

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT Macedon PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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17th Lantern Parade @ 6pm

Hello everyone,

School Photos: Next Monday, the 30th of March is School Photo Day! School photos will be taken in the morning sessions, beginning with our Foundation/One classroom. Students are asked to be in full school uniform. Photos can be ordered via Compass.

Bike Education Update: It was so wonderful to head off on the Macedon Bike Ride on Tuesday with our grade 4, 5 and 6 students. The ride was a decent challenge that allowed students to practice riding on a variety of different surfaces and with a range of inclines. A big thank you to all our parent helpers.

We are all gearing up for the biggest bike ride of the year and the finale to our Grade 4 Bike Ed program, the Williamstown Bike Ride! We will be heading down to Melbourne next Wednesday for a beautiful ride from Maribyrnong to Williamstown and back. If you are available to help out on the day (it is really one of the best excursions we are able to run here) please contact the school to let us know!

Grade 6 Leadership Conference: Our Grade 6 students are heading down to the city tomorrow, Friday the 27th of March to attend the National Young Leaders Day Conference. The conference showcases a number of inspirational speakers who exemplify the many different ways we can all be leaders! Our students will get to participate in keynote addresses and workshops and bring back some ideas on how to develop their own leadership styles here at MMPS.

Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS): As part of our strategic planning for the year MMPS are looking at using the PCMS framework to support and reinforce our expectations around student behaviour. Part of this work is reviewing and re-familiarising ourselves with our school values and expectations. Staff are beginning their Professional Learning on PCMS next week.

2026 Run The Rock: A big congratulations to all from our school community who competed in the 2026 Run The Rock fun run at Hanging Rock on the weekend. It was a glorious morning for a run and a special shout out goes to Teddy from Grade One who was our only student representative on the morning! Congratulations Teddy!

Last Day of Term: Just a reminder that next Thursday the 2nd of April we will be holding our Easter Raffle from 1:45PM in our school hall. It forms part of our final assembly for the term. School will then finish at 2:30PM.

Easter Raffle Donations: We are still calling out for donations for our Easter Raffle prizes. These can be dropped off here at school in your child's classroom or to the front office.

FOS Helpers and Volunteers: Just a reminder that if you would like to sign up to help for an event or activity here at MMPS you will need to complete the *Volunteer Induction Procedure* available via QR code at the front office or below. One of the important parts of this is providing your *Working With Children Check* information to us before volunteering. This record makes sure we are keeping all of our events as child safe as we can.

I hope everyone is looking after themselves as we head into the holidays!

Many thanks, Joe.



Macedon Bike Ride

On Tuesday the Grade 4,5 and 6's went on our annual bike ride, the Macedon Bike Ride. We started off by revising our rules and regulations before hopping on the bikes. The ride began by riding down Waterfalls Road. Then we had a break at Tony Clarke to get a quick sip and recover for the long ride ahead of us. After going through a few stops we were all tired and exhausted when we got to the top, our legs felt like they were almost going to fall off, we all had fun but it was a tough day, but we all had fun in the end. The Grade 4's had biked with Mr Sonogan a few weeks before so they were super keen to get on the bikes.

By our MMPS House Captains, edited by Yash

World Maths Day

Tomorrow, on the 25 of March, we have World Maths Day. In which the whole school learnt about tessellation. Tessellations are reoccurring shapes which fit perfectly without any gaps or overlaps to make an artwork.

M C Escher, a huge figure in the tessellation artwork committee, he made various tessellation such as;

- Drawing Hands
- Symmetry Drawing
- Double Planetoil
- Concentric Rinds
- And many more!

The students learnt about the different ways to make/create tessellations. To do this, we all coloured in different whales to create a tessellation!

But tomorrow we will hop onto Mathletics and compete against people for all around the world to see who is the real champion of maths!

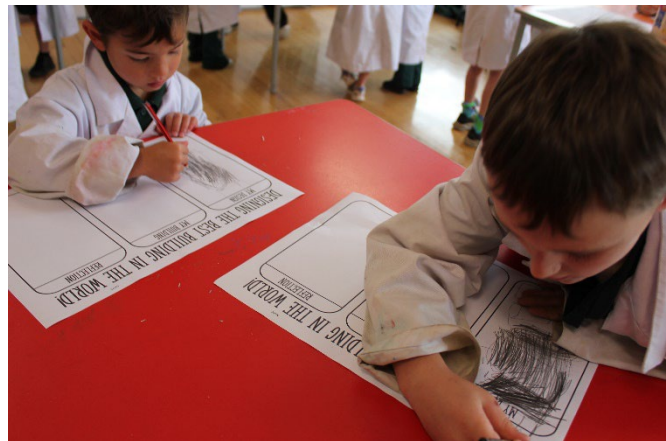
School Photos

This is just a quick reminder of when and what to do for the school photos. School photos are on the last Monday of term. Make sure your child is ready in their full school uniform, and is looking sharp (as always).

By School Reporter Yash Sarma.



THIS WEEK AT MMPS by student photographer Cato



Foundation (Prep) enrolment: Newsletter article

Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2027

All Victorian government primary schools follow a statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2027, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 31 July 2026**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2027, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school.

It is important to submit your enrolment application to us on time as it will ensure your child is included in all transition activities if offered enrolment at our school. This also allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities, and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

If you would like to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) in 2027, please complete an enrolment form, found in reception or on our website.

Let's face it: our students are growing up in a digital world. Eventually, they will step into the unmoderated landscape of real social media. Before they do, we want to give them a safe "sandbox" to learn the ropes.

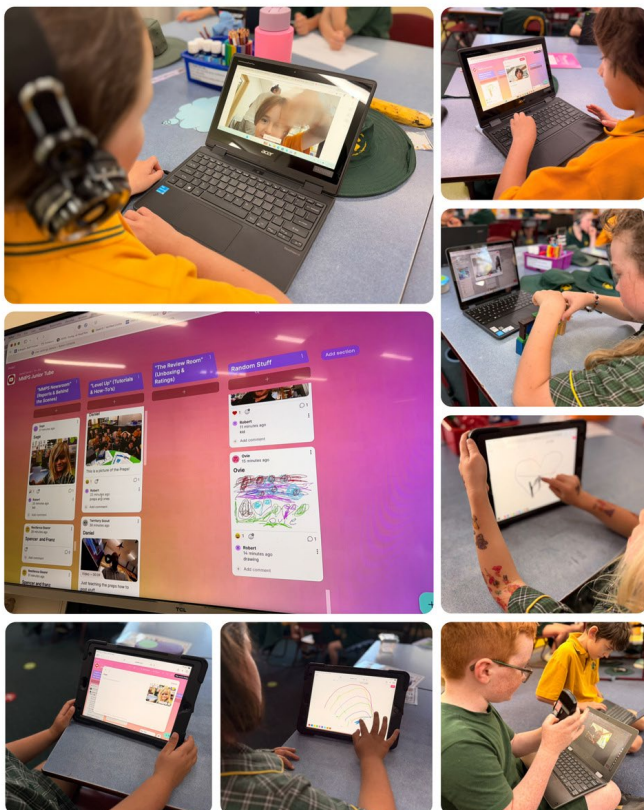
This week at MMPS, we launched a secure digital gallery (for Juniors, Middles, and Seniors) using an educational platform called Padlet. The goal is to let students experience how a social media feed works in a positive, guided environment—focusing on sharing great content and learning how to leave constructive, kind comments for their peers.

The golden rule of our new gallery is simple: **all original work**. We are shifting the focus from passively watching screens to actively creating. Students aren't just sharing things they found online; they are the designers, directors, and artists of their own content.

During our launch session, the kids uploaded an incredible variety of digital masterpieces, from short video tutorials to original digital drawings and even custom 3D models.

Because this is a training ground, we've made a deliberate choice: the gallery is self-monitored by the students. Instead of teachers acting as a roadblock and pre-approving every single post, we are empowering the kids to practice digital independence. They are learning firsthand how to self-regulate what they share, uphold our school values online, and support each other through positive feedback.

Will this all fall apart and leave me greeted with a string of pictures of feet and terrible jokes? Possibly. But that is a learning outcome I am willing to risk! (*Don't worry, I am keeping a close eye on the posts*).



GRADE 1/2

In Grade 1/2 we have finished our last inquiry unit which had the Central Idea 'People in our community have different roles'. We chose a role in the community that we were interested in and did an interview to find out all about what they do. We then made a PowerPoint presentation that we shared with the class. Everyone was so proud of the computer skills (typing, changing backgrounds and adding images) that we strengthened.



Our current unit of inquiry is about celebrations, with the Central Idea 'People in our community celebrate special events'. The colour run (Holi Festival) was a fun way to start our new unit. We have come up with some interesting wonderings and are looking forward to learning about different celebrations.

Protecting against measles

Measles cases are rising in Victoria and around the world. Returned travellers make up most cases, but local spread has also been detected.

Vaccination is the most safe and effective way to protect yourself and others against measles. People need 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine to be fully protected.

To help protect against measles, you should check your family's measles vaccinations today. This is particularly important if you are:

- planning any travel
- were born during or after 1966
- were born overseas.

You can check your measles vaccination records: · on your Medicare online account through MyGov or by contacting the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809

- on your personal health records, such as your childhood immunisation records
- by speaking to your GP or immunisation provider.

About measles Measles is a viral infection. It spreads easily from airborne droplets, such as from coughing or sneezing, and nose and throat secretions.

Symptoms may include:

- fever
- feeling tired or unwell
- cough or runny nose
- sore and red eyes (conjunctivitis)
- diarrhoea – especially in infants.

This is usually followed by a red, blotchy, non-itchy rash that often starts on the face before spreading down the body.

Measles can cause serious illness and be life-threatening. People who are not fully immunised or have not had a previous measles infection are at increased risk.

Pregnant women, children aged under 5 years and those with weakened immune systems are at increased risk of severe illness and complications.

If your child develops measles symptoms, you should:

- keep your child home from school and seek medical care and testing
- call the health service and wear a face mask when travelling to and attending the health service
- let our school know if your child has measles, or is being tested for measles
- keep your child at home until well and advised by a health professional.

Protecting Against Measles cont.

Free measles vaccines

Anyone who does not have 2 doses of measles vaccine, or is unsure, can get a measles vaccine.

Free vaccines are available for:

- infants aged 12 months to 18 months
- children and teenagers aged under 20 years
- adult refugees and humanitarian entrants.

Free vaccines are also available for anyone with or without a Medicare card if they are:

- born during or after 1966 who have not received 2
- infants from 6 months and before 11 months of age before overseas travel.

Vaccination is widely available at your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service. Call ahead to see if you are eligible for a free vaccine.

[For schools with primary school students] If your child has had new or catch-up vaccines, we encourage you to give our school an updated immunisation history statement.

Find out more

For more information, refer to: · the Better Health Channel web page [How to find your immunisation records](#) · the Department of Health for translated resources about measles and measles immunisations

- your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service.

Our school cares about the safety and wellbeing of our students and their families.

Sometimes things at home or in a relationship are not OK or families can be worried about the wellbeing of their children or young people.

The Orange Door can help you to get the support you need, quickly and easily. It's free and you don't need a referral.

The Orange Door

The Orange Door can help families. They provide support for concerns with parenting, relationships, and family violence.

The Orange Door is a free intake and assessment service for:

- families requiring support for their child or young person's wellbeing or development
- families needing parenting support
- young, isolated, or unsupported families
- individuals and families experiencing family violence
- adults using family violence
- young people using violence in the home.

If you contact The Orange Door, they can help by:

- working with you to identify the help and support you need
- supporting you with the wellbeing and development of your child or young person
- helping you make a safety plan if someone is making you feel unsafe
- connecting you to services that can help like counselling, accommodation, mental health and drug and alcohol services, parenting support groups, services for children, financial help, or legal assistance
- supporting you to access funding for basic living expenses and some other costs
- supporting you to change abusive or controlling behaviour.

Each Orange Door location across Victoria has their own phone number and email. Students and their families can also visit their local Orange Door in person for support, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm for support. No appointment is needed.

To find your local service, see: [The Orange Door – Support near you](#).

How schools connect with The Orange Door

Our school might talk to a student and/or their family about The Orange Door. We might encourage them to contact their local Orange Door to get advice and help if needed.

Ideally, a student and/or their family will get in touch with The Orange Door to seek advice and support.

Sometimes, schools might make a referral to The Orange Door without the student or their family's knowledge or consent. Schools will do this if:

- informing a student and/or family increases the risk to their safety or wellbeing
- not linking a student to support increases the risk of their safety and wellbeing.

You can learn more about:

- The Orange Door and how they can help you and your family [here](#).
- how our school keeps our students safe by reading our [INSERT LINK to your school's] Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and our [INSERT LINK to your school's] Child Safety Code of Conduct.



Mount Macedon Primary School is once again participating in the **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge**. The challenge encourages students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts. Students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate at the end of the year. All students are participating, with junior class teachers keeping a whole class record of books read together, while senior classes (Grade 4, 5 and 6) are adding their own books. The challenge closes at the end of Term 3, so keep reading and adding books!

<https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>



MACEDON RANGES
AUTUMN FESTIVAL
April 1-30
EAT • DRINK • EXPLORE
A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION ACROSS NINE VILLAGES

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WE'LL TALK ABOUT:

- ✓ What vaping actually is
- ✓ Why young people are tempted
- ✓ Why it's a concern
- ✓ What you can do – practical tools that work

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026
TIME 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
PLATFORM Online

TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO:
MRSQ.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/162334

About Bron
Bron Greve is the Community Health Nurse at Dholakya Health with over 22 years experience supporting young people. She delivers community education on youth health, youth risks, relationships and risk behaviour, including vaping.

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MRBA DOMESTIC BASKETBALL

• JUNIOR BASKETBALL - PLAYERS WANTED! •

THE MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION IS WELCOMING NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS TO OUR JUNIOR DOMESTIC MID-WEEK COMPETITION.

WE'RE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR PLAYERS IN:
GIRLS (MONDAYS) UNDER 10-14 FROM 5:00PM
BOYS (TUESDAYS) UNDER 10 AT 4:30PM
BOYS (TUESDAYS) UNDER 12 & 14 FROM 5:00PM

LOCAL VENUES:
MACEDON RANGES SPORTS PRECINCT & WILLOWBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
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www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/9adae9
email: domestic@mrba.org.au

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC FOR GIRLS 10-14

Thursday 9th April
2:30-4:00 at Tony Clarke Reserve

Email tamaracollins8@bigpond.com to register/enquiries or just turn up on the day

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

PLAY.AF1/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS

ROMSEY AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

THURSDAY 16th APRIL | 9AM-3PM
ROMSEY RECREATION RESERVE
BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-12
\$55 PER PERSON

Mt Macedon OSHC

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Coordinator message:
Dear Parents/Carers,
We are excited to offer the Mt Macedon OSHC to help to support your child's school care program with play and learning experiences. We are committed to providing the highest quality care that supports both children and families. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us online or by calling the club's leaders and staff who are happy to help.

Hours of operation:

- Before school care 6:30am-8:45am (taking expression of interests please either call or email one of the contacts below)
- After school care 3:30pm-6:30pm
- Holiday program 7am-6:30pm

Contact Information:
Program Coordinator: Tanya Calvert
Email: tmc@mtmacedonoshc.org.au
Phone: 7082 4375
Schools and office:
Email: admin@schoolsout.net.au
Phone: 1800 829 106

Why choose us?

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- A program that fosters independence and confidence
- Supportive educators who guide and nurture every child
- Safe, inclusive and welcoming environment

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN AT WNH
APRIL 2026

CREATIVE YOGA: HOP INTO AUTUMN
Embrace creative moments, gentle movement, and time to rest as we connect with the senses.
Tuesday 7th April • 10am - 12noon
\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

DRAMA WORKSHOP
Join the crew at Storyboard Drama for a fun and energetic performance workshop
Wednesday 8th April • 9.30am - 12.30pm
\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

UNDER THE SEA AQUARIUM WORKSHOP
Join us these school holidays for a joyful, under-the-sea inspired creative workshop.
Wednesday 15th April • 10.30am - 12noon
\$35 pp Prep to Grade 6

DOLPHIN DRUMMING
Experience the joy of putting together simple rhythms in this fun, interactive workshop!
Thursday 16th April • 11am - 1.30pm
\$45 pp Prep to Grade 6

For more information or to make a booking, visit our website: www.wendendh.org.au or call 5427 1845

Cooking Competition
Mystery Box Challenge! Ages 9 - 13

When: Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th April
10.30am - 12.30pm

Where: Macedon Ranges Health, 5 Neal St, Gisborne

Bookings essential
kristen.holcing@benetna.com.au
03 5428 0300

Get ready to think like a chef!

In this fun, hands-on cooking challenge, kids will open a surprise mystery box filled with fresh, healthy ingredients and create their very own masterpiece.

Participants will work in small teams to design a tasty, colourful snack - just like on MasterChef! There's no right or wrong answer, just plenty of creativity, teamwork and fun.

Our friendly judges will be looking for:

- Creative ideas
- Colourful, nutritious choices
- Eye-catching presentation
- Great teamwork

From rainbow veggie pinwheel to fruit parfaits and crunchy veggie caps, this session is all about building confidence in the kitchen while learning that healthy food can be fun and delicious. Fast-paced and full of surprises!

Community Planting and Weeding

Sat, 11 April, 10:00 - 12:00pm
3 Cable St, Macedon, Macedon
Parking at Tony Clarke Reserve

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 bottle, sun protection. All gloves and tools provided.

RSVP via Humanitix or just show up on the day.
All ages welcome.

RSVP by April 10th

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 Events Calendar

March	
9-15 March	Brain Awareness Week
13-20 March	Coeliac Awareness Week
12 March	World Kidney Day
16-20 March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
17-23 March	Harmony Week
20 March	International Day of Happiness
21 March	Close The Gap Day
26 March	Purple Day - International Epilepsy Day
30 March	World Bipolar Day
31 March	International Transgender Day of Visibility

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.

