

# WELCOME TO THE MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FOS Events

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

Father's Day Event Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

## Meetings

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 7.30pm

## Important Term Dates

### Term 2

#### June

22<sup>nd</sup> + 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews

24<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Exhibition

25<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 visit to Gisborne Secondary College

**26<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF TERM FINISH AT 2.30PM**

### Term 3

#### July

**13<sup>th</sup> FIRST DAY OF TERM 3**

27<sup>th</sup> Yr 4/5/6 Students Man Cave or Big Sister

28<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting @ 7.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> 100 days of school (prep celebration)

#### August

14<sup>th</sup> District Basketball (selected students)

19<sup>th</sup> District Athletics (selected students)

25<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting

31<sup>st</sup> District Hot Shots Tennis (selected students)

#### September

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Production

17<sup>th</sup> District T20 Cricket (selected students)

**18<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF TERM FINISH AT 2.30**

### Term 4

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Whole School Swimming Program

16 October – Full loaded softball – selected students

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

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Cup Day Public Holiday

**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!

I hope everyone has been able to stay dry this week! It's been a cold and wet one with the exception of yesterday and last night for our Lantern Parade and Light Festival!

**Lantern Parade and Light Festival:** Last night's Lantern Parade and Light Festival was one of the most incredible school events I have been to in a very long time. To see such creativity on display was amazing. The hard work of the students to create all of the wonderful light installations we saw was evident, as was the amazing support given to them by Mrs. Rowena Glenister and Mr. Daniel Garcia, our Art and DigiTech teachers. A huge thank you to FOS and all of the volunteers who helped make the night a success!

**Mid-year Feedback Survey:** Our Mid-year Feedback Survey is up and open on Compass. Check your news feeds for the link to the simple, two-question survey that helps us add your voice to our strategic and day-to-day planning of school operations. You can access the survey through your Compass news feed, or via the following link: <https://mountmacedonps-vic.compass.education/Records/User.aspx?displayInsightsCycleId=7>

**Working Bee Success!** Last Friday, our Building and Grounds subcommittee of our School Council held a working bee here at school. It was so wonderful to see so many parents giving up their time to help work on our school grounds. The jobs completed included, leaf litter clearing, pruning and weeding. A big thank you to Pia and all the parents who came along to help!

**Cross Country Superstar:** A huge congratulations to Aston from grade 4 who competed in the Regional Cross Country competition on Monday. Aston placed in the top twenty which is a huge achievement! Well done Aston, you're a superstar!

**Semester 1 Reports:** Semester 1 progress reports will be available tomorrow afternoon (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of June) via Compass. This semester you will notice a lack of written comments regarding your child's progress. This is in line with the industrial action taken by the AEU earlier this year. Your child's report will include progression assessments against the Victorian Curriculum and across academic areas such as Literacy and Numeracy as well as behaviour and attitudes towards school and attendance data. Information on how to read your child's report and how to access them will go home tomorrow afternoon coinciding with the release of all Semester 1 reports.

**Parent-Teacher Meetings:** Mid-year Parent-Teacher Meetings can now be booked for next Monday and Tuesday evenings. Bookings are available from 3:40pm through to 6:00pm and run for ten minutes. These meetings are a chance to discuss your child's academic progress for terms 1 and 2. Bookings can be made through the 'Conferences' area of Compass. If you need a hand making a booking, please do not hesitate to give us a call and we can help you through it.

**Another big congratulations:** A huge congratulations to former MMPS Teacher and Tutor Learning Initiative Leader Helen Burgess who was recently celebrated for 45 years of service to the Victorian Government Teaching Service. Helen has been a valued member of the MMPS staff for decades and this acknowledgement is incredibly impressive! Well done Helen!

We are heading straight towards the end of term, I hope people are looking after themselves and taking every chance they can to rest up during this dark and wet winter.

Thanks, Joe.



## What's On at MMPS this week!

### Yr 5 GSC visit

On the 25th of June, the Grade 5's are heading to Gisborne Secondary College to see and experience how a high school works. Last time we went we all had a lot of fun, it was great to run around from one class to the next, it was one of my favourite things of Grade 5's.

### Duneira

On the 16th of June, we had our Duneira Excursion. We all walked up Mount Macedon, as we were going to see the amazing art gallery. They began by telling us about Duneira's history up on the Mount. Did you know, Duneira's primary purpose was to help transport tonnes of wood throughout the whole of Australia?

Subsequently, we headed into the main room, where I met a huge group of astounding paintings made by famous artists. We also had to make a report on our favourite artwork, personally, my favorite was Over the Rooftops. We then had lunch at their café, which was a cozy little cottage just up from the huge driveway, before we headed back to school.

### STEM

During STEM this week we made our own recycled paper out of old newspapers, we did this by soaking the shredded up newspaper in water and dolloping the paper pulp onto a sponge sheet where we then squeezed the water out of it then we let it dry.

### Pancake day

Last Friday on the 12th of June, the junior school councils held pancake day. Every 3 pancakes costed 1 dollar, and in total we ended up raising \$243 dollars. the money you raised will go to the energy breakthrough billykart race where you build the kart and then race from the 18-22 of November

*Written by Hunter Hedger*

### District Netball

On Monday the 15th of June, some of the 5's and 6's went down to Melton to play netball. This year we got netball dresses for the girls and shirts for different purposes. The boys and girls played four games and had a lot of fun playing and finding their favourite positions. Sadly, we didn't win any games but I think we won by having fun.

I would like to thank Primrose's Mum and Grandma, Prue and Marg, for coming down to Melton and coaching the girls. Also, Mrs Stone and Catherine for helping the boys. I think they did a great job and gave everyone a chance to choose a position they enjoyed. I think everyone really enjoyed the day.

*Written by Vika and Yash.*

### Mud

Now, I understand that, as a kid, you want to head down to the oval as the bell for lunchtime rings, but our cleaners have to work overtime, scraping the mud from the floor, which not only makes the class look bad, but stinks! We are kindly reminding students to make sure their play at recess and lunchtime does not include going near any mud or muddy puddles.

# District Netball Photos





# Sporting Spotlight

A fantastic achievement goes to Ovie in foundation, for competing in the AusCycling BMX State Series. Racing in the Sprockets 5 and Under Boys division against 19 participants from across Victoria, Ovie placed 4th in his opening race before going on to finish 1st in both his second and third races. In his final race, Ovie demonstrated outstanding resilience and determination after a heavy crash left him with an injured leg. He bravely got back on his bike, continued pedalling and almost caught the leading group. Well done, Ovie on your incredible effort, and keep up the fantastic work!



A big congratulations to Aston in Grade 4, who proudly represented our school at the Western Metropolitan Primary Cross-Country Region Finals in Keilor this week. Aston finished in the top 20 of his age group, a phenomenal achievement that reflects his dedication, perseverance and hard work. We are incredibly proud of his efforts, determination and the outstanding way he represented our school throughout his cross-country journey. Well done, Aston, on this fantastic accomplishment!

On Monday the 15th of June I had regional cross country.

There were about sixty people in my race, it was the top ten that made it to state. I was competing in the 2 km run.

I was the only person from our school and was really nervous.

We had to go to a table and get our number then pin it on our shirt. I had never run on this course before so when the race started people were already in front of me, so I knew where the track was.

At the end I came so close to making it, but I still had fun and there is always next year.

Aston Maxwell



# Grade 1/2 Inquiry Update

Our inquiry unit is Sharing the Planet. We have been learning about the ways that our waste can impact the planet, and what we can do to help. We have looked at how different materials can be recycled. We took action by writing a letter to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council asking them for some big 10c container deposit bags that we can use for events such as the school fete and neon disco. We were very excited when we got the bags!

Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Council I am a Grade 1/2 student at Mount Macedon Primary School we are learning about Sharing the Planet can we please have some 10c container bags for recycling carbon from Arthur 1-1-1 from Alice



Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Council, I am Charlotte I am a grade 2 at Mount Macedon Primary School. May we pretty please have some 10c container bags. We will use them for our school fete and other stuff to. Thank you. Love to from Charlotte.

Dear macedon ranges shire councils I am a Grade one student at Mount macedon primary school. we are learning about rubbish and wish bin bags in so can we please have some 10c container bags. Thank you from Alice.





# G.E.M of the week

By Sadie & Jax J

## Resilience project

This week in the resilience project we drew graphs of our pleasant and unpleasant emotions, the line in the middle being no emotion at all and underneath the line being unpleasant and above it pleasant. We all made one of our day and it was really fun to express our emotions in a different way than usual.



## The thoughts of: Hugo

Q1. What are you grateful for?

A. This amazing school!

Q2. What is your favorite thing you learnt in Wellbeing this year!

A. The glimmer lesson!

Last month, one of our Foundation students approached us with the idea of starting a Drawing Club. We were delighted to support this initiative, and since then, students of all ages have been welcome to join us in the library every Tuesday after lunch.

During each session, large sheets of paper are spread across the tables, providing children with the opportunity to create artwork that is unique to them. This week, we introduced a guided "How to Draw" activity. Students shared their ideas and voted on what they would like to learn to draw. Some children chose to participate in the guided activity, while others continued working on their own creative projects.

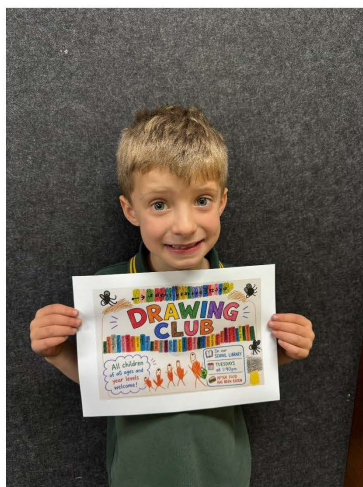
One of the highlights of Drawing Club has been watching students encourage one another, admire each other's work, and offer genuine kindness and support. It has been wonderful to see friendships forming across year levels, along with the pride students take in sharing their creativity.

We have also been carefully keeping the artwork, with plans to display it around the school in the future. This will provide an opportunity to celebrate our student's creativity and allow them to proudly share their work with their families.

Each session finishes with plenty of smiles, and many students enthusiastically volunteer to help with the clean-up.

We look forward to continuing Drawing Club next term and welcome any students who would like to join us every Tuesday after lunch.

*A big thank you to Amber spending her lunch break running this club!*



The Victorian Government is committed to increasing the number and diversity of people fishing and enjoying Victoria's local seafood, growing healthy and sustainable fisheries sectors and contributing to Victoria's social and economic prosperity. This is why the Victorian Government distributed 95,000 Little Angler kits to primary aged students in 20 23/24, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as part of a \$1.5M election commitment, funded via the sale of Victorian recreational fishing licences, i.e. funded by recreational fishers.

The aim of this election commitment was to continue to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria, by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn more about the art of fishing, marine life and the natural environment. Encouraging children to be outside and active aligns with whole of Victorian Government initiatives underway to optimise health, wellbeing, connectedness and inclusiveness in Victoria.

Following the successful implementation of the commitment, the Victorian Government will run the program again in 2026, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, offering 82,500 Little Angler kits to primary school children in 2026.

The FREE kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

**Grade 5 students** at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.

The program is entirely voluntary. Schools were provided with the option to opt out of the program. Our school has opted to stay in the program so that parents can decide whether they want their child(ren) to receive a fishing kit.

## **Opt out**

Parents of Grade 5 students can advise the school if they do not wish their child(ren) to participate for any reason whatsoever. We support parents in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs.

## **Receiving kits**

The roll out of kits will occur in August 2026 so that all participating children will have a kit in time for the September school holidays.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle (including fishing hooks and lead-free sinkers) and information on how to use them to catch a fish. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer. The kits will also have a safety label attached to the outside of the kit bag, recommending that students wait to open the kits until they are under the care and supervision of an adult.

Kits will be handed out to students to take home with them as soon as the school receives them. Teachers will tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer, however parents can contact the school and request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer.

## **More information**

For instructional videos and online resources about where and how to fish, visit the [Little Angler hub](#).



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH

JUNE - JULY 2026

### YOGA FOR KIDS

Discover the joys of yoga through school holiday workshops for fun-filled classes!

**Tuesday 30th June**  
 \$15 9.30am - 10am  
 \$35 10.30am - 12noon

### MONSTER BURGERS

Unleash your creativity and skills for fun-filled activities - fun and interactive!

**Wednesday 1st July**  
 \$35 10.30am - 12noon  
 Prep to Grade 6

### DRAMA

Join the crew at Woodend Primary for a fun and engaging performance workshop!

**Thursday 2nd July**  
 \$35 9.30am - 12noon  
 Prep to Grade 6

### RACE WITH MARIO

Join the crew at Woodend Primary for an adventure inspired by the world-famous video game Super Mario Bros!

**Tuesday 7th July**  
 \$69 9.30am - 12.30pm  
 Prep to Grade 4

### JUNIOR ROBOTICS

LEGO® First Step leads to build, code and create in this all-new Junior Robotics workshop!

**Tuesday 7th July**  
 \$69 1pm - 4pm  
 Grade 3 - 8

### STICKER MANDALAS

Use your creativity to create patterns and pictures in fun-filled sticker mandala workshops!

**Wednesday 8th July**  
 \$35 10.30am - 12noon  
 Prep to Grade 8

For more information or to make a booking, visit our website: [www.woodendnh.org.au](http://www.woodendnh.org.au) or call 5427 3345

## 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 taking them to 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.

Free support, call now! **1800 422 737** [carergateway.gov.au](http://carergateway.gov.au)

Logos: Carer Gateway, Holston Health, HEALTH

## RANGES STUDIO

SPEECH & DRAMATIC ARTS

# JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Imagine. Explore. Perform.

THURSDAY 2 JULY  
MACEDON

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## ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

PLAY AFL/HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

### ROMSEY AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

REGISTER HERE

THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY | 9AM-3PM  
ROMSEY RECREATION RESERVE  
BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-12  
\$55 PER PERSON

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# CHRISTMAS in JULY

JUN 29TH - JULY 10TH

## SCHOOLSOUT! MT MACEDON PRIMARY

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

<b>JUNE 29</b> LEGO MASTERS	<b>JUNE 30</b> BOWLING FRENZY	<b>JULY 1</b> MOVIES, MINIONS & PJS	<b>JULY 2</b> WIZARDING SCHOOL	<b>JULY 3</b> DISCO MANIA
<b>JULY 6</b> WINTER EXPLORERS	<b>JULY 7</b> DRESS UP YOUR DREAMS	<b>JULY 8</b> SPR PRK	<b>JULY 9</b> CHRISTMAS in JULY	<b>JULY 10</b> ANIMAL MANIA w. animal incursion

SCHOOLSOUT.NET.AU 1300 329 106 BOOK IN NOW

## Ford aussie hoops

Beginners aged 5-9 years old

Term 3

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

8 WEEKS - 45 MIN SESSIONS

SESSIONS

**GISBORNE - MRSP**  
 WED 4:30 - 5:15PM  
 WED 5:15 - 6:00PM \*ALL GIRLS SESSION  
 SAT 8:30 - 9:15AM

**WOODEND - BUFFALO**  
 FRI 4:45 - 5:30PM  
 SAT 8:30 - 9:15AM

FOR MORE INFO - [AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU](mailto:AUSSIEHOOPS@MRBA.ORG.AU)

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MRBA

## SUNDAY JULY 5TH (SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

# JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

FUN, SKILLS & FRIENDS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Come and learn from senior RDPNL football and netball players and coaches including 3 time AFL Grade netball premiership players and coach.

LOCATION: Green Gully Reserve 1 Day St, Woodend

7 HOUR SESSIONS  
 10:00AM - 10:00PM (GISBORNE)  
 12:30PM - 2:30PM (WOODEND)

COST \$50 PP (includes all club associated costs)

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE

SCAN TO REGISTER

GIVEAWAYS FOR ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH TICKETS.COM.AU

BBQ & CANTEN AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

ANY QUESTIONS? Feel free to contact us at [manager@woodendnetball.org](mailto:manager@woodendnetball.org)

Logos: netball, AFL, HAWKS, MRBA

## shanti studio

### Yoga for the Winter Holidays

<b>2-5 years</b> Tues 30/6 9.30-10am @ WNH	<b>Prep - G6</b> Tues 30/6 10.30am-12noon @ WNH	<b>Prep - G6</b> Thurs 2/7 2-3.30pm @ MRREC
<b>gum flowers</b> 2 - 4 years Mon 29/6 10-10.30am Wed 1/7 2-2.30pm	<b>shanti studio kids yoga</b> appointments @ shanti studio Mon-Fri	<b>the winter's</b> then the studio pauses Mon 6/7 - Sun 12/7

web: [www.shantistudio.com.au](http://www.shantistudio.com.au) email: [shantistudowoodend@gmail.com](mailto:shantistudowoodend@gmail.com) phone 0438 894 920

## Before School Yoga

for Foundation - G6  
term 3, 2026

finding focus in quiet

This 10 week lesson explores:

- how sounds dance around us
- the rhythm of the breath
- how the focus changes with quiet...which can even help us fly!

Mon: Mondays 8.30am - 9am  
Wed: School Hall  
Lesson: \$25/child for 10 weeks \$15/child casual class

rhythmic yoga

Feel into the beat to find rhythms within each pose.

Then connect to the rhythm of breath, finding energy + calm for the day ahead.

Mon: Wednesdays 8.30am - 9am  
Wed: School Hall  
Lesson: \$25/child for 10 weeks \$15/child casual class

Logos: shanti studio, MRBA

## Ranges Studio

Growing confident, creative thinkers

NOW WELCOMING  
TERM 3 ENROLMENTS  
& expressions of interest

TELL & SHOW  
1-5 years

SPEECH & DRAMA  
5+ years

ENQUIRE & ENROL  
[nic@rangesstudio.com.au](mailto:nic@rangesstudio.com.au)  
[rangesstudio.com.au](http://rangesstudio.com.au)

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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

# 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

June	
8-14 June	<a href="#">World Men's Health Week</a>
14 June	<a href="#">World Blood Donor Day</a> 
15 June	<a href="#">World Elder Abuse Awareness Day</a> 
14-20 June	<a href="#">National Refugee Week</a>
27 June - 3 July	<a href="#">World Allergy Week</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

