Welcome to the Mount Macedon Primary School Newsletter

Issue 36 Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Table of Contents

Principal's Report
Student Reporters
Classroom Update
IB Update
Japanese Day
Digi Tech
Community News
Significant Dates

Important Term Dates

Term 4

December

4th JSC Spirit of Giving Day (casual clothes)
donate nonperishable goods

5th PUPIL FREE DAY

9th Statewide Orientation Session
12th Kids Rule The School
15th Year 6 Graduation
17th Picnic at Hanging Rock
Macedon & Mt Macedon Carols by Candel light
18th End of Year Assembly & Morning Tea

19th LAST DAY OF TERM finish @ 1.30

FOS Events

2026 Welcome BBQ

Friday 6th February @ 4pm

Principal's Report

Hello everyone!

After a cold and wet start to the week I hope everyone is getting a little bit of sunshine!

SchoolsOUT! Before-school care EOI: Our after-school provider, SchoolsOUT! Is seeking parent feedback and expressions of interest in before school care. SchoolsOUT! Have in the past offered before school care but had to reassess offering this program due to low student numbers. Below you will find the link to complete the survey, if you know of other families that may be interested in utilising before school care please pass this link onto them to complete.

Spirit Day: Tomorrow, Thursday the 4th of December our Junior School Council are running Spirit Day. A day where we celebrate our school spirit and the spirit of giving by encouraging students to wear casual clothes and instead of bringing in a gold-coin donation, bring in a donation for our local Food Bank. Each classroom contains a basket for donations that will be collected and presented to Woodend Food Bank at our final assembly.

PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday the 5th of December is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Planning will be being undertaken for next year by all staff. This is done in preparation for making sure our students' transitions to 2026 are as smooth and supported as possible. Next Tuesday the 9th of December will see all of our students spend an hour with their 2026 class and teacher.

Carols at Viewfield Christmas Party: It was so lovely to see students from MMPS sing Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer and We Wish You A Merry Christmas at the Viewfield Christmas Celebration. A big thank you to everyone who came and sang and came to support Shared Table.

Evacuation Drill: Last Friday we held an evacuation drill where we enacted a code yellow evacuation order. This meant all staff and students relocated to Stanley Park temporarily. As part of our bushfire planning we run bushfire related evacuation drills in terms 1 and 4. The drill was successful but reiterated the importance of arriving at school on time and making sure students are signed in by parents. If your child gets themselves to school via walking or riding their bike, they need to make sure they arrive before 9:00am.

As I mentioned last week, it is a very busy few weeks coming up so please reach out if you have any questions and keep an eye on Compass and our Newsletter for important information.

Many thanks, Joe.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

SchoolsOUT! Before-care EOI link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LZXH6F2

Pollination excursion

On the 26th of November the grade's 5 and 6's went on a bus to the pollination excursion lab. we did a lot of different activities like coding.

Japanese day

On the 25th of November we had Japanese day. We did lots of activities like mask making, karaoke, anime drawing and so many more fun activities.

Spirit of Giving Day

On the 4th of December it will be spirit of giving day. It will be a Food donation dress up day, and the theme is Twining groups from 2-6 or just casual clothes.

Pupil free day

On the 5th of December we have a pupil free day, so please don't send your child to school.

4/5 Class Update

GTAC Excursion

Last week the grade 5/6s headed to GTAC in the city. Where we were exploring and learning about Pollination and tackling the pollination problem. Students also explored how technology can also assist with this problem. It was such a fun, interactive, hands on learning day.

GTAC Excursion

On the 26th of November the grade 5 and 6s went to a GTAC building to learn more about pollination and bees. The first room we went to was a room where you got to study the bees habitats and what the bees liked in terms of homes and flowers. I did the the stingless bee, it liked homes made out of wood and logs. In the 2nd room we made smarter bee hives for our bees I worked with Matilda. In the 3rd room we used robots to move and we had to doge the puddles and get the most flowers with our robot again I worked with Matilda. I think every one had a good time.

By Ally

G.T.A.C. Excursion

Bee friendly Garden

In the bee friendly garden we researched a bee and then we got seeds to match their taste. then we made a bee resting place out of wood and bamboo.

3 Bee Problems

There were three big problems for the native bees of australia and they are:
1. Habitat Destruction
2. European Bees
3. Agriculture

These problems are what GTAC are trying to solve.

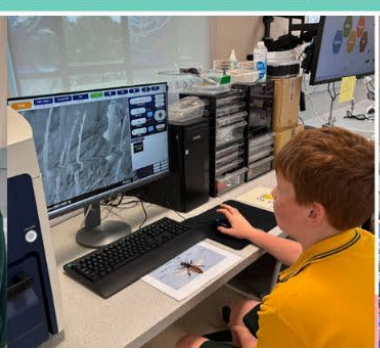
Building A Smart Hive

We started by talking about what problems are in hives and then improving them. Then we made an actual hive with a fan,cameras,door,control panel and termometre.

Robot pollinators

We had to program robots to go over a map and collect flowers the we had to time it. Then we had to try and make it get all the flowers as quick as possible. Then we tried level 1,2 and 3. Then we had navigate to the right place.

By Vika



Vika, Abby and Ashton, with their 'Smart Hive'. The Smart Hive had a fan build in, to make sure the bee would stay nice and cool. It also coded camera to detect if they was an enemies entering the hive. The hive also had compartments where the bee's could make their honey, and a door where the bees could come in and out of.

Raff, Billy and Finn creating a robot pollinator. The boys had to code the robot to move around to each flower avoiding the water.

Callan, Liam and Jax made a robot pollinator. The robot had a claw to collect the pollen and it had a bucket at the back to hold the pollen. It has a sieve to make sure it was only pollen entering and not getting stuck together.

4/5 Class Update

Writing

For Remembrance Day, students explored the story of the Lovett family and their remarkable contributions during World War I and World War II. Students then wrote a report from the perspective of interviewing one or all of the brothers and published it in a newspaper from the time.

10 APRIL 1946
VOL. 10, NO. 4

The Poppy Press

WRITEN BY AMELIA CAMPBELL

SPECIAL EDITION

THE LOVETT FAMILY

A COUPLE YEARS LATER

The lovett family have slowly been agusting back to normal life. The lovett brothers came back from war not long ago they have come back and we have the for interview today after a long time at war they came finaly back. They are all safe and sound .

What was it like at war welll it was tvery exciting that we got in the when we it was alllso very sad because we didnt see our

"...FAMILY FOR OVER A YEAR IT WAS VERY VERY SAD TO NOT HAVE THEIR WARMTH "

why did you choose to go o war i asked the lovett brothers and they said we chose to go to war to protect our country our family and our people and try to stop the "Great war " would war 1. Four of them latter went to world war 2.

Today on the daily newspaper we interviewed the 5 lovett brothers. The lovvet brothers told us why the went to war and how they felt when they where at war. The the lovett are back to their normal daily life back from war.

The lovett family

BREAKING NEWS

By the Remember Paper 2\9\1946

The lovett family

Written by Eloise Langhorne

A while after the war, the lovett brothers are still settling in. The Lovett family are 5 brothers that all went to the war and are all still here today. Today, Herbert, one of the 5 brothers is going to answer 5 questions about the war.

The question, what did war feel like for you? Is one a think we need to ask. 'War was tricky out times, and sometimes I was scared bad something would happen. But overall, it wasn't all bad.' So war wasn't all that bad. That will always be question I'm not sure of. Now for the next question is one I have heard of which is What made you want to go to war early? is one I find interesting.

'I really wanted to go to war, to fight for my country. Plus, my 4 brothers were going.. So I asked my parents for permission. They gave it to me. So of I went to war.' At that note,

...to fight for my country

is nice of Herbert. It also ties in with my next question,

what did it feel like representing your country?

'I felt proud. That's one of the many things of why I wanted to go to war.' There you go. Representing the country was something that helped Herbert. He is the youngest out of 5. He is 20. The question, how did it feel when all 5 brothers came home safely is answered by

Herbert Lovett at war

'Relieved. I was nervous at war. There were definitely some scary moments. So knowing we all came back was definitely a moment I won't forget.'

Coming home would've felt great. But since I've never been to war, lets ask the expert.

'Wonderful. Coming home at first felt great. But then we realised that soldiers had taken out land. None of the first nation soldiers got there land back.'

So due to the government's decisions, people lost their land. In this newspaper, we have learnt about the lovett brothers, but mostly Herbert. Make sure to keep on reading!

Eloise Langhorne

WRITTEN BY CALLAN GLENISTER

DAILY NEWSPAPER

December 17, 1919

HERALD SUN

STUNNING NEWS BRAND NEW INTERVIEW ON FREDERICK AMOS LOVETT AND UNDERSTANDING WAR IN THE TRENCH AND ON YOUR HOISE.

The first question we asked him how old he was when he went to the great war. " I was 28 years old which I made it in easily"

One month after

The second question was were you the first of five brothers to in list in the war "I was the 5th brother to enlist in the war"

The third question was how were your dugouts "They were muddy and cramend and generally small and had 5 or 6 people in them"

"keep fighting for your country"

The fourth question is how deep were the trenches "the trenchers are 3 meters to four meters deep"

The fifth question was did you lose any friends in the war "yes I lost 3 of my friends in Gallipoli"

After the war he returned to his home in lake conder victoria

BREAKING NEWS

Daily Quote

BREAKING NEWS

VOL. 10, NO. 4 BY PRIMROSE SALTER 1919

LOVETT FAMILY RETURN HOME SAFE

Pictured above: Herbert Lovett.

The Lovett family returned home safely, but all missing their family deeply. And Herbert said. "If i had to lie about my age and risk my life, I might as well do what I had to lie about. But they all agreed that they would risk their own lives to save millions of other lives. And their country. When I asked Herbert why he lied about his age he said. "I knew that if I told them that I was 19, they would think I wasn't capable but if I said I was older they would believe in me more.."So it seems that Herbert was desperate to serve in World war 1.

3 WEEKS AFTER THE WAR...

Pictured above: The Lovett Brothers

But when I asked Lenard why he wanted to serve the great war he said that " I needed to accomplish something in my life before I got old so I went to fight." Also when Albert was interviewed the question do you think you will ever forget what happened in the war he said.

"No.. I don't think I can ever escape the memories from the great war."

In conclusion, they all are home safe, still trying to adapt back to every day life. But very grateful to be home with their loved ones.

Pictured above: Leonard Charles Lovett

THE GREAT WAR IS OVER

BREAKING NEWS

2 years after the war by Elizabeth Muchoch

The lovett family just returned from war.

Alfred was the first out of his 5 brothers to enter World War 1 before he turned he was a jockey.

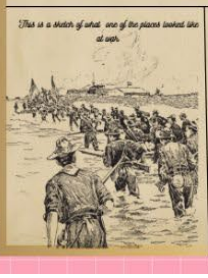
Edward entered war after he just married his loving wife rose. Edward returned home in 1919 and happily had 2 children with rose.

Leonard was the third brother of the Lovetts to enter the war sadly he got shot badly in the arm and was in the hospital for a few months .

Herbert Lovett joined the army at only 17 and lied about his misme and age as he really wanted to join.

this is a boat that was very similar to the one the ones the lovetts went on.

This is a sketch of what one of the places looked like at war.



Frederick entered the World War after following his 4 other brothers and returned to them having 11 children.

Samuel went to the 2nd World War and got wounded and returned home shortly after receiving very sick.

Sarah was one of Edwards children and joined the war just like her dad did.

Ruby Morris is the grandson of Frederick and wanted to be in the war just like Frederick did.

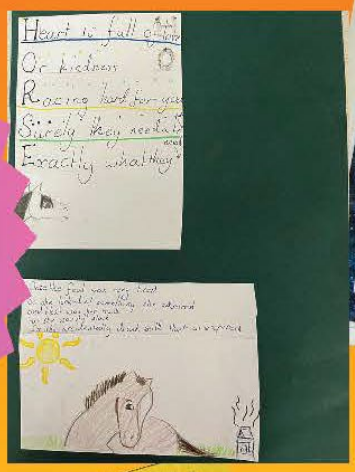
People in the Lovett family were Refugees and came home to relatives in the home land just after serving the World War.

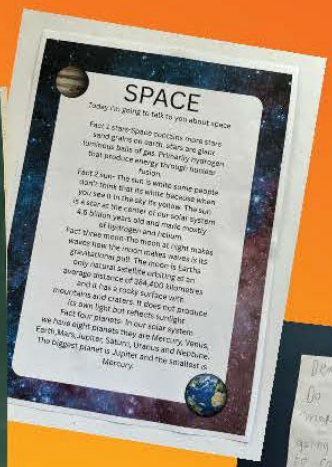
More than 20 members of the Lovett family served in the wars.

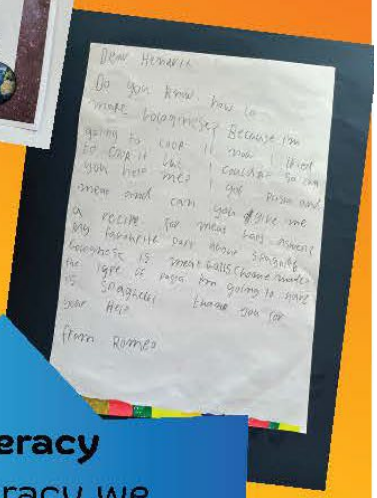
What's happening in Grade 3/4...

Literacy

In Literacy we have chosen a favourite topic of ours to write about using mutliple genres to create a writing celebration.







Numeracy

In Numeracy we have been doing lots of assessments and also looking at using our critical and creative thinking skills in problem solving.

Inquiry

All term we have been looking at explorers in Australia. We looked at how and why Australia was discovered and who discovered it. We also looked at the consequences of exploration of other people and environments. Then we have also looked at what we would do if we were an explorer.

Japanese Day

On Tuesday 5th November we had a very special Japanese visitor called Showko who performed traditional Bunraku theatre for our students. The style of Bunraku involves a range of homemade puppets which the puppeteer creates voices and gestures for as part of the show. The children were amazed and delighted, and some of them even became personally involved in the performance. Showko was impressed by how much Japanese the students knew.

Following up from Showko we had our annual Japanese Day on November 25th. Grade 5/6 leaders lead 4 large mixed age groups of children around to 4 fun activities; Japanese Games, How to Draw Anime, Karaoke and Kabuki Mask Making all run by our staff. At lunch time some children participated in Sumo Wrestling in the library.

Some students dressed up for the day to reflect Japanese Culture. We had Samurai, Geishas, Pokémon's and other Anime characters such as One Piece. We even had a couple of Naughty Ninjas and Stomping Sumo's. Thank you to all parents who helped add to the atmosphere by supporting their children to dress up.

Digi Tech

The new Ga Ga Ball pit is currently the centre of the school universe, so for Digital Technologies, I decided to lean into the obsession.

When I first announced a lesson on "data analysis," the students were sceptical. I was met with folded arms and protests of, *"Wait, this is Digi Tech, not Maths!"* But their tune changed instantly when I handed out clipboards and revealed the subject of our study: The Ga Ga Pit.

We discussed how data is the backbone of Digital Tech—computers need to find patterns to work, and so do Ga Ga Ballers. We headed outside as "Data Detectives," where each year level uncovered something different:

- **Foundation**: used pictographs to visualise that protecting your legs is statistically more important than catching the ball.
- **Juniors:** created tally charts to graph the most common ways players get eliminated.
- **Middles:** mapped out "danger zones" to identify where players are most likely to get hit.
- **Seniors:** ran hypothesis tests to calculate whether "camping" or "roaming" is the superior strategy based on average survival time.

It was a fantastic session that proved computational thinking isn't just for computers—it's hidden in the games we play every day. Who knew running around a wooden hexagon could be so scientific?

Mr Garcia

Back to School with
Kyneton Shoes
Every child is expertly and personally fitted with top quality brands.
Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-2pm
23 High Street, Kyneton
03 5422 2090
ROC
HARRISON
Grosby
Surefit
Wide
Clarks

COME AND TRY SESSIONS
MACEDON RANGERS SC
SUNDAYS
9|16|23 NOVEMBER
JUNIORS 10-11AM
SENIORS 11AM-12PM
TUESDAYS
11|18|25 NOVEMBER
MINIROOS 6-7PM
@ ROMSEY OVAL 2

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.
care empower contribute
Come one, come all, to the
CWA CENTRAL HIGHLANDS GROUP
Christmas Fair!
Christmas gifts, cakes, cookies, sweets, party treats, decorations, gifts for all tastes, and much, much more!
CWA Hall 662 Mount Macedon Rd Mount Macedon
Sat. Dec. 6, 2025 10am-3pm
Enquiries to Megan on 0410 554 095

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS
JOIN US
WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP
$50
Everyone is invited to this fun workshop to make your very own festive masterpiece (adults & kids).
Saturday 29 November
1pm - 2.30pm
KIDS CRAFT: TABLETOP XMAS TREES
$10
School-aged children from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to get creative and make a personalised tabletop Christmas tree!
Monday 1 December
4pm - 5.30pm
KIDS COOKING: CHRISTMAS TREATS
$15
School-aged children from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to some festive fun in the kitchen – making and decorating Christmas goodies!
Thursday 11 December
4pm - 5.30pm
KIDS YOGA: THE GIFT OF CREATING
$30
School-aged children in Prep to Grade 6 are invited to celebrate the end of Term 4, unwind with some yoga, and enjoy some time to get creative.
Monday 22 December
10am - 12noon OR 2pm - 4pm
47 Forest Street, Woodend
woodendnh.org.au
reception@woodendnh.org.au
5427 1845

MACEDON & MT MACEDON COMMUNITY CAROLS
Best Christmas Outfit Prizes
Macedon & Mt Macedon
Carols by Candlelight
Wed 17th Dec
5.30pm
Hosted by "Our" Shane Jacobson
FREE EVENT @ TONY CLARKE
BYO picnic
Santa and the CFA
Food stalls including the SES BBQ
Follow Us
Sing along to Carols by local schools and artists
Santa will be there!
MACEDON RANGES PRODUCE
Sponsored by
Community Bank
Gisborne & District
Bendigo Bank
Mount Macedon Realty

WOODEND winter arts FESTIVAL
Woodend Winter Arts Festival Presents
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
3.00pm Saturday 13th December 2025
St Ambrose Church, Woodend
Join us for a family friendly afternoon of Christmas Carols, as outstanding chamber choir Ensemble Gombert, directed by John O'Donnell, bring the Christmas cheer to Woodend once again.
Imagine being in Kings College Cambridge listening to Christmas carols of many times and places, from the Medieval era to the present day, with much loved melodies from Europe, the Americas and Australia. The program will feature some well-known carols, including many family favourites, along with some lesser-known pieces.
Listen to them in the glorious acoustics of St Ambrose Church. Don't miss what is guaranteed to be an enjoyable and uplifting performance by Australia's premier a cappella choral ensemble. Tickets are on sale now!
For tickets and more information visit
woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au
We encourage you to book online to avoid disappointment.

WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
SANTA PAWS PORTRAITS
SATURDAY 29TH & SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
Capture the Magic of Christmas with your pet at Woodend Neighbourhood House!
• 5-minute photo session with Santa
• Two digital photos, delivered by email
• $20 per timeslot
All proceeds go to the Woodend Neighbourhood House and Woodend Food Bank, helping us make a difference for those in need this Christmas.
Bookings essential via woodendnh.org.au or in person at the House
Woodend Neighbourhood House
47 Forest Street, Woodend
5427 1845 or reception@woodendnh.org.au

2025 VIP SALE
Beleza Gisborne
42C Aitken Street, Gisborne VIC 3437
Trading Hours
Mon to Fri : 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm
SATURDAY 6TH DEC TO SATURDAY 13TH DEC
20% OFF*
IN-STORE ONLY*
*CONDITIONS APPLY
Cannot be used in conjuction with any other offer, voucher, or discount.
Discount available on full priced Beleza branded items only

8th March – International Women's Day

17-23rd March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week

17th – 23rd March – Harmony Week

April – Autism Acceptance Month

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

Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

💛🖤❤️

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 Worlds 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.