

WELCOME TO THE MOUNT MACEDON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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these dates for
any changes.

Any changes will
also be reflected
on Compass

Important Term Dates

February

14th Whole School House Swimming Carnival
25th District Swimming (selected students only)

March

3rd – Year 6 Leadership Conference
6th – Whole School House Athletics Carnival
10th – Labour Day Holiday
11th – 14th – Dental Van Visit
11th Division Swimming (selected students only)
14th FOS Colour Run @ 3pm
1st – Year 3-6 House Cross Country
25TH – District Futsal Day 1
31st – SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

April

1st – District Futsal Day 2
4th – Last Day of Term finish at 2.30

Principal's Report

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is getting back into the swing of school routine! I'm sure you are all working with some fairly tired children as we get used to being back at school fulltime.

Settling into 2025: It has been a wonderful start to the year. Watching the Foundation students settle in has been wonderful, they have had time with their grade 6 buddies and have had a number of specialist classes including Digitech, Japanese and Art. Across the board we have had smiles and positivity among staff and students.

Relocation: As you will already know, tomorrow is forecast as an Extreme weather day. This has triggered our Relocation plan. We will be relocating to Romsey PS for the day. Please refer to Compass messages sent out this morning for more information. Please make sure your household has replied to the school mobile with your intentions about relocating with the school or for your child/ren to be staying at home.

Student Leadership: It has been wonderful seeing our Grade 6 Leaders take on the opportunity to make their roles their own. We have had our Wellbeing Leaders set up a lunchtime mindfulness session and our Green Team leader develop some ideas for sustainability here at MMPS. Our Grade 6 students will be heading off to a Leadership Conference in a few weeks to learn about being leaders who demonstrate kindness and discipline in their roles and responsibilities.

Swimming Carnival: We will be heading off to the Woodend pool on Friday for our annual Swimming Carnival. Students will be catching the bus to Woodend and will be competing in a number of novelty and swimming races. We encourage parents to come on down and be a part of the day, either through volunteering or cheering on all of our students. If you have volunteered to help on the day Mrs Stone will be in touch soon with any relevant information. Payment and permission for the event is required and can be provided via Compass. Please make sure you have done so.

Welcome BBQ: It was so lovely to see so many new and familiar faces at our annual welcome BBQ last Friday night. The event is a great opportunity for people to catch up after the summer break and to meet new families, showing off just how wonderful the MMPS parent community really is!

School's OUT: Don't forget to sign up for School's OUT out of school hours care (OSHC)! The program that Schools OUT run is fantastic and engaging, students are absolutely loving it! Our advice is to start the sign-up process and get your child registered even if you do not have the need to use it at the moment. Students will need to be registered before using the service and this cannot usually be done on the spot if you did happen to require OSHC at late notice. We can help with registering your child if you need assistance, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Please feel free to come in and see me if you have any questions or concerns regarding anything at all,
Joe.

Year 6 School Reporters

Introducing our weekly article from our student reporters, Flora and Jasper.....

Hi all!

Swimming Carnival:

As most people know we have the school Swimming Carnival coming up this week on Friday (14th FEB). All the classes will go on buses and the F-2 classes do fun games in the little pool and the classes from three to six swim laps in the big pool. cd

New Foundation Students:

This week we asked the Foundation class what their favourite things about school were and these are some of their responses - playing with friends, the dinosaur toys and playdough, reading my reader book, playing with my buddy, drawing, spelling and playing with the toys. We think that the preps have had an awesome time so far, in the two weeks they have been here at our school

Wellbeing:

This week we had the first session of the Mindfulness Club which will take place at lunch time every Monday. A big thanks to Emily and Matilda (our Wellbeing Leaders) for setting this up.

This year our grade 6s each have a leadership role. Our school captains are Mirra Newlove and Raphy Crawford.

The Sports Captains are Pearl S, Daniel W, Will Z and Chloe P

The Photographers and Reporters are Flora Q and Jasper E

The Junior School Captains are Eleanor D and Clementine S

The Wellbeing Leaders are Emily W and Matilda L

The green leader is Ethan H

Our Buddy Leaders are Sybil T and Ivy G

The Art and Library monitor is Sofia K

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Written by Flora Q and Jasper E, MMPS reporters



PE Report



Welcome to a busy term 1 of sport! Starting off with our House Swimming Carnival this coming Friday. Thank you to all the parents who have put their hand up to volunteer, I am truly grateful as these fun days for the kids cannot go ahead without you. I will be in touch with our volunteers today.

See below a run-down of the day. Please note that age groups or events may vary in order due to smaller heats etc.:

MMPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL PROGRAM 2025

9.30AM Students arrive and set up

9.45AM Student Briefing

10.00am FIRST EVENT BEGINS

EVENT NUMBER	STROKE	AGE GROUP AND GENDER
FREESTYLE		
1		9/10 girls 25m Heat 1
2		9/10 girls 25m Heat 2
3		9/10 girls 50m
4		9/10 boys 25m Heat 1
5		9/10 boys 25m Heat 2
6		9/10 boys 50m
7		11 girls 25m
8		11 girls 50m
9		11 boys 25m
10		11 boys 50m
11		12 Girls 25m
12		12 Girls 50m
13		12 Boys 25m
14		12 Boys 50m
BACKSTROKE		
15		9/10 girls 25m HEAT 1
16		9/10 girls 25m HEAT 2
17		9/10 girls 50m
18		9/10 boys 25m

19		9/10 boys 50m
20		11 girls 25m
21		11 girls 50m
22		11 boys 25m
23		11 boys 50m
24		12 girls 25m
25		12 girls 50m
26		12 boys 25m
27		12 boys 50m
BREASTSTROKE		
28		9/10 girls 25m
29		9/10 girls 50m
30		9/10 boys 25m
31		9/10 boys 50m
32		11 girls 25m
33		11 girls 50m
34		11 boys 25m
35		11 boys 50m
36		12 girls 25/50m
37		12 boys 25m/50m
BUTTERFLY		
38		MIXED AGE/GENDER 25M
NOVELTY RACES		
39		MIXED AGE/GENDER

1.30-2pm (approximately) Students get changed and clean area, get ready to board buses.

Thank you,

Jess Stone – PE Teacher

This week in DigiTech

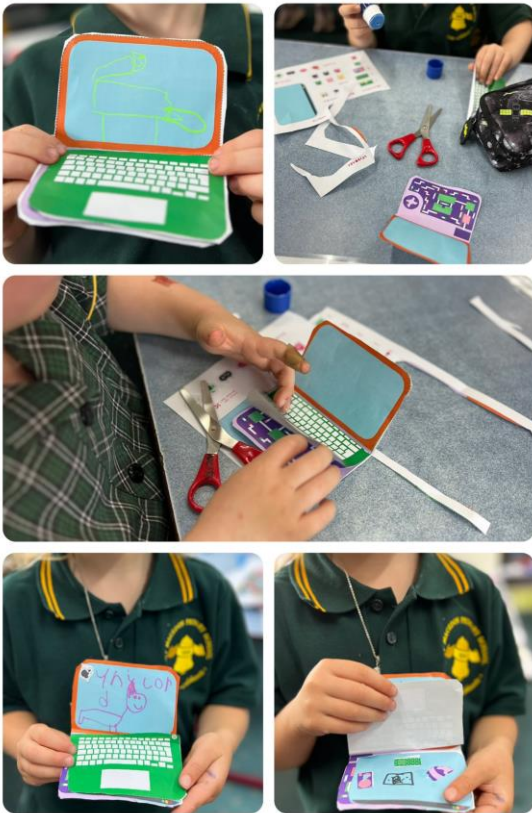
Today, we had our first Digital Technology class with the new Foundation students, and it was a fantastic introduction to the world of tech!

Since we'll be using computers in the coming weeks, I thought it would be a great idea to explore how one actually works—by pulling a real one apart. We, of course, talked about safety when working with electronics (and, perhaps more importantly, the rule of *not* pulling apart Mum's laptop for homework!). As we dismantled the computer, we discussed each key component and its function.

Students then had the chance to build their own 'laptop,' carefully placing all the parts in the correct spots.

Note: I may need to introduce my *world-famous* sense of humour a little later in the term. There were a few disappointed faces when they realised that my promise—"Yes, you're going to get your very own laptop to take home today!"—actually referred to a laptop made of paper.

Mr Garcia



Yoga on the Mt.

Hello...OM!

Hope this finds each of you well.

What a welcome to 2025 it's been...thank you! It is a joy returning to the multipurpose room this year, to share yoga Mondays and Wednesdays, 8.30-9am.

Monday's Mindful Yoga has been inviting the eyes and ears to connect, while reducing the words spoken. Then practice invites movement from top of the head, to the tips of the toes, before mindfully connecting to a sensory tub of salt, rice and lavender.

Then on Wednesday's, a Yoga Adventure invites time to connect to creativity. Exploring how the same letter can be used for many different words...for example S is for Sarah and Smile! We then create a 'lucky dip' yoga flow, by pulling poses from the 'lucky dip' of yoga cards. Once we all have a card, we create an adventure and practice together!

To those sharing time on the mat, thank you! And for anyone curious, there are still a few mats left if you wish to practice too!

With peace and joy, Sarah

The Patch!

Our Year 6 students were hard at work cleaning up the school with Mr. Flynn in preparation for Bushfire Safety.

Well done everyone!



Year 6 Leaders hard at work

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Annual Privacy Reminder for our School Community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, [Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use website sites and programs safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using devices to access the internet or online programs, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

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.

