

# WELCOME TO THE MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue 9 Tuesday 1st April 2025

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Keep an eye on  
these dates for  
any changes.

Any changes will  
be reflected on  
Compass

## FOS Dates

Easter Raffle drawn April 4<sup>th</sup> –  
1:45PM in school hall.

Mother's Day Event  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm

Working Bee – May 2nd

## Important Term Dates

### **April**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Williamstown Bike Ride

4<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term finish at 2.30

### Term 2

#### **April**

22<sup>nd</sup> First Day of Term

24<sup>th</sup> District Cross Country

25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day –

*ALL students are invited to represent the school in  
uniform along with staff at Mount Macedon dawn cross  
service.*

28<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May Swimming Program

#### **May**

2<sup>nd</sup> FOS Working Bee

7<sup>th</sup> District AFL

8<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Girls Program

Hello everyone,

What a huge term it has been! I sit here now, with everyone gone, and it is quiet, school's are odd places when there are no children around and it becomes very clear just how important their energy and enthusiasm are in making schools such wonderful places to be!

I want to thank everyone for their support in making term one a successful one and for helping many of our new students and families feel so welcome.

**School Review:** During weeks 2, 3 and 4 our school will be undertaking our school review. I have asked for parent feedback via a survey on Compass which is still accessible. If you have a spare moment, we would really appreciate your input as it plays a very significant role in developing our next school strategic plan. I will also shortly put out an invitation on compass to be part of a parent feedback forum. This forum will include members of our parent community and the school review panel. It will take place on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May at 9:00am here at school. Again, this will be vital in helping our review panel formulate a plan for our school going forward.

**Williamstown Bike Ride:** I had the absolute pleasure of riding with our grades 4, 5 and 6 students yesterday on our annual Williamstown Bike Ride. It was such a blast to see how confident our students were at riding through the city. The ride itself contained many of the situations that Mr. Sonogan had prepared the students for in their bike ed sessions and it was the smoothest ride I have been on in a long time. We could not have done it without the help of our parents who put their hands up to transport bikes in trailers all the way down to the city and then ride along with us for the day. Everyone played a huge role in making the ride such a success!

**Final assembly and Easter Raffle:** What a wonderful expression of community was on display at our Easter Raffle this afternoon. To see the huge amount of donations was a real testament to our very generous school community. The applause when students won was also wonderful to see.

**ANZAC Day Dawn Service:** MMPS is playing a role in the upcoming ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross on ANZAC Day this year. Our school captains will be laying a wreath, and students will be helping hand out rosemary to the attendees. If your child is interested in playing a role please let us know and we can help you with the logistics on the day.

All the students have earned their rest! I hope you take the time to recharge before starting back next term. Have a safe and happy Easter break!

Many thanks, Joe.



### Wellbeing wrap up

This term our wellbeing leaders hosted the wellbeing club. The aim of the wellbeing club is to help the students feel more happy, optimistic and confident.

### FOS Easter Raffle

At the end of the term, we will be having the easter raffles and if you want to have a chance of winning one of the prizes then you need to get on Compass to buy them, we also need a lot more donations in the classroom buckets so if you're at the shops remember to pick up something for the buckets.

### Girls Futsal

On the 1st of April we are having the girl's futsal so good luck to them, and we all hope they win some games.

### Duneira

Last Wednesday the grade 5\6s went up to the Duneira estate. We were there for three hours, and we all explored the 38 acres. Melina took us on a tour of the garden and told us all about the estate and its history.

### Mount Macedon Bike Ride

Last week we had our 'Mount Macedon Bike Ride' where we ride to the back of Macedon Primary and then back up Waterfalls Road back to school.

Written by Flora Q and Jasper E



JASPER



FLORA



On the 27th of March it was pancake day we raised around \$200 for youth homelessness. Youth homelessness, a significant issue in Australia, affects young people aged 12-24, with almost a quarter of the homeless population being in this age group, and many experiencing hidden forms of homelessness like couch surfing or living in crowded dwellings.

The JSC Leaders Clem and Eleanor made the pancakes in the middle sessions each student got 5 pancakes each.

We interviewed some students on their opinion of the event:

5/6 Chloe – 'I liked that I got to wear casual clothes and match with my friends'

4/5 Eloise – 'I like that I got to dress how I wanted to'

2/3 Aston – 'I liked the pancakes and the sugar that went on top'

3/4 Francesca – 'I liked how we got pancakes and raised money for youth homelessness'

Prep - Arthur - 'I liked how I got to eat pancakes'

1/2 Masie – 'Eating the yummy pancakes was the best'!!

And we hope you enjoy the next fun days we have planned!



That's a wrap for term 1 sports, what a busy term we have had!

Well done to both the boys and girls futsal teams for their fantastic efforts on both days. They all displayed a great deal of sportsmanship and dedication in all their games. It was also beautiful to hear feedback on both days of our students showing respectful behaviour towards other teams and the referees. I am so proud of our school and the students in our how they conduct themselves on our district sport days. Thank you to Phil K for giving up his time to coach the boys team, it was greatly appreciated!

If there are any parents from the grade 5/6 cohort who like to share their expertise and coach one of our sides for the AFL, soccer or netball next term, please get in contact with me.

Thank you,

Jess Stone



On the 1st of April The grade 6 girls had district Futsal. We went on the school's bus to the New Gisborne Stadium. We all had heaps of fun. We played 3 games and the quarter final. Our first game was against Saint bridgets the score was 6 to 1 saint bs way. We had a quick break then went to court three and got ready for our second game against Gisborne. We lost 1 to 3 Gisborne's way. We then had a 45 minute break before going to play against Braemar. We won 3 to 1 our way! We were so excited! We then progressed through to the quarter finals Where we would be playing Holy Cross. We then lost 1 to 3. It was a great game but sadly we didn't go through to the semi-final. After that we went and ate our lunch and played a friendly by-choice game against the Macedon primary team. We had great fun. Then we watched the grand final against Braemar college and Saint bridgets. Saint bridgets won by 3 goals but it was a very close game. We then gathered up our belongings and headed back to the school's out bus and headed back to school to finish the day of school. We would like to thank Mrs Stone for being our coach and bus driver. We would also like to thank Schools Out for lending their bus to us for the day. Overall we all were so grateful to be involved with this first district futsal and had so much fun even if we only won one game. We hope they continue this district event because it was a blast!

Written by Chloe and Pearl



# Interschools Cycling Series

At the weekend I represented Mount Macedon Primary School at VICS, the Victorian Interschools Cycling Series. I was racing against 25 competitors from other Victorian Schools.

It was windy at Casey Fields. The cycling was fast-paced and very difficult. I managed to stay in the breakaway at the front, and came fourth.

Cato





## COLOURS OF Autumn

SCHOOL OF 5

**MOUNT MACEDON** MONDAY 7th APRIL - THURSDAY 17th APRIL 2025

<b>7th MONDAY</b> SWEET SURPRISE You are so sweet - a treat delight! Join us for a day that is sure to sweeten!	<b>14th MONDAY</b> YES DAY KIDS CHOICE! What do you want to do today?
<b>8th TUESDAY</b> SPORTS CARNIVAL It is time to compete against all of School of 5! Show off your sporting skills!	<b>15th TUESDAY</b> MOVE DAY Who wants popcorn? Join us for The Mincest Movie at Reading Cinema Smebury!
<b>9th WEDNESDAY</b> MAGIC DAY Want to see some magic and become a magician? I know we do.	<b>16th WEDNESDAY</b> SUPERPARK Jump, climb and explore at SuperPark Macquarie! Don't miss out on this fun!
<b>10th THURSDAY</b> PARK CHALLENGE Team up and complete the challenges - who will be the challenge champion?	<b>17th THURSDAY</b> GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL DISCO DANCE PARTY to support the Good Friday Appeal. Bring a gift item donation for a special Lunch treat!
<b>11th FRIDAY</b> COLOUR RUN Come dressed in white, leave FULL OF COLOUR!	<b>18th FRIDAY</b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY <b>CLOSED</b>

ENROL NOW AT SCHOOLS.OW.VEV.AU WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH

APRIL 2025

<b>IMAGINARY INSECTS</b> Make your own imaginary insects using found natural materials, in this fun Creative Me workshop. <b>Monday 7th April 10am - 11.30am</b> \$35 Prep to Grade 6	<b>STORYBOARD DRAMA</b> Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and energetic performance workshop. <b>Wednesday 9th April 9.30am - 12.30pm</b> \$35 Prep to Grade 6
<b>STORYBOARD DRAMA</b> Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and energetic performance workshop. <b>Wednesday 9th April 1pm - 4pm</b> \$35 Prep to Grade 6	<b>BENDY BUDDIES</b> Bendy Buddies Yoga is a joyful and playful yoga adventure designed for little yogis. <b>Thursday 10th April 9.30am - 10am</b> \$10 Preschoolers Aged 2 - 5 years
<b>CREATIVE YOGA FOR KIDS</b> Join Sarah for this unique blend of yoga, fun and relaxation perfect for primary school kids. <b>Thursday 10th April 10.30am - 11.30am</b> \$15 Prep to Grade 6	<b>YOGA FOR TEENS</b> Recharge, refocus, and release stress through mindful movement and breathwork. <b>Thursday 10th April 12noon - 1pm</b> \$15 Years 7 - 12
<b>SUN CATCHER WORKSHOP</b> Get creative with our volunteers and transform old CDs into stunning sun catchers. <b>Monday 14th April 10am - 11.30am</b> \$10 Prep to Grade 6	<b>EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOP</b> Using pipe cleaners, a wooden log and your imagination, create an Easter decoration with Creative Me. <b>Wednesday 16th April 10am - 11.30am</b> \$35 Prep to Grade 6

For more information or to make a booking, visit our website: [www.woodendnh.org.au](http://www.woodendnh.org.au) or call 5427 1845

## Energising Yoga building connection

Term 2, 2025

Embrace the day connecting to adaptability, creativity and strength with a yoga practice helping unite the mind, body + breath.

This yoga practice invites connection to sound vibrations, movement, focus and breath to build connection of mind, body and breath.

**When** Wednesday 23rd April - 2nd July 8.30-9am

**Where** Mt Macedon PS Multipurpose Room

**Investment** \$110 per child for the term

**To enrol** Contact Shanti Studio: [shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com](mailto:shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com)

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## MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

### MIDWEEK JUNIOR BASKETBALL

WINTER SEASON 2025  
15 WEEK SEASON - STARTING 12TH MAY

**NEW SEASON. NEW LOOK!**  
CREATE YOUR OWN TEAM WITH FRIENDS!  
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**\$150 40TH BIRTHDAY EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**  
ENDS SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH  
AFTER THIS DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$210

**AGE GROUPS**

<b>MAJOR</b>	<b>TURBO</b>	<b>WARRIOR</b>
JUNIOR GIRLS	U12 BOYS	U10 BOYS
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	U14 BOYS	
	U16 BOYS	

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE - [WWW.MRBA.ORG.AU](http://WWW.MRBA.ORG.AU)

HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE **40 YEARS OF MRBA**


## Prospective Parent Evening

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

**Tuesday 29th April**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm

The Barcham Theatre, Gisborne Secondary College

Scan the QR code to find out more and register your attendance

## Register your child for 3 or 4 year old kindergarten 2026

Give your child the best start to their learning journey at one of Council's eight kindergartens. Register online by 31 May 2025.

Visit [mrc.vic.gov.au/childcare](http://mrc.vic.gov.au/childcare) or call our Enrolment Officer on 5422 0239 to register.




## A pause for Parents

**Mondays 3 - 3.30pm** during term 2  
**Mt Macedon PS, MP Room**  
\$90 per parent for the term (toddlers welcome)

Embrace this 1/2hr pause for you before school pickup. Allow mind, body and breath to connect in this gentle yoga practice, flowing from sights to sounds, movement to breath to invite an extra spring to the step for the afternoon.

To save a mat email Shanti Studio [shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com](mailto:shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com)



## Mindful Yoga growing kindness

Term 2, 2025

Start the day with a yoga practice helping to connect the mind, body and breath to balance, calm and strength.

This yoga practice invites a flow through sound vibrations, movement, mindfulness and breath, to explore how we can show ourselves, each other and the world kindness.

**When** Monday 20th April - 30th June (excluding 9th June - King's birthday) 8.30-9am

**Where** Mt Macedon PS Multipurpose Room

**Investment** \$90 per child for the term

**To enrol** Contact Shanti Studio: [shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com](mailto:shantistudiowoodend@gmail.com)

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**MACEDON RANGES TENNIS COACHING**

**GAME! SET! MATCH!**

**Term 2 2025**  
Starts Tuesday 22 April

**Multiple Locations**  
Riddells Creek, Romsey, New Gisborne

**HotShots, Group and Private Coaching, High Performance Squads**

**FREE TRIAL LESSON\***  
\*NEW STUDENTS ONLY

[mrtc.scott@gmail.com](mailto:mrtc.scott@gmail.com)

0414 493 948

**ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2**

Macedon Rangers Soccer Club

**PLAY SOCCER IN 2025**

**SENIORS JUNIORS**

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Based in Romsey, the Macedon Rangers Soccer Club champions a family-friendly environment centred around supporting our volunteers, players and parents.

Follow us on Facebook or scan the QR code below to visit our website for more info.

**WEBSITE**

**MACEDON RANGERS SC**

#HeartoftheRangers

**A NIGHT WITH THE BLOKES**

**OF NEWHAM MECHANICS INSTITUTE**

**6:30PM THUR 22 MAY**

Join us for an engaging & impactful workshop to explore men's mental health and how we can better look after ourselves, our mates, our families and our community of Macedon Ranges, exploring what tomorrow's man might look like.

**NEWHAM MECHANICS INSTITUTE**  
1292 ROCHFORD ROAD, NEWHAM, VIC, 3442

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**  
**FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL**

**REGISTER NOW**

**Beleza** SCHOOL UNIFORMS

27/03/2025

Dear School Community,

**Temporary Changes to Trading Hours for School Holidays**

With the end of Term 1 quickly approaching, we'd like to advise you that there are changes to the trading hours of all Beleza retail stores during the holiday break. Your local Beleza store will be closed during the first week of holidays.

We'd recommend families check their local store's Google listing to confirm opening hours before visiting a store. As we have multiple Beleza locations across Victoria, we suggest searching "**Beleza + Your Suburb Name**" to ensure you're getting the most relevant information.

Please note that **all stores will be closed From Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of April until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of April**. We'll return to our usual trading days and hours across all stores **from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of April**, however as our trading days differ from store to store, please check your local store's trading hours.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause, and thank you for your understanding. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms



# SIGNIFICANT DATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE

8<sup>th</sup> March – International Women’s Day  
17–23<sup>rd</sup> March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week  
17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Harmony Week  
April – Autism Acceptance Month  
20<sup>th</sup> May – International day of Happiness  
MAY – Australians Biggest Morning Tea  
12–17<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Awareness Week  
17<sup>th</sup> May – IDAHOBIT  
11–15<sup>th</sup> August – Bullying No Way, National Week of Action  
30<sup>th</sup> August – Wear it purple day  
31<sup>st</sup> August – Daffodil Day  
10<sup>th</sup> September – World Suicide Prevention Day  
12<sup>th</sup> September – R U OK? Day  
October – Mental Health Awareness Month  
10<sup>th</sup> October – World Mental Health Day  
14<sup>th</sup> November – World Diabetes Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> December – International Day of People with a Disability

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### Key Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dates

26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Invasion Day / Australia Day  
20<sup>th</sup> March – National Close the Gap Day  
26<sup>th</sup> May – National Sorry Day  
27<sup>th</sup> May – Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum  
27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Reconciliation Week  
3<sup>rd</sup> June – Mabo Day  
July 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – NAIDOC Week  
4<sup>th</sup> August – National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day  
9<sup>th</sup> August – International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples  
3<sup>rd</sup> September (First Wednesday) – Indigenous Literacy Day

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## Acknowledgement of Country

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.

