Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**ANZAC DAY:**
Thank you to the families who marched in the Anzac Day March on Thursday. It was good to see the school represented so well. Congratulations to Bonnie and Ned who laid the school’s wreath at the Cenotaph during the ceremony, showing due respect as they did so. Well done also to Ethan Mott, who won the school based competition for writing about Anzac Day, and who read his story at the service. Ethan spoke so well, and many people commented on his maturity in doing such a good job with his writing and his presentation. His story was in the newsletter last week and will be on the website in the Student Work section soon.

**CROSS COUNTRY**
Maldon PS was represented by four excellent cross country runners last Wednesday in the Loddon Campaspe Regional Cross Country at Bendigo Racecourse- Lily Gautam, Darcy Leivers, Grace Alford-Koolen and Austin Peace.
All students ran so well, and we are very proud of them. Lily ran particularly well, coming 7th in her age group, and so is now off to St Amaud on the 4th of June to compete in the Regional Championships. Good luck Lily.

**MARKET FRESH**
Tomorrow, April 30th, the students will be having a session from the Market Fresh program. The session gives students the experience of tasting fresh fruit and vegetables, some of which they may not have come across before. Along with the tastings, the presenters talk to the students about the importance of fresh fruit and vegetables to their growth.

We need some parent helpers to help prepare the produce at 1pm tomorrow, Tuesday, so please let us know if you are available.

**ASSEMBLY**
At assembly this morning, Bernadette’s class presented some persuasive writing on whether it is better to have a cat or a dog? Two teams attempted to help us make up our minds on their arguments. What did your child decide?

**FRIDAY FUNdraiser – on Thursday this week**
Due to the excursion on Friday this week, COIL will be having their Friday FUNdraiser on Thursday this week.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**
At School Council last week, the following items were discussed:
- The school’s anti-bullying policy was endorsed (you can find it on the website).
The results of the After-school Care expression of interest were presented. Unfortunately the school would need to pay an annual cost of over $35,000 for an average attendance of 3 children per day. The figures clearly show that we would not have this number of families requiring after-school care. There were no students needing a permanent spot, and most replies were about casual use. School Council reluctantly decided that the school was unable to afford to offer this service at this time.

PUPIL-FREE DAY
On Friday, all staff spent the day working on curriculum. In the morning, we worked on Mathematics, looking at our classroom teaching, assessment and planning using the Australian Curriculum. In the afternoon, Leah presented two sessions of KidsMatter – a framework for schools to use to enhance student wellbeing programs and policies. See later in the newsletter for a little bit more about KidsMatter.

VALUES AWARDS for last week’s Value – Honesty
Riley Janka- Riley, you always set a good example by communicating in an open, honest manner. Well done!
Kierian Humphrey- Kierian consistently demonstrates the value of honesty by telling the truth and encouraging others to do the same. Well done Kierian.
Oliver Peace -Well done to Oliver for telling the truth even when he knew he may get in trouble.
Alannah Gillman-Sharp -Each morning I can trust Lani to help me get the room ready for learning. She does a super job!

LEAF RUBBINGS
After looking at images of autumn leaves and trees, we had a discussion about autumn colours and how they blend together. The students did some rubbings of autumn leaves and they painted them with food dye. Congratulations Laura.

SPORTS AWARDS
Sports Achievement awards go to Daniel and Corey for using sports equipment well. Congratulations boys.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS;
Bernadette’s 4/5/6 class for winning the Come-Along Cup with 0 absences last week!
Helen’s 2/3 class for winning the Chook Award.

With best wishes,
Jodie Mengler and Liz Grainger
**LIBRARY NEWS.**

**COMING SOON!**

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on **May 20th** as part of Education Week. Keep watching this space for more news on this exciting event including a chance to win prizes.

May is also National Family Reading Month and a great time to share books with family and friends.

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**Parents’ Club News**

**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**
The volunteers for the 3rd May are: Jackie Gautam and Lauren Stevens.
The volunteers for the 10th May are: Felicity McGoldrick and Libby Paul.

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**POP CORN ROSTER**
The volunteer for Thursday 2nd May is Nicole Funston.
The volunteer for Friday 10th May is Carolynn Spencer - Lizzul.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**
Friday May 10th - Mother’s Day Celebration, 2.00 – 3.00 p.m., in the Art Room.
Monday May 13th - Parent Club Meeting 3, 9.30am, LOTE room.
Monday May 20th - Education Week.

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**MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION**
A very special invitation is extended to Mums / Caregivers to attend our Mother’s Day afternoon tea. This is a lovely afternoon where the Mums get some pampering they well deserve. An official invitation is coming home with the newsletter today.
Please return your RSVP to the office by Monday 6th May so catering can be organised.

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**CATCH UP AND COFFEE MORNING**
This is a casual, informal drop in / catch up morning that we have at Maldon Café, every Monday after assembly, open to all parents and caregivers. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Felicity McGoldrick,
Parent Club President

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**About KidsMatter**

KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in primary schools and in early childhood education and care services – like preschools, kindergartens and day care centres.

It’s not a program, but a framework that helps these places take care of all their mental health needs by focusing on:
• creating positive school and early childhood communities
• teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
• working together with families
• recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems.

KidsMatter is funded by the Australian Government and beyondblue, and is a partnership between education and health sectors. It was developed by experts - mental health professionals and education and childcare staff - in response to the high rates of school-age children with mental health difficulties and the problems they face getting help.

KidsMatter is the first of its kind in Australia, and has the mental health of children top of mind.

Grade 4/5/6 Hospital Visit

Today we went to the hospital to visit some old people. We found out that when they went to school they had no computers and no mobile phones and no cars. They had to ride a horse to school. If they were bad they got hit on the knuckles with a ruler by the principal or the teacher. We had morning tea with them. It was fun learning about the old people’s past

By Jake Manley
The purpose of a persuasive text is to persuade people to accept your point of view or to persuade people to act in a particular way. We find persuasions in advertising and articles in magazines, newspapers, on radio, tv and on the internet. Persuasions are used in politics, community groups, and conversations with friends and family. Persuasions begin with an opening statement and then followed by a series of strong arguments supported by evidence. They conclude with a strong, final statement. The language we use can be emotive and powerful. Questions, statements and demands can be used. We hope you enjoy our presentation and are persuaded by our arguments.

Dogs make better pets than cats.

Tired of fur balls? Why not get a dog? People all over the world have dogs. Cats leave and don’t come back where as dogs don’t. They are much more loyal than cats.

Dogs are cool. They are a man’s best friend (and woman and children’s!)

There are lots of breeds. Dogs are loving and they are fit.

Dogs are cute.

Dogs come when you call them.

There are a lot of breeds so there is a lot of choice.

Cats wreck everything and scratch people.

I believe dogs can be a better pet because they are playful.

They come in different shapes and sizes.

Some have curly tails and some have straight tails.

Dogs all have different personalities and you can always tell when they are happy or sad. Some people have allergies to cats.

Dogs can be used as guide dogs or sheep dogs.

Cats can kill animals that don’t need to be killed. Cats can rip blankets and they are not a good pet. Dogs are a better pet to have.

Dogs come when you ask them to. They are loyal. Dogs are cute, especially when they are puppies!

Dogs are good friends and buddies.

They are good at learning.

They are furry. Cats destroy everything.

You cannot take cats for walks, and some people do not like cats on their beds.

Cats destroy everything.

Dogs are smarter than cats because they find their way back home when they are lost. Dogs are better pets.

In conclusion, it is obvious that dogs are better pets than cats.

Dogs all have a personality to suit every type of person.

Written and presented by Remy, Lily, Aaron, Dillon, Seamus, Jake, Riley, Nathan, Bonnie, Emily and Ned

Cats make better pets than dogs.

Our group believes cats are better pets than dogs because cats don’t bark.

Cats clean themselves.

Why waste your money on a dog? Just so they wake you up in the night? So just get a cat. They don’t mess up your yard like a dog!

I think cats make better pets because they are cuter than dogs.

They don’t wake you up at night.

Cats don’t smell, unlike dogs!

Dogs chase cars where cats don’t. More dogs die from getting hit by cars than cats. Get a cat instead of a dog to spare the pain of having to pick up your dog’s corpse from the side of the road.

Cats clean themselves. Dogs don’t.

Cats will keep you warm when it is a cold winter night, and dogs won’t do that.

Cats clean themselves. Do dogs clean themselves?

Cats are better because they don’t eat as much food.

I think cats can be better pets because they snuggle up with you. They clean themselves.

I believe cats are a better pet than dogs because cats are cute and soft.

You can hold a cat and it purrs.

They make you feel warm inside your body and happy.

Cats catch rats and mice.

Dogs can bite your arm and they poo all over your yard!

Written and presented by Genevieve, Phoenix, Josh, Ethan, Paige, Dakota, Travis, Holly and Corey

What do you think?
Maldon Football Netball Club’s “PARTY NIGHT”

Friday 3rd May, 2013. 7pm
At the club rooms, Francis St.

On the night we will have Tupperware, Lorraine Lea Linen and Phoenix Trading Gift Cards Demonstrators showing off their wares.

You know that you love a good party!
Hope to see you there. 😊

ALL WELCOME

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

TEA TOWEL – APRON Fundraiser

All staff and students from Maldon P.S. have drawn a picture of themselves and this artwork will be featured on tea towels and aprons which the school are selling as a fundraiser. Tea towels are available for $12 and aprons will be $20. If you would like to purchase one or more items please complete the slip below and return it, together with payment, to the office by 10th May. These items make great gifts for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day etc so don’t miss out on a lasting memento of your child’s education.

Name:
Contact phone number:

I would like to purchase ____ tea towels at $12 each
____ aprons at $20 each

I have enclosed payment of $___