

MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FOS Events

- Father's Day @ Mt Pub on September Friday 4th
- Election BBQ November 28th
- Fete Saturday December 5th

Meeting

TBA

Important Term Dates

Term 3

September

- 4th District Hot Shots Tennis (selected students)
- 9th Yr 6 Kyneton Community Lunch (selected students)
- 11th Braemar Students visit
Production Full Rehearsal
- 14th Production Dress Rehearsal @ 11.30
- 14th – 17th Production
- 17th District T20 Cricket (selected students)
- 18th LAST DAY OF TERM FINISH AT 2.30

Term 4

- October
- 12th – 16th Whole School Swimming Program
- 19th Yr 6 Headspace
- 20th School Council Meeting
- 26th SEA Parent Info Session

November

2nd PUPIL FREE DAY

- 3rd Cup Day Public Holiday
- 6th SEA Program
- 11th Yr 6 Remembrance Day Walk to the Cross
2027 Foundation enrolment parent info session
- 12th Foundation BBQ Dinner
& Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp
- 13th SEA Program
School Council Meeting @ Mt Macedon Winery
- 17th 2027 Foundation Orientation Session 1
- 20th SEA Program
- 24th Foundation Orientation Session 2
- 27th PUPIL FREE DAY
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December

- 1ST Foundation Orientation Session 3
- 5th MMPS Community Fete
- 8th State Wide Orientation Day
- 11th Kids Rule the School

2027 January

- 29th SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



Hello everyone!

Production Update: Tickets for our upcoming Production of Zoo Stew are on sale now! You can purchase tickets through the link here: [Zoo Stew Tickets](#). For our three evening performances, it is important that students are at school from 6:30pm for the 7:00pm performance start time. Students are to go straight to the classroom to get ready for the performance. We are running whole-school rehearsals throughout the next two weeks so if you have any absences, you are aware of ahead of time, could you please let your child's teacher know. ***Production costumes are due back at school by Friday September the 9th.***

Secondhand Uniform Request: We are putting the call out for donations of any secondhand uniform elements. FOS endeavor to run a secondhand uniform stall, Hand Me Down Lane, throughout the year. We are hoping to have it running during Production week in our school library. *All donations can be made to the front office.*

Fete Update: FOS are deep into Fete planning already and are currently calling out for parents with green thumbs (and those without!) to help in propagating small seedlings in preparation for the plant and garden stall. Further information has gone out on our WhatsApp groups last week.

Parent Opinion Survey: The annual Parent Opinion Survey is now live! We are asking parents to complete the POS before Friday the 18th of September to help give us feedback and direct our strategic planning utilizing the voices and ideas within our parent community. The survey is accessible via Compass, in particular the News Feed post titled: ***2026 Parent Opinion Survey.***

Father's Day: I'm looking forward to catching up with a number of dads tonight at our FOS Father's Day Event. It is not too late to join us all at the Mount Pub from 6:30pm.

I hope all of our dads and father figures have a great weekend!

Many thanks, Joe.

This week at MMPS!

District Hotshots

On the 4th of September, we have district hotshots! This is a great way to enjoy the lovely sport of tennis, in a very enjoyable way. I love the kind and competitive style this organisation of tennis players show. Everyone who is going is a very brave competitor, putting your hand up for something you might be unsure about is a win in itself.

I am so happy to see so many fierce competitors put their hands up for this, and I would like to thank Ashley for coming to our school, and teaching us on how we can play better. So a big thank you to all of the amazing people making this be as enjoyable as can be!

5/6 Book

For Science week, the grade 5/6 class made a book (four copies) about famous scientists and their discoveries. This book can be borrowed from the library, and I will be borrowing it the second I get down there! The grade 5/6 class has been working very hard to make these so it would be very appreciated if you could treat them with respect.

Kyneton Food Hub

On Wednesday, the 9th of September, Hunter, Abby, Ashton, Jax, Henry and Brooke will be volunteering at the Kyneton Food Hub to help serve meals to the Kyneton community. We are proud to share that all the funds raised during our recent Pyjama Day will go directly toward supporting this and helping those in need.

Bin Reminder

This is just a reminder that we need to put the right things in the correct bins. If we don't, they will end up in landfill, if you have a doubt, ask your teachers or one of the green team leaders (Finn, Jack or Henry). Please inform your child about this.

From Yash Sharma





G.E.M of the week

By Jax J

Resilience project

this week in the Resilience Project we did a session on making raps about eating healthy and listened to some song about eating healthy.



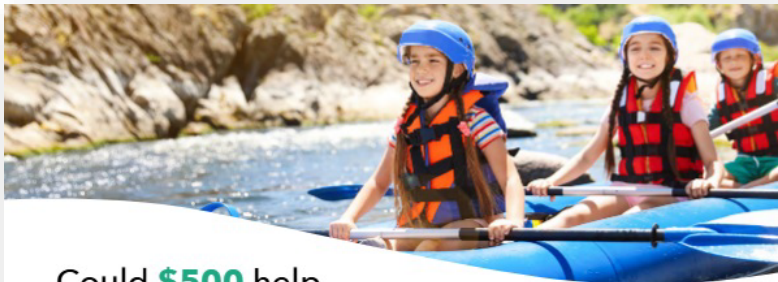
The thoughts of: Tom

Q1. What are you grateful for?

A. My friends and my house!

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

A. You never know what it's like in someone else's shoes!



Could \$500 help pay for school camp fees or upcoming excursions?

Join Saver Plus, Australia's longest running financial education and matched savings program. Saver Plus is a free program that has supported over 68,000 people to develop lifelong savings habits and receive up to \$500 to assist with education costs.

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is delivering Saver Plus
To support families at

ENQUIRE NOW



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What is Saver Plus?

A free 10-month program that helps you save for your own or your children's education.

- Build lasting savings habits
- Be better prepared for unexpected expenses
- Stay in control
- Improve personal wellbeing

Who can join?

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*
- Be studying yourself or have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Be 18+ years old

*Many income types and Centrelink payments may qualify. Not sure if you qualify? Just fill out the enquiry form and a Savings Coach will reach out to you.

To confidentially find out more, call Saver Plus or fill out the enquiry form in the link.

1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au

SchoolsOUT Holiday Program – Bookings Open!

Looking for something fun and engaging for the kids these school holidays?
SchoolsOUT Mt Macedon's Spring Holiday Program is now open for bookings!

SchoolsOUT has put together a fantastic range of activities to keep the kids entertained, active and having fun throughout the holidays – from Mission to Mars, a Teddy Bear Picnic and Movie Day, to a Colour Run, Taste of Italy, AFL Max, Bike & Scooter Day and an exciting SchoolsOUT Party!

Some of the days have only two bookings, which unfortunately isn't enough to make the program viable. This means that there is a real possibility that the holiday program may need to be cancelled altogether if numbers don't increase.

This is a wonderful service for our small community, providing local families with a convenient holiday option while giving our children the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends and enjoy some great activities. It's also a fantastic opportunity to book in with friends and turn a holiday program day into a play date!

If you're considering using SchoolsOUT these holidays, please jump online and book as soon as possible. Every booking makes a difference and helps us keep this valuable service running for our community.

📅 Spring Holiday Program: Monday 21 September – Friday 2 October

🏠 SchoolsOUT Mt Macedon

👉 Bookings: schoolsout.net.au

☎ 1300 329 106

Let's support our SchoolsOUT program and help keep the fun going!

SCHOOL'S
OUT!

SPRING PROGRAM

SCHOOLSOUT! MT MACEDON

BASE DAY

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Mon 21st Sep MISSION TO MARS	Tues 22nd Sep TEDDY BEAR PICNIC + PARK EXCURSION!	Wed 23rd Sep MOVIE DAY	Thurs 24th Sep SPRING INTO FUN + COLOUR RUN	Fri 25th Sep PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED
Mon 28th Sep Taste of Italy	Tues 29th Sep ULTIMATE Showdown KIDS VS EDUCATORS	Wed 30th Sep AFL MAX	Thurs 1st Oct BIKE + SCOOTER DAY	Fri 2nd Oct SCHOOL'S OUT! PARTY

SCHOOLSOUT.NET.AU | 1300 329 106

BOOK IN NOW!

What we have been doing in Japanese

In depth individual presentations about many aspects of Japanese Society are currently having the finishing touches put onto them by our senior students in preparation for shared class expos next week. Topics they have explored include the main islands of Japan and their capital cities, the population of Japan vs Australia, comparison of land size between Japan and Australia, the latter of which led into an understanding of population density and how Japan's high population density of 377 people per square kilometre impacts on aspects of society such as building design, homes, transport and traffic organisation, cleanliness, privacy and personal space, and food production. Agriculture and industry, economy and the major religions have also been researched.

I am certainly looking forward to viewing the students' slideshows next week.



In the junior grades, students have learnt about Japanese toys, and how to say, "I like/dislike/love that toy." Following on from this they have completed a design brief where they have had to design their own toys and decide upon materials to use as well as the function and name of their toy before drawing it. Today they had a mini expo where they ventured around and looked at each other's designs. They recorded the names, materials and uses for the toys designed by their peers.



A message from the students of Year 2/3

We're excited to launch a new student-led initiative at MMPS - Rubbish-Free Thursdays!

This idea has come directly from our 2/3 class, who developed the initiative while completing their recent inquiry unit. They've been exploring waste, sustainability and the impact our everyday choices can have on the environment, and have decided to turn their learning into action!

Every Thursday, we're encouraging students to bring a rubbish-free lunchbox, helping us reduce the amount of waste going into our bins and making more sustainable choices as a school community.

It's a simple change, but together we can make a big difference!

A huge well done to our 2/3 students for taking the lead and turning their learning into a positive change for our school.

Let's make Thursdays rubbish-free!



EMILY SESSIONS –
AND THE ACTIVITIES



BY FRANCIS AND FRED GRADE 2/3

1. In our first water session with Emily we learned about the comparison between how much salt water there is compared to the percentage of freshwater. It is 97% salt water and 3% freshwater!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We also learnt about catchments. They are like waterfalls that run to rivers and lakes. We put pictures on paper to make a poster about water.

2. In our second session, Water Detectives, we looked at (LONG WORD ALERT) aquatic macroinvertebrates (water bugs). There are four sections of water bugs which are very sensitive, sensitive, tolerant, very tolerant.

We looked at our water to find...

We have good water quality... according to our students!

3. In our third session we made a water audit about if we had dripping taps. We did have a leaking tap and we did have a broken tank pipe. Different people did a water audit for

different places such as outside, boy's and girl's toilets, in the classrooms and the Wellbeing room.

We calculated how much water we saved by stopping the dripping taps. It was roughly 7280L a year.

4. Emily was sick so we skipped that session.

5. We're making an action plan because of the water audit. Some people are making posters about saving water from going down the drain and some people are making stuff for the newsletter report. We wrote about how we could save the environment, the obstacles in our path and how we can solve them.

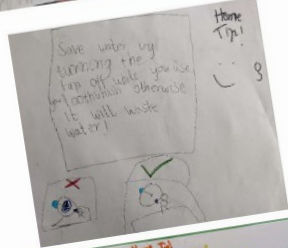
On Thursdays, every week, we have organised students to make sure they have nude food (rubbish free). We are doing this so less waste gets in bins and sent to land fill. We are also doing this to make sure that the rubbish doesn't go in drains and to our local rivers, lakes and the ocean. On Mondays and Thursdays, students will pick up rubbish after lunch, for the same reasons.

HOME TIPS

MAKE SURE YOU TURN THE TAP OFF!!!!



HOME TIPS!
Turn the Tap off when you are using it



PUT A BUCKET UNDER THE SHOWER WHILE IT IS HEATING UP!



Turn off THE SHOWER when you are Putting SHampoo in your hair



WATER AUDIT

Home tip
When you're waiting for the shower to warm up you can get a bucket and put it over the shower so you don't waste water then feed to the plants



THANK YOU
EMILY!!!





Through the community hub that is Mount Macedon Primary School (MMPS).

Our annual fete is just around the corner, and we're offering exciting sponsorship opportunities. By participating, you'll help us enhance our beloved school and, in return, gain valuable exposure for your business or personal brand.

MMPS is looking for businesses to sponsor their biennial fete this December that raises much needed funds for outdoor learning and play infrastructure at the small but historical school.

WALK TOGETHER. START THE CONVERSATION.
MRSPAG ANNUAL WALK
FOR WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY
Sunday September 13, 2026
8:30am (walk starts 10am)
Woodend Children's Park
12 Nicholson St, Woodend

TO REGISTER
Pre-register by email:
suicidepreventionwalk@mrspag.com.au
OR
Get your ticket through our Eventbrite link
Registrations will be open on the day from
8:30am

For more details visit: www.mrspag.com.au

KYNETON LITTLE LEGENDS KIDS SPORTS CAMP!
AGES 5-12
21ST & 22ND SEPTEMBER
8:30AM-3:30PM
MULTI SPORTS FUN!
ONLY \$110 FOR 2 DAYS!

Keep your child active these holidays
2 fun-filled days of basketball, soccer, AFL, team challenges, games, prizes and new friendships
Run by qualified PE teachers
Perfect for children of all abilities

BOOK NOW!
USE CODE EARLYBIRD FOR \$5 OFF!
SCAN TO BOOK

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
LITTLE LEGENDS SPORTS CAMP
for bookings, program info & more!

KYNETON TENNIS SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE | SPORTS LIMITED - SUITE 10/10

children's health & wellbeing board
FREE ONE HOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
TERM THREE 2026

This school is offering free one hour activities for children aged 5-12 years old during the school holidays. The activities are held at the school and are free of charge. The activities are held on the following dates:
21ST & 22ND SEPTEMBER
23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER
25TH & 26TH SEPTEMBER
27TH & 28TH SEPTEMBER
29TH & 30TH SEPTEMBER

TOPICS and DATES
21ST & 22ND SEPTEMBER: **Healthy Living** - at the local 10:30am & 11:30am. Topics include: nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and more.
23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER: **Healthy Living** - at the local 10:30am & 11:30am. Topics include: nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and more.
25TH & 26TH SEPTEMBER: **Healthy Living** - at the local 10:30am & 11:30am. Topics include: nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and more.
27TH & 28TH SEPTEMBER: **Healthy Living** - at the local 10:30am & 11:30am. Topics include: nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and more.
29TH & 30TH SEPTEMBER: **Healthy Living** - at the local 10:30am & 11:30am. Topics include: nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and more.

Macedon Ranges Basketball Association
JUNIOR DOMESTIC BASKETBALL
Summer Season
REGISTRATION EXTENDED
U10 BOYS AND GIRLS (BORN 2018/19)

Register as an individual.
No tryouts.
We will place you in a team.

Free weekly skills training and development included!

REGISTRATION FOR U10'S CLOSING 15 SEPTEMBER!

SCAN TO REGISTER OR EMAIL
DOMESTIC@MRBA.ORG.AU

MINIROOS SUMMER SERIES
KICK OFF, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!
SUN 18 OCT - SUN 13 DEC
AGES 4-6
\$80 per week

Now to soccer or GOAT of your school... you will love it!

4-11 YR OLDS
MINIROOS SUMMER SERIES
KICK OFF, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN!
SUN 18 OCT - SUN 13 DEC
AGES 4-6
\$80 per week

FREE TO BE ME
Photography Competition
Enter your photo to support 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence.
Open to ages 12 and up!
Entries open 28 September
Close 2 November

ENTER NOW!
SCAN TO SIGN UP

Contact: competition@mrba.org.au
mrba.org.au/16-days

KDAF PRESENTS... Bloombox OPEN MIC
SUPPORTED BY MITS
Showcasing a local crop of budding youth talent!
Artists aged 12-25 pre-register now:
mits@mrba.org.au

Pizza slice \$2.50
Connect, Create, Nurture, Grow
BY youth - FOR youth
Soft drink \$2.50

FREE TICKETS!
Pre-register to guarantee entry:
www.kynetonandlandartsfestival.com
Drug, alcohol, smoke, vape free.
Fully supervised, all ages event. No cash on site.

Saturday 5 September 2026 | 12 - 5 PM
KYNETON MECHANICS INSTITUTE
81 Mollison Street, Kyneton

Emergency Services Expo
See Bluey and Bingo
Victoria Park, Daylesford | Sat 7 November | 10 am to 2 pm
Family friendly | Meet local heroes | Activities
Scan the QR code or visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/expo26

WINDFALL
Community Movie Night and Discussion - Windfall
Thursday, 10th September, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Macedon and Mount Macedon Community House
47 Victoria Street, Macedon

Come along to a great local environmental film night, followed by thought provoking conversation and discussion.

The movie is "Windfall" which documents the extreme "cool climate cyclone" of 9 June 2021 which brought 160km/h winds, heavy rain, and widespread destruction across the Wombat Forest, and also here in the Macedon Ranges. The film blends dramatic storm footage, personal accounts, expert analysis, and community stories of resilience and recovery.

A free and enjoyable social gathering with supper provided.

RSVP via Humanitix or just show up on the day.

All ages welcome.

RSVP by August 9th

BACK TO SCHOOL TERM 4
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR HATS
EVERY CLASSROOM HAS SUNSCREEN
IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN SPECIAL SUNSCREEN LEAVE IT IN YOUR SCHOOL BAG!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WHH
SEPT - OCT 2026

CREATIVE YOGA: JENGA EDITION
Jump on the mat and connect with how you're feeling these school holidays.
• Wednesday 23 September •
10am - 11:30am
\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

STORY BOARD
Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and engaging performance workshop.
• Thursday 25 September •
9:30am - 12:30pm
\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

NATURE MAKERS
Get creative, learn new skills and make something that helps our feathered friends and pollinators!
• Tuesday 29 September •
1pm - 3pm
FREE Aged 12-17

BUZZING CARDBOARD BEES
In a house on wheels, create your very own Queen Bee or Busy Working Bee, with moveable wings.
• Wednesday 30 September •
10:30am - 12:30pm
\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

Yoga for the Spring Holidays with shanti studio

for appointments
Woolend
Mon 2/9 - Fri 25/9

Creative Yoga
Yoga
Mon 2/9 - Fri 25/9

MRFC
Gashorn
Mon 2/9 2-3:30pm

restore + recharge
snap 247 fitness
Wed 23/9 10-11:30am

then the studio
process
Mon 28/9 Sun 4/10

CRICKET REGISTRATIONS OPEN
BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME!
CRICKET BLAST (AGES 5-9), U11, U13, U15, U17

WWW.WOODENDCRICKETCLUB.ORG/JUNIORS
EMAIL: WOODENDCRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM
JUNIOR COORDINATOR (BEN) 0490 023 301

WOODEND CRICKET CLUB
EST. 1861

Wominjeka- Welcome

WURUNDJERI WOI WURRUNG CULTURAL HERITAGE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

26th January – Australia Day

17th February – Lunar New Year (Chinese & Vietnamese)

2nd March – Holi Festival

25th April – ANZAC Day

May – Australians Biggest Morning Tea

11-15th August – Bullying No Way, National Week of Action

August – Daffodil Day



Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

21st March – National Close the Gap Day

26th May – National Sorry Day

27th May – 3rd 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

September

All Sept	<u>Prostate Cancer Awareness Month</u>
All Sept	<u>No FASD Month</u>
1-9 Sept	<u>Headache and Migraine Week</u>
7-13 Sept	<u>Body Image and Eating Disorder Awareness Week</u> 
7-11 Sept	<u>Women's Health 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 viik, Country.

Nagujin, thank you.



CLOSING THE KNOWLEDGE GAP
ABOUT FIRST NATIONS HISTORY AND
CULTURE STARTS AT SCHOOL

