dinner being served from 7:30pm.

FREE TAXI  
SERVICE  
AVAILABLE

As MMPS promotes an inclusive community we are celebrating motherhood in all its forms with all mother figures invited to this event.

Tickets are available via CompassTix:  
<https://compasstix.com/e/auwrz77zdb>



It was fantastic to see our Grade 3–6 students represent the school at District Cross Country last Thursday. Every student who competed should be incredibly proud of their efforts. They ran with determination, pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones, and demonstrated outstanding resilience throughout their races.

We now look ahead to Division Cross Country, where four of our students will be representing the school. Congratulations and best of luck to Evelyn, Aston, Francesca and Primrose, we are all cheering you on!

A reminder to families that **Macedon Auskick** kicks off this Saturday, 2nd May. If your child is interested, trial sessions are available before committing to registration, making it a great opportunity to give it a go.

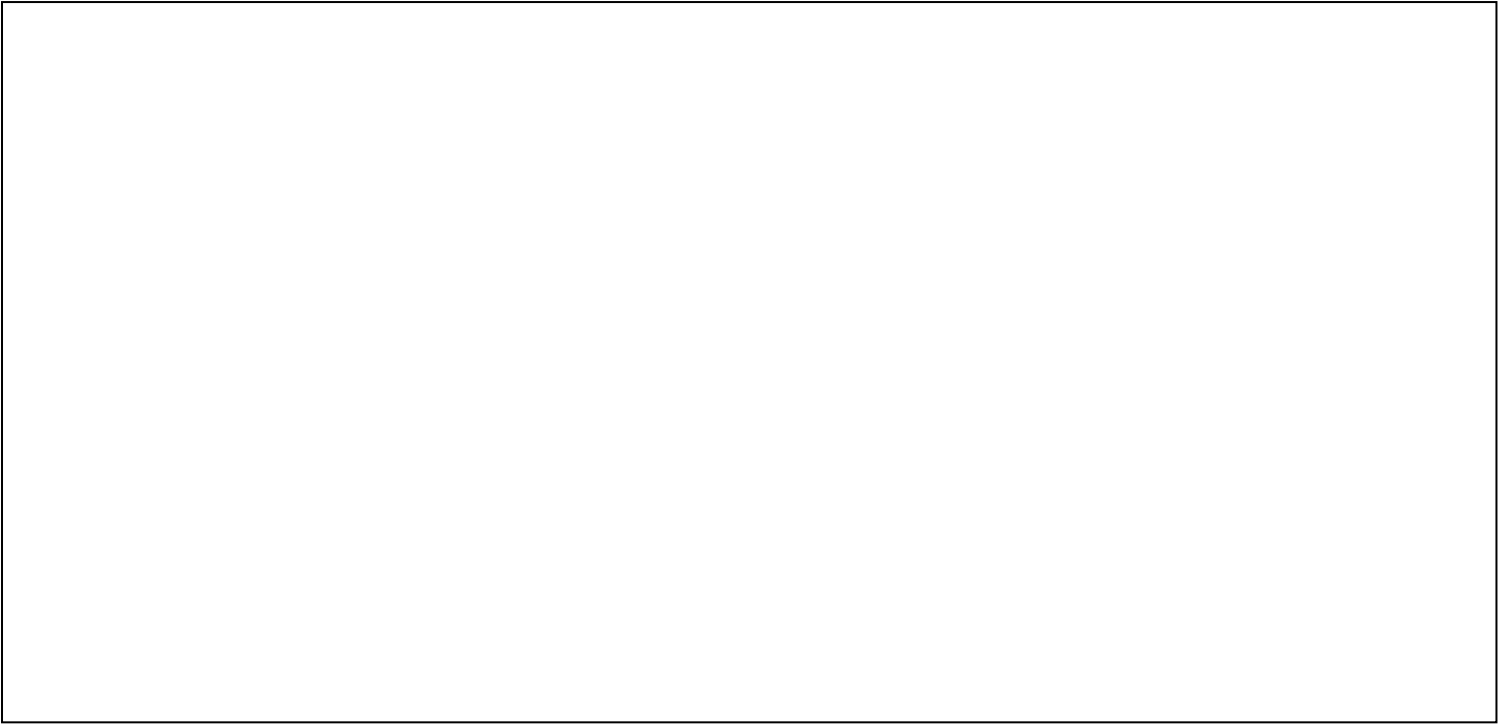
This term also brings District Soccer and District Netball. I am currently seeking parent volunteers to assist with coaching both boys’ or girls’ teams in each sport. If your child is in Grade 5 or 6, plays the sport outside of school, and you are interested in coaching, please contact me directly. District Soccer will be held at Dixon Field on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May and District Netball will be held at Cobblebank Stadium on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Finally, I would love to celebrate our students’ sporting achievements beyond school. If your child is representing their sport at a higher level, has secured a place on a team, or achieved a personal best in their chosen activity, please let me know so we can recognise and share their success with our school community.

Kind Regards,

Jess Stone (P.E)





# Term 2 Art

This term in Art, all students across the school are creating projects connected to our Lantern Parade, which is part of our IB program. These artworks are inspired by the shared theme of celebrating community and special events.

In class, our Grade 1 and 2 students are exploring this theme in greater depth through their PYP unit, an inquiry into human relationships, including families, friendships, communities, and cultures. Their central idea is that people in our community celebrate special events.



Students will begin by investigating light festivals and lantern traditions from around the world, analysing the similarities and differences that make each celebration unique. This learning will lead into our school Lantern Parade, which will be held on the evening of **Wednesday 17th June**.

As part of this experience, each student will design and create their own lantern. This year, we are excited to extend the event by introducing a Light Festival, where each class will collaborate on an art display that incorporates light in creative ways. Many classes will also integrate other curriculum areas into the creation of their displays, including Digital Technologies, Mathematics, and Literacy. While lantern-making will be an individual task, the Light Festival displays will foster teamwork, collaboration, and shared creativity.

# Term 2 Art

To support this project, each student is asked to bring a clean, transparent 2-litre bottle (such as a soft drink or milk bottle) with labels removed. Please ensure bottles are brought to school by **Monday 18th May**.



Looking ahead, Mrs Glenister hopes to make the Light Festival a permanent feature of our biennial Lantern Parade. To help raise funds for equipment that can be used for future festivals and across the school, **a Cupcake Fundraiser will be held after school on Friday 1st May.**



## PARENT PACK

### Frequently asked questions about the Primary Years Programme

#### What is the Primary Years Programme?

The PYP is a curriculum framework for young learners aged 3–12. Like all International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes, the IB learner profile permeates all facets of school life in the PYP.

The PYP is based on the recognition of a child’s natural curiosity, creativity and ability to reflect. It generates a stimulating, challenging learning environment to nurture the whole child and foster a lifelong love of learning for all. The PYP is transdisciplinary, meaning students learn across subject areas while inquiring into big ideas.

#### Does the PYP have a specific set of standards?

The IB standards offer rigorous guidelines that allow for school and classroom practices to align with the IB educational philosophy and values. The PYP is a framework for schools and their approach to learning and teaching. Students explore significant concepts through units of inquiry. The six transdisciplinary themes that guide units of inquiry in each school year\* are:

- Who we are
- Where we are in place and time
- How we express ourselves
- How the world works
- How we organize ourselves
- Sharing the planet

\*Students aged 3 to 6 engage in four themes per year.

Units of inquiry authentically interweave ideas and skills from the relevant subject areas:

- language
- social studies
- mathematics
- arts
- science
- personal, social and physical education

This approach encourages students to make their own connections between what they know and how it relates to the world around them.

The school outlines its specific knowledge content and academic curriculum within the framework of the PYP including:

- Knowledge content organized by the transdisciplinary themes. Each school decides specific concepts and topics studied through each theme based on their local context.
- Approaches to learning skills aimed to help students become independent, self-motivated learners.
- Action initiated by learners that is authentic, meaningful, mindful, responsible and responsive of their learning and the world they live in.



## What are the advantages of an IB education?

- IB students develop a sense of the world around them and their responsibility to it. (See “[What is an IB Education?](#)”)
- IB World Schools (the only schools authorized to offer IB programmes) are subject to a strict accreditation process monitored by the IB, ensuring that schools provide a high-quality education.
- IB approaches to learning and teaching are research-based and draw from the best educational practices from around the world.
- IB teachers are required to participate in many professional development opportunities to continually improve their awareness of current educational practices and new thinking by connecting with the global IB community.
- IB programmes are recognized internationally and ease the educational transitions of mobile students so that their education is not adversely affected if their families relocate.

## Does implementing an IB programme mean my child’s school will not teach local or national standards such as the Common Core?

The IB is committed to making sure that students in IB programmes meet and exceed local or national standards. With the implementation of any IB programme, schools are required to examine their curriculum carefully to ensure that there is alignment with local, state or national standards. More information on the IB and the Common Core is available at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).

## Are IB programmes considered, “gifted”, programmes?

The PYP is implemented schoolwide and adapted by teachers to meet the learning needs of all students. All PYP teachers are required to participate in collaborative planning and reflection to meet those needs, and to foster a holistic approach to education. A growing body of evidence suggests a positive relationship between teacher collaboration and student achievement.

## Have studies been done on the impact of the PYP?

The IB places great value on external validation of its programmes, curriculums and professional development. A recent Global International Schools’ Assessment study found that PYP students outperformed non-IB students in mathematics, reading and writing. Additional studies on programme impact, quality assurance, programme development and assessment research are available at [www.ibo.org/research](http://www.ibo.org/research).

## When do students start and finish the PYP? When do they transition to the MYP?

The PYP is designed for students aged 3–12 (preschool and primary grades). The MYP spans students aged 11–16, and the Diploma Programme (DP) and Career-related Programme (CP) is for the last two years of high school, students aged 16–19.

## Do IB teachers receive special training?

All PYP teachers receive professional development in IB’s approaches to teaching and approaches to learning from certified IB workshop leaders. This is a requirement for IB World Schools implementing the PYP.

## What is my role in the PYP? How can I learn more about the IB and PYP?

Parents and caregivers are important members of the PYP learning community. All members of the learning community from the youngest learners to school leaders to parents, educators and beyond, have a responsibility to be guided by the IB and the learner profile attributes. To learn more:

- Visit the IB website at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)
- Attend school meetings and events
- Speak with your school’s PYP coordinator
- Speak with your child’s PYP classroom teacher
- Speak with your child
- Explore the [PYP Playlist - International Baccalaureate®](#)

# Cupcake Fundraiser

## 3.30 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Mrs. Glenister is raising money to buy equipment for the upcoming Lantern Festival.



Please buy a cupcake  
(or several)  
for afternoon tea

**Cupcakes**  
**\$5 each**  
cash or eftpos

You're invited to our  
**SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**  
THE #1 BOOK FAIR

REGISTER HERE FOR NFRM 2026!  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment**  
Your child's school is having a Scholastic Book Fair. Your child will bring home their wish list of titles they have discovered at the Fair. We encourage you to discuss the Book Fair and their wish list choices with your child. Once you have agreed which items you will purchase you can pre-pay for these titles by completing the following steps.

- List the titles they are going to purchase from the Fair.
- Make a secure payment online by going to [scholastic.com.au/payment](https://scholastic.com.au/payment) and scanning the QR code below.
- Complete the Payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

**Book Fair Payment**

Receipt Number	Amount Paid
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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**  
EVERY BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.

**Books available:**  
 - **ANH DO HOTDOG & FRIENDS** (Picture Book, Ages 3+) \$10  
 - **HAPPY BARRY CAPYSARA** (Picture Book, Ages 3+) \$10  
 - **KEITH AND THE KITTEN** (Picture Book, Ages 3+) \$6  
 - **THE LOST ISLAND** (Novel, Ages 8+) \$10  
 - **SCHOOL RIVALS** (Graphic Novel, Ages 8+) \$10  
 - **BIG JIM BELIEVES** (Graphic Novel, Ages 7+) \$14  
 - **FEET FIRST** (Novel, Ages 8+) \$10  
 - **SLEEP-OVER BFF'S** (Novel, Ages 8+) \$10  
 - **WINGS OF FIRE: DARKSTALKER** (Graphic Novel, Ages 10+) \$12  
 - **SOCCER SUPERSTARS 2026** (Non-fiction, Ages 8+) \$12

With special guest  
**Snr Constable Erik Woods**  
from Macedon Police Station, we're excited to come together to celebrate **National Walk Safely to School Day**.

This event connects beautifully with our IB PYP focus on building community and promoting active, healthy lifestyles.

Meet at the Trading Post Café at 8.30am, before enjoying a walk to school together.

**ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS**

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

JOIN US  
**FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026**

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

National Road Safety Week 2025  
17-24 May

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SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL STATE, TERRITORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

RANGES STUDIO

**TERM 2 SESSIONS**

Location	Days	Activities
GISBORNE	MONDAYS	Hub for Kids
MACEDON	THURSDAYS	Jubilee Hall

10am & 11am – Tell & Show  
4pm & 5pm – Speech & Drama

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**TENNIS PARTY!!!**

**ATTENTION GIRLS!!!**

Lead by Asha from the Tennis Australia Learn2Lead Program.

A tennis party is happening at Macedon Tennis Club, and all girls are invited. There will be fun on-court activities, games, food, and more. The party theme is purple, so come along wearing something purple, and see how much fun tennis can be!!!

**Key Information**

Who: Girls aged 5 to 12 years  
When: 23rd of May 2:00pm to 3:30pm  
Location: Macedon Tennis Club  
Cost: \$5 (to cover court hire)  
Contact: Ashleigh 0422 240 269  
See You There!!!

Macedon Tennis Club, tennis, vida

# Prospective Parent Evening

This event is aimed at families of current Grade 5 & 6 students

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- 6.30pm start
- The Barcham Theatre, Gisborne Secondary College



Scan the QR code to register your attendance



**AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**  
FOR PREP TO GRADE 6

**ART CLUB FOR KIDS**  
Wednesdays 3.45pm - 5pm

**ART CLUB**

**Creative Yoga**  
I am...

**CREATIVE YOGA**  
Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

47 Forest Street, Woodend | woodendnh.org.au | reception@woodendnh.org.au | 5427 1845

Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues? Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a **young carer**. This may look like....

- Going with them to appointments or helping with medication
- Cleaning the house or helping with other chores
- Providing emotional support when someone feels sad
- Taking care of younger siblings

Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone. Carer Gateway has **free support** for **young carers** aged 25 and under.

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.

Scan to learn more

Free support, call now  
**1800 422 737**  
carergateway.gov.au



**READY 2 RALLY**

Come and try Tennis Australia's fun, social tennis program for teenage girls. Play at your own pace and with your friends. No matter your skill level or previous playing experience – come and enjoy time together on the court!

**Dates:** May 6<sup>th</sup> 2026  
**Time:** Monday 5.15-6.15pm  
**Location:** Macedon Tennis Club

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Fun and engaging games and activities
- A supportive, encouraging and judgement-free environment
- A flexible program that matches your interests and ability level
- Music and snacks at every session

*Sign up now!*

Contact: Ashleigh Woda  
E: ashleigh@vidatennis.com.au  
M: 0422 240 269

**TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER TODAY!**

**SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR GIRLS AGED 13-18 YRS**

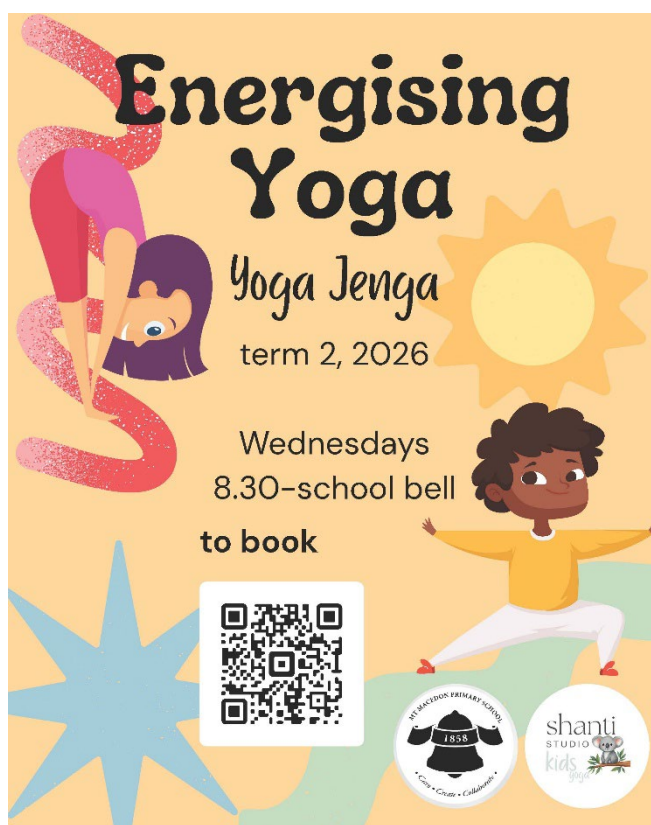


## Mindful Yoga

I can be...  
term 2, 2026

Mondays  
8.30am - school bell

to book






## Energising Yoga

Yoga Jenga  
term 2, 2026

Wednesdays  
8.30 - school bell

to book



## Stronger Together Community Safety & Support Expo

Macedon  
Ranges  
**Health**  
supported by **benetas**

**When:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 10am - 1pm

**Where:** Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

### For more information:

✉ kristen.holding@benetas.com.au

☎ 03 5428 0300

### Free community event

Learn about support available for issues that can impact safety and wellbeing, including: family violence, financial stress, alcohol & other drugs, and relationship challenges

### What's on

- Information stalls from local services
- Ask questions in a relaxed, welcoming space
- Private room available for sensitive conversations
- Free coffee van

### Why come?

- Understand the signs of family violence and related harms
- Learn how to support someone you care about
- Find out what help is available locally
- Connect with services in a safe, low-pressure environment

### Everyone welcome

Parents • Families • Young people • Community members • Professionals

***"Building stronger communities together"***



Hi MMPS families!

Xavier here, dad of Darcy (year 1) and I wanted to share an iPhone app I've made that's genuinely saved my sanity this year. I started looking for something to help me after turning up to school last year and realising Darcy and I were alone... it was a pupil free day. I'd missed it completely! Never again.

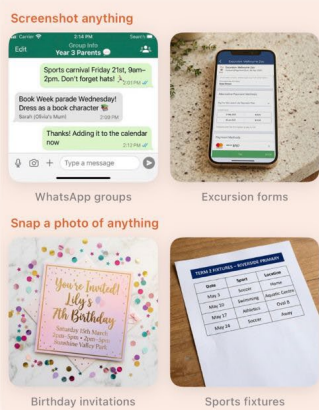
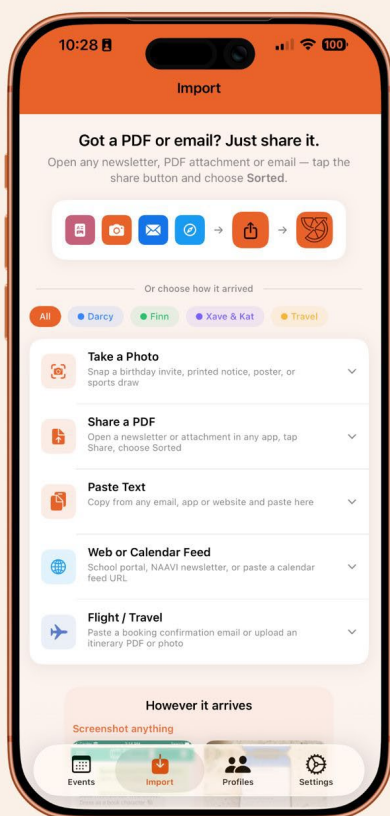
It's called Sorted —an iOS app that reads your school/kinder/sports newsletters and automatically adds all the important dates to your calendar. You can even take a photo of a birthday invitation that came home scrunched up at the bottom of their bag and it'll pull the date straight into your calendar. No more manually entering photo days, excursion deadlines, or party RSVPs — it just handles it for you. If you've ever missed something because it was buried in a newsletter PDF, this one's worth trying. Search 'Sorted school events' on the [App Store](https://www.apple.com/app-store) or visit <http://sortedapp.io> It's free to try, and I've also made a promo code for a bonus 6 months for Mount Macedon Primary families. Enter code: MMPS3441

Xavier Muhlebach

Founder – Sorted

App Store link: <https://bit.ly/47YCnkf>

## Never miss a school event

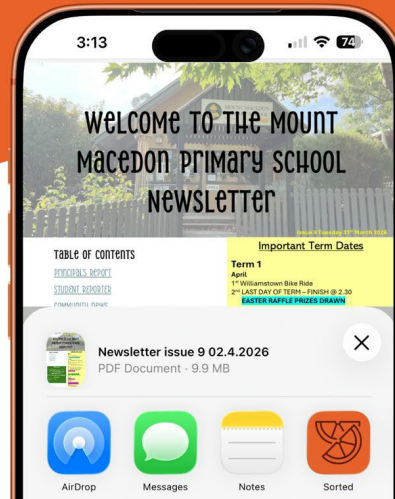


## Instantly add events from

- Newsletters
- WhatsApp Chats
- Birthday Invitations
- Emails
- Anything!



## To the calendar you already use



[sortedapp.io](http://sortedapp.io)

# Wominjeka- Welcome

WURUNDJERI WOI WURRUNG CULTURAL HERITAGE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

26<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day

17<sup>th</sup> February – Lunar New Year (Chinese & Vietnamese)

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Holi Festival

25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day

May – Australians Biggest Morning Tea

11-15<sup>th</sup> August – Bullying No Way, National Week of Action

August – Daffodil Day



## Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

21<sup>st</sup> March – National Close the Gap Day

26<sup>th</sup> May – National Sorry Day

27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Reconciliation Week

June – Mabo Day

July – NAIDOC Week

August – National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

August – International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

September (First Wednesday) – Indigenous Literacy Day



## 2026 Health & Wellbeing Events Calendar

April	
All April	<a href="#">Autism Acceptance Month</a>
7 April	<a href="#">World Health Day</a> 
11 April	<a href="#">World Parkinson's Day</a>
Various dates per state	Youth Week 
24 April	<a href="#">International Guide Dog Day</a> 

## 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

