

# WELCOME TO THE MOUNT Macedon Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## Important Term Dates

### Term 2

#### May

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)

16<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Duneira Excursion

17<sup>th</sup> Lantern Parade

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

### Term 3

#### July

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

#### August

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

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

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

**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

## FOS Events

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

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

## Meetings

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Hello everyone,

**Education Support Day:** Yesterday we celebrated Education Support Staff day here at MMPS! As you all know, our ES staff play a vital role in the support of all of our children here at MMPS. Amy, Bree, Catherine, Tarsh and Amber have all created the most wonderful relationships with our students and with our families and work so hard to create safe, caring and inclusive environments every day. MMPS would not be the same without them!

**Pupil Free Day Report:** All of our staff went off on adventures on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Our teaching staff visited Good News Lutheran College, a large International Baccalaureate school where we were able to see the IB in a larger setting. All staff were able to see relevant areas of school, P.E., Art classes, senior school and junior school run and spent time with GNLC staff in their planning time. Our ES staff were lucky enough to be welcomed to Melton Specialist School to see how ES staff work in that setting. Both opportunities provided huge amount of thinking and inspiration on how to make MMPS a more inclusive, engaging and positive place to learn.

**Staffing Update:** We have a few new staff members working with us this term! Emily Condon, from Sustainability Victoria, will be working with all classes each fortnight to explore Sustainability in STEM. Emily is exploring the importance of sustainability within familiar contexts and working on hands-on projects with all our students. We are also welcoming back Sarah McPherson who will be taking on a role similar to Mrs. Burgess's Tutor Learning Initiative sessions last year. Sarah will be taking small groups of students to help support them in their learning growth.

**District Soccer:** I was lucky enough to spend today with our Grade 4, 5 and 6 District Soccer stars down at Dixon Field. Mr. Sonogan and Tristan Salter coached our two teams, girls and boys, to success on the soccer pitch. A huge thank you to everyone who came down and enjoyed the day. It was inspiring to see how much effort was put in by all our players and the sporting integrity on show.

**Neon Disco:** The Neon Disco is up and live on Compass and tickets can be purchased right now! A \$15 ticket gets your child access to the dance floor as well as a hot supper and fruit juice. It is truly one of the most enjoyed events on the MMPS calendar!

**Yash Scholarship:** I want to take a moment to congratulate one of our grade 6 students, Yash Sharma, who has been awarded a scholarship to Braemar College! What an amazing achievement Yash! I hope you are very proud! We are!

Many thanks, Joe.



## **BREAKING NEWS**

### **Neon Disco**

On the 22nd of the 6th, we have an exciting event for all year levels. The Neon Disco! The Neon Disco is a fun way to release any stress from you by dancing! I love the Neon Disco as its a fun way to meet with your friends after school. Lights, smoke machines and neon lights will be playing the whole night long! Tickets are available on compass, but I would still secure a spot no matter what.



### **Walk to school day**

On the 22nd of the 6th, we have walk to school day! On this day, students can volunteer to head up to the trading post at 8:30 am to see a experienced policeman, Eric. Eric will speak about safety on the roads and how to make sure you are as safe as can be.

Once we reach school, Eric will explain to the whole school about safety on the road. Once he has successfully explained the dangers of the road, he will speak separately to the grade 4,5's and 6's about e safety.

Meeting policeman at 8:30 trading post.

Eric will speak about safety to school about safety

Will speak to older kids about e safety.





## Creating Connections with Our Community

I am excited to showcase our new sports uniform (see below) for students representing our school at district events. Our new tops and netball dresses have been carefully designed by Yarn to honour and show respect for our local flora and fauna, featuring the local wattle throughout the design.

We are incredibly proud of the connection these uniforms create between our students, school and wider community. Students will proudly wear the new uniforms when representing the school at upcoming district netball, athletics, tennis and cricket events.

Good luck to our soccer team competing today and representing our school with pride. Thank you to Tristan and Mr Sonogan for their time and commitment in coaching our teams.

As we move into the winter sport season, students are being introduced to a range of new sports and exciting experiences. Good luck to all students giving a new sport a try, and congratulations to those continuing to build their skills and commitment in their chosen sport.

Kind Regards,

Jess Stone (P.E)



Our Sport Captains modelling our new sport uniform:

# The IB PYP APPROACHES TO LEARNING

Approaches to Learning (ATL) are the skills and strategies our students use to learn and apply their knowledge across all areas of their lives.



ATL skills help our learners become independent, effective and lifelong learners.

★ ATL skills are developed through purposeful teaching and practice every day! ★

**THINKING SKILLS**  
We use critical and creative thinking to analyse, evaluate and make decisions.

- **Transfer:** applying what we know in new situations
- **Critical thinking:** analysing and evaluating ideas
- **Creative thinking:** generating new ideas and solutions
- **Reflection:** considering our learning and choices

**RESEARCH SKILLS**  
We find, interpret and use information effectively and ethically.

- **Information literacy:** finding and using reliable information
- **Media literacy:** understanding and using different forms of media
- **Ethical use:** using information responsibly and giving credit

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS**  
We express ourselves confidently and collaborate effectively with others.

- **Listening:** understanding others and showing empathy
- **Speaking:** sharing ideas clearly and confidently
- **Reading:** understanding and enjoying texts
- **Writing:** expressing ideas for different purposes and audiences

**SOCIAL SKILLS**  
We build positive relationships, show empathy and work well with others.

- **Developing relationships:** building and maintaining positive connections
- **Collaboration:** working effectively in a team
- **Empathy:** understanding and respecting others
- **Social responsibility:** contributing to our community and the world

**SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS**  
We manage our behaviour, emotions and time to support our learning and wellbeing.

- **Organisation:** managing time, tasks and materials
- **States of mind:** managing emotions and staying positive
- **Self-motivation:** setting goals and staying motivated
- **Resilience:** bouncing back and persevering

**LEARNING SKILLS**  
We use strategies to plan, monitor and evaluate our learning.

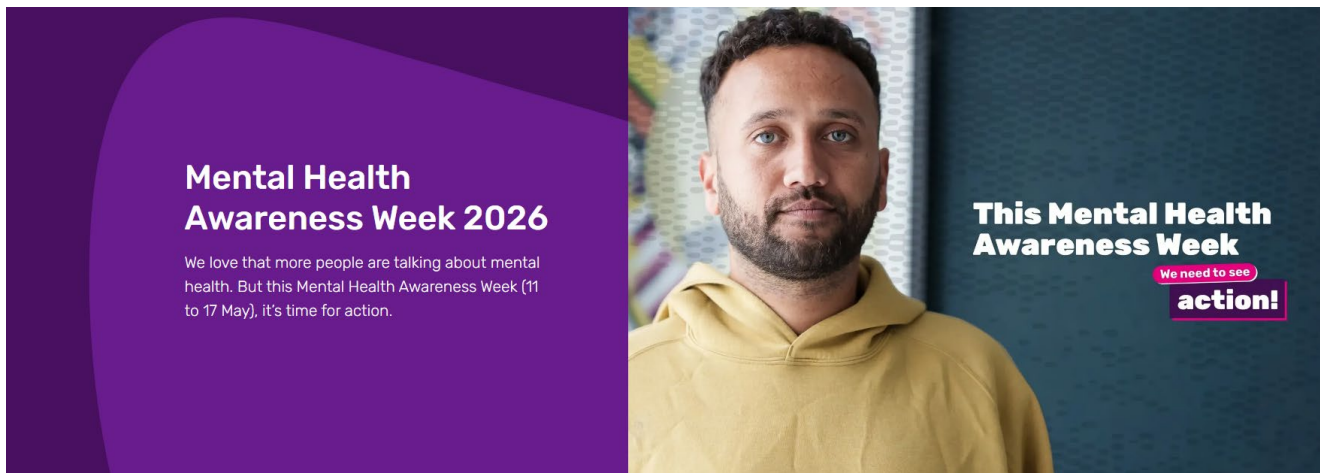
- **Goal setting:** setting and working towards goals
- **Planning:** making plans and choosing strategies
- **Monitoring:** checking our progress and adjusting
- **Evaluating:** reflecting on our learning and next steps

Strong skills. Confident learners. Bright futures.

ATL skills empower our learners to take on challenges, learn with purpose and make a positive impact.

Together, we learn for life!





This week we recognise Mental Health Awareness Week. This year's theme is focusing on *action*. While conversations around mental health have become more open and positive over recent years, this week reminds us that awareness alone is not enough, meaningful action and support are equally important.

At Mount Macedon Primary School, we know that wellbeing plays a vital role in learning, relationships and overall happiness. Supporting the mental health of our students, staff and families is something we value deeply within our school community.

Mental Health Awareness Week is an opportunity for us all to check in with one another, show kindness, encourage open conversations and remind those around us that support is available. Small actions - listening, connecting, including others and looking out for each other - can make a significant difference.

As a community, we are committed to continuing to build a safe, caring and inclusive environment where everyone feels supported, valued and connected.

To learn more about Mental Health Awareness Week and this year's theme, visit:

[Mental Health Awareness Week – Rethink Mental Illness](#)



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.

## 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 240 262  
 See You There!!!

## TERMS 2 SESSIONS

**GISBORNE**  
 MONDAYS  
 Hub for Kids  
 10am & 11am – Tell & Show  
 4pm & 5pm – Speech & Drama

**MACEDON**  
 THURSDAYS  
 Jubilee Hall  
 10am & 11am – Tell & Show  
 4pm & 5pm – Speech & Drama

## Never miss a school event

## Instantly add events from

Newsletters  
 WhatsApp Chats  
 Birthday Invitations  
 Emails  
 Anything!

### To the calendar you already use

## WOODEND winter arts FESTIVAL

**MAXINE BENEBA CLARKE**  
**THE POWER OF PICTURE BOOKS AND POETRY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**  
 SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-12  
 3.00pm Saturday 6th June 2026  
 5, Antelope Hill, Woodend

Maxine Beneba Clarke takes us through a series of her beloved books for young children, including The ABCs of Woodend, Becoming a Book, and How to Write a Picture Book. The ABCs of Woodend is a book about books, the story of a young girl who writes and reads books, and the power of picture books. The ABCs of Woodend is a new picture book for young people, and about the power of books for young people.

Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance using the ticketing system.

For tickets and more information visit:  
[woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au)

## WOODEND winter arts FESTIVAL

**VCASS VCE Student Recital: Young Virtuosos ENSEMBLE AREA 57**  
 2.15pm Sunday 7th June 2026  
 St Ambrose, all Woodend

AREA 57 is a dynamic collective of young, talented musicians whose performances can be the energy of a jazz trio – piano, double bass, or any one of the rhythms of 'Brazilian' or the mood of a string quartet. The ensemble consists of 12 young musicians from the VCASS VCE Student Recital. The ensemble is a dynamic collective of young, talented musicians whose performances can be the energy of a jazz trio – piano, double bass, or any one of the rhythms of 'Brazilian' or the mood of a string quartet.

With the double bass as the anchoring 'bass', the crucial program for the Woodend VCE student recital 'Young Virtuoso Ensemble' is a dynamic collective of young, talented musicians whose performances can be the energy of a jazz trio – piano, double bass, or any one of the rhythms of 'Brazilian' or the mood of a string quartet.

For tickets and more information visit:  
[woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au)

## 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 staying 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.

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

## Kyneton, register for kindergarten by 31 May for 2027!

Register in 2 minutes for free  
 To be included in first round offers for 2027

We're accepting registrations for 15 kindergartens including:

- Kyneton Community House
- Kyneton Kindergarten
- Blagoe-Lugs Kyneton
- Embracia Childcare and Kindergarten
- Woodend Kindergarten

and many more kindergartens in the shire.

Register by 31 May 2026!

How to Register  
 Visit: [mcsa.vic.gov.au/finder/regs](http://mcsa.vic.gov.au/finder/regs) or scan the QR code.  
 Contact us: Kindergarten Enrolment Team on 03 5422 0239 or [kindergarten@mcsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:kindergarten@mcsc.vic.gov.au)

## omnia Community Hub

### Picky Eater Presentation

It's time for a new way of thinking about picky eaters and how to help them. This presentation is for parents and carers of children with picky eating habits. It will provide information and support to help you support your child's eating habits.

For parents and carers of children 1-12 years of age  
 Tuesday 26 May 2026 | 10:00am

omnia Community Hub | 12-26 Macconnell Street, Southwood

For more information contact Jane Williams  
[info@omnia.org.au](mailto:info@omnia.org.au) | 9444 4444

## omnia Community Hub

### Free Child Development Drop-in Sessions

Open to all, these sessions provide a safe space for parents and carers to discuss their child's development and share their experiences. Sessions are held every second Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

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For all details, dates, days and info, call on the QR code  
[info@omnia.org.au](http://info@omnia.org.au) | 9444 4444

## Macedon and Mount Pleasant Landcare Group

### Community Planting and Weeding

Sat. 9th May, 10:00 - 12:00pm  
 Bruce St, Macedon - north of Carrington St

Help our waterways thrive.

Join us for a community planting morning to revegetate the riverbank and improve habitat for local wildlife. Native plants help prevent erosion, filter runoff, and create green corridors for birds and pollinators. It's also a great way to spend the morning.

What to bring: Weather-appropriate clothing, water bottles, sun protection. All gloves and tools provided.

RSVP via Humanix or just show up on the day.

All ages welcome.

RSVP by May 8th

## Stronger Together

### Community Safety & Support Expo

When: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 10am - 1pm  
 Where: Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, New Gisborne

For more information:  
[info@strongertogether.org.au](mailto:info@strongertogether.org.au)  
 03 9428 0800

Free community event  
 Learn about support available for issues that can impact safety and wellbeing, including family violence, financial stress, alcohol & other drug, and relationship challenges.

What's on:

- Info table stalls from local services
- Ask questions in a relaxed, welcoming space
- Refreshments available for creative conversations
- Free coffee etc

Why come?

- Understand the signs of family violence etc related issues
- 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  
 Friends + family + young people + Community + Volunteers + Professionals

"Building stronger communities together"

# 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

11 - 17 May	<u>Mental Health Awareness Week</u>	
11-17 May	<u>National Families Week</u>	
17 May	<u>IDAHOBIT</u>	
18-24 May	<u>National Volunteers Week</u>	
24 May	<u>World Schizophrenia Awareness Day</u>	
26 May	National Sorry Day	
24 May -30 May	<u>Food Allergy Awareness Week</u>	

## 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.

