

MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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September

4th District Hot Shots Tennis (selected students)

FOS Father's Day Event

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 & 13th & 20th SEA Program

12th Foundation BBQ Dinner

& Yr 1/2 & Yr 2/3 Sleepover camp

17th 2027 Foundation Orientation Session 1

27th PUPIL FREE DAY

December

5th MMPS Community Fete

2027 January



Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

Victorian Schools Government Agreement Update: On Monday the Department of Education has reached an in-principle agreement with the AEU on a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and all planned industrial action has been stopped. I just wanted to take the time to thank our community for the support they have shown to our school during this period of uncertainty.

Production Update: Production practice has been well and truly started with all classes meeting each week to run through the songs as a whole group and Mrs Wenczel taking the classes for Performing Arts and working out all the choreography for class dances. It is a very exciting time!

Production Tickets go on sale next week, on Monday the 24th of August. Keep an eye out on Compass for information on how to purchase tickets!

Science Week and Book Week: We have a double header of weeks running currently, Science Week and Book Week! I have enjoyed running STEM sessions with all classes this week looking at the structural engineering and science behind bridges! The upper grades have been looking at bridge designs and will be creating their own while the younger grades have been creating spaghetti houses!

We will be celebrating Book Week next week, culminating in a **dress up day** next **Friday the 28th of August!** We hope to see many inventive and wonderful costumes on the day! We will run a dress up parade during assembly on that day, it will be held in our hall from 3:00PM.

District Athletics: Good luck to all our students from grade 3-6 who are heading off to District Athletics tomorrow! Selected students will be heading down to Keilor to compete against students from other schools in our area.

KidsROAR: Next week KidsROAR will be hosting a Parents Information session covering how they will be delivering Protective Behaviours Education to our students. Information on how to join is below:

Parent / Carer Information Session Details

 **Date:** Thursday 27 August 2026

 **Time:** 8:00 PM

 **Where:** Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82687098569?pwd=wbT9k1Sl44mudjhNPpcSpanWQis6EB.1>

Meeting ID: 826 8709 8569

Passcode: 298504

There will be time at the end of the session to ask the facilitators questions directly.

(Please note: the parent session covers content not suitable for children, including statistics on abuse and information on grooming and offenders. This is for parents and carers only)

Father's Day Expressions of Interest: I have sent out a Compass notification asking for parents to complete a very short survey about our upcoming Father's Day event at the Mount Macedon Pub on Friday the 4th of September. FOS are hoping to get a bit of an idea of numbers and times and this survey will help with that. It should be a fantastic night, so please jump onto Compass and complete the survey through the News Feed post.

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.**

2026 Public Reporting School Council Meeting: All are welcome to open, public reporting School Council meeting next Tuesday the 25th of August. We will be discussing our 2025 Annual Report to the School Community before putting it up on our website for people to view there.

I hope everyone enjoyed the little 'burst' of Spring we have had this past week and stayed dry yesterday!

Thanks, Joe.

This week at MMPS!

Science Week

Science Week is a fun way for students to discover, offering students a hands-on opportunity to engage with the scientific method. Across grade 3-6', classes will focus on re-creating original experiments and writing detailed reports to document their findings. We also are going to formulate hypotheses, test out variables, and analyse their data critically. By following the footprints of researchers, students develop analytical skills and learn how to name scientific details properly.

The practical investigations for the week dive into fascinating phenomena, tailored to suit different learning levels. Grade 2/3 students will explore the unique properties of water, participating in interactive sessions. Meanwhile, 1/2's classes will take on a patient and precise chemistry project by conducting an experiment on growing crystals. Through tracking crystal formation over time, students observe molecular structures in action, blending observation with environmental science to understand how matter transforms.

Buddies

In buddies last week we read a book called the squirrels that squabbled. This book was about 2 squirrels hunting for food and they saw a pinecone and started to chase it because it was rolling down a steep slope. Then they fell off a waterfall and did not get the pinecone.

For the activity we used paper to make a cylinder and gave it the features of a squirrel like the ears, face, arms, and legs. We made them with many different colours like black, white, brown and other colours.

For the game we played octopus. Octopus is a game where you have an octopus who says run if you are wearing a yellow shirt and you have to run, but if the tagger tags you, then you either have to become a seaweed or a crab to tag other players that are running.

By Ashton and Tom/Buddy Leaders

Athletics

On the 14th of August we had District Basketball at Boardman Stadium in Sunbury. We all tried our best but sadly the boys didn't make it into the finals although the girls got in but sadly lost. The girls won one game against Macedon by ten points and the boys won a game against Macedon by four points so at least we went away with one win. We all played very well and had many close games, so I hope everyone had a lot of fun because I definitely did. I would also like to thank Tarsh and Mr Sonogan for coaching the boys and girls.

We also have Districts Athletics on Thursday 20th for students that won in House Athletics. We will be going down to Keilor to do running, discus, and many other sports. I hope we all try our best, have a lot of fun and do well

Written by Vika and Billy



Bullying No Way

Week 17-21 August, 2026

Bullying No Way Week @ MMPS

Bullying No Way Week at MMPS – Small Acts, Big Impact

This week at Mount Macedon Primary School, our students have been taking part in activities for Bullying No Way Week, exploring this year's theme: "Small Acts, Big Impact."

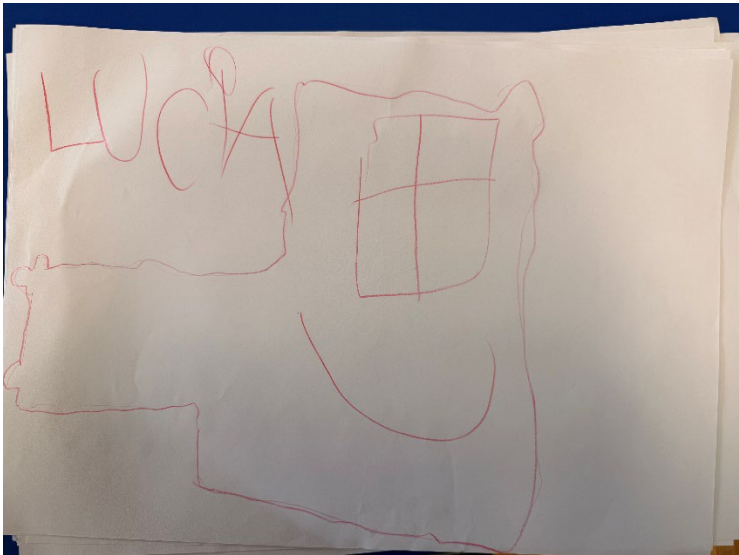
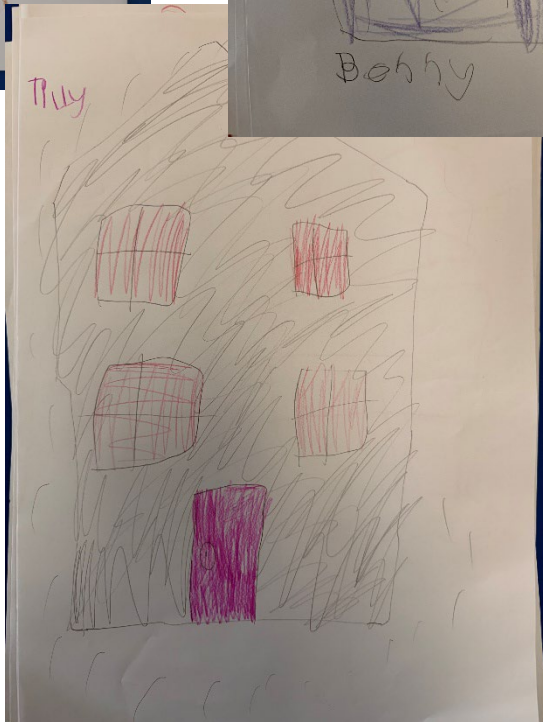
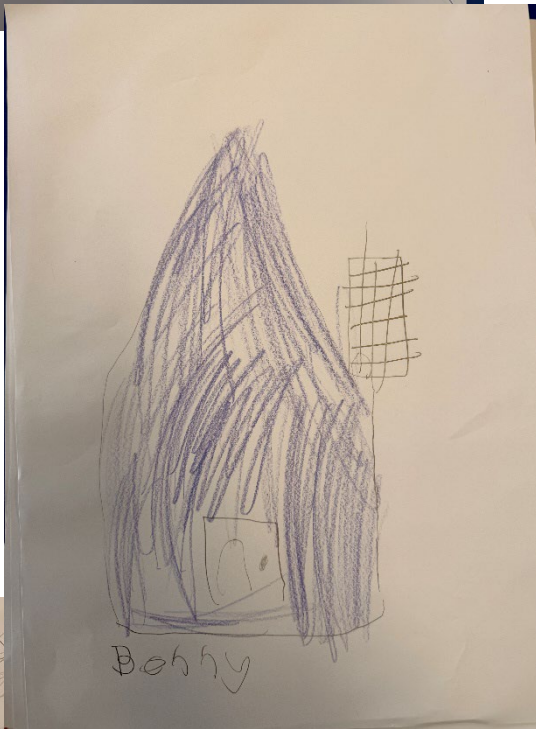
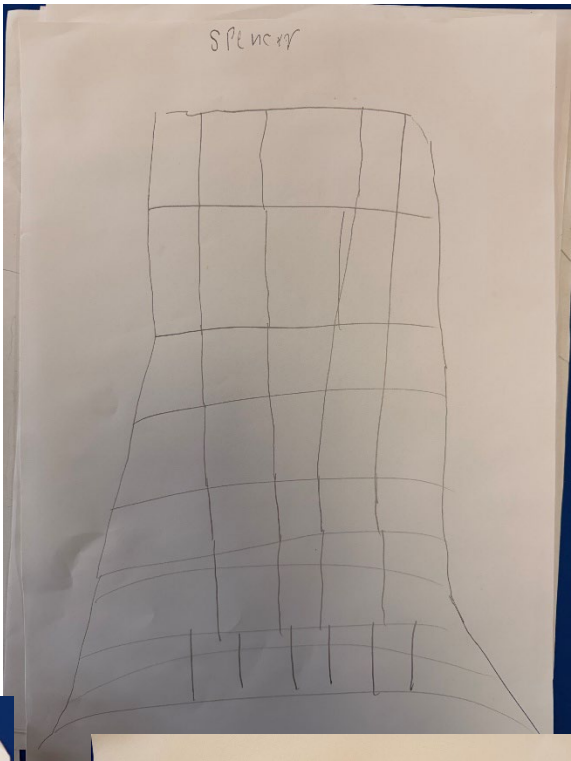
Across our classrooms, students have been talking about what kindness and inclusion look like, feel like and sound like, and considering how small everyday actions can make a big difference to someone else. Ideas included inviting someone to join a game, helping a friend, checking that someone is okay, sharing, taking turns and speaking up when something isn't kind.

Our younger students created a beautiful "kindness ripple" display, with each student contributing a water drop showing what kindness means to them. Together, the drops demonstrate how one small act can create a ripple that spreads through our community.

At MMPS, we know that building a safe and inclusive school community happens through the small things we do every day. By showing kindness, including others, listening respectfully and supporting one another, we can all help create a school where everyone feels accepted, respected and valued.

This week's challenge: Look for a small act of kindness that could make a big difference to someone else!





Inquiry Foundation/Year 1

Exploring Living Things and Their Habitats

This term, as part of our inquiry into the concept “Living things have basic needs,” students have been exploring the needs of living things and the habitats they depend on.



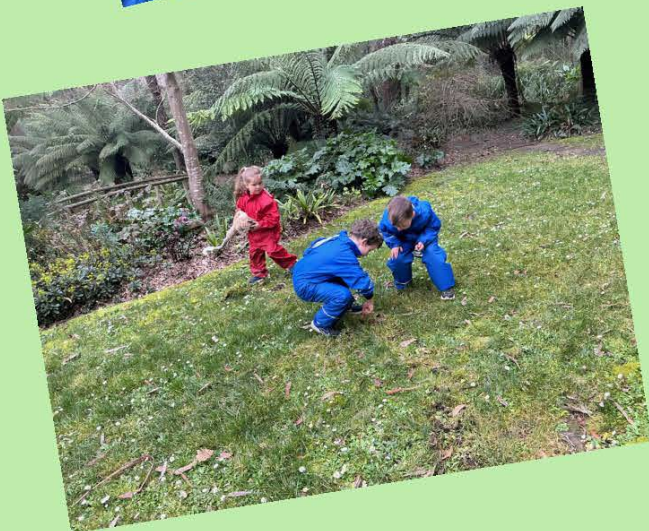
We have been very fortunate to have Emily from Sustainability Victoria join us to facilitate some wonderful hands-on learning experiences. A

few weeks ago, Emily brought in a range of water insects for the students to investigate. The students had a brilliant time searching for water bugs and carefully transferring them into bug viewers so they could observe them up close.



This week, we donned our puddle suits and ventured next door to Viewfield. A big thank you to Vicki for allowing us to visit.

Exploring around the creek, students searched for insects and looked closely for evidence of animals, including nibbled leaves, footprints and droppings. Emily also brought along a range of native animal toys, and students worked together to identify the best habitat for each animal.



It was a fantastic opportunity for students to get outside, explore our local environment and deepen their understanding of the needs of living things. We had a fabulous time learning through hands-on exploration!

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Musicians, singers, poets, comedians and performers of all kinds are invited to take the mic

Thursday 10 September 7.00pm – 10.00pm
Shamrock Hotel, 120 Mollison Street, Kyneton

Whether you're an experienced performer or stepping onto the stage for the very first time, everyone is welcome to share their talent in a fun, friendly and supportive atmosphere.

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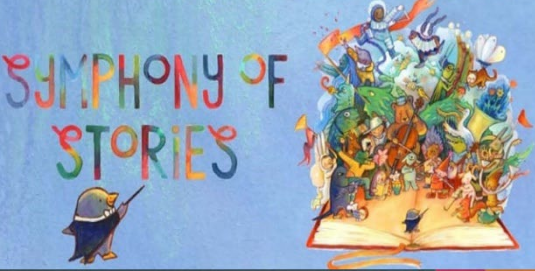
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2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

22-28 August 2026



DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

Come dressed as your favourite character!





Mindful Girls *teen*

AGES 13-15

A welcoming space for teenage girls to build confidence, strengthen emotional wellbeing and navigate adolescence with greater self-awareness and resilience.

- Girls will focus on:
 - Identity and self-worth
 - Managing stress and anxiety
 - Healthy relationships and boundaries
 - Emotional wellbeing
 - Confidence and resilience
 - Practical coping strategies

Location
Gisborne, Victoria

Session Length
60-minute sessions

Small Group Sizes

Creating a safe, supportive and personalised experience.



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Mindful Girls *bloom*

AGES 9-12

Designed for girls navigating the important years where confidence, friendships and emotional wellbeing become increasingly important. Bloom helps girls feel supported while developing lifelong skills for resilience.

- Girls will explore:
 - Confidence and self-esteem
 - Healthy friendships
 - Managing worries and big emotions
 - Growth mindset
 - Resilience
 - Self-care and wellbeing

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Kyneton Emergency Services

Open Day 2026

Step behind the badge and discover the rich history and modern policing of the Macedon Ranges at Kyneton Polices inaugural Emergency Services Community Open Day.

Bring the whole family for a unique opportunity to tour the Kyneton Police Station and meet members from some of Victoria Polices specialist units and our partners including Kyneton CFA, SES and Ambulance Victoria.

Date: Saturday, 5th of September 2026
Time: 10:00AM - 3:00PM
Location: Kyneton Police Station - 16 Jennings Street Kyneton Victoria 3444

SCAN HERE



Scan the QR code to find out more and register

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

August	
TBC	National Stroke Week
10-14 Aug	Bullying No Way: National Week of Action 
12 Aug	International Youth Day 
17-23 Aug	Brain Injury Awareness Week
26 Aug	National Meals on Wheels Day
28 Aug	Wear It Purple 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 viik, Country.

Nagujin, thank you.



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

