Dear Parents/Caregivers,

VOLUNTEERS:
We very much appreciate the work that parents/carers and other family and friends do for our school, and so are planning to do an article on our volunteers and how they contribute to the school. We invite you to come to school at 2.45pm on Wednesday 8th May to talk to Viv from the Tarrengower Times. Please come along.

MALDON PS aprons and tea towels:
It must be thanks to our visitors at assembly last week, as we have sold out! We are intending to put in another order, but we must have these orders in TOMORROW. Please contact the school if you need your order for Mothers’ Day. Thank you very much for your response.

ASSEMBLY
This week at assembly, the year 4/5/6 shared their paintings from last Friday’s class at the Castlemaine Gallery. The works of art will be hung in the Gallery in July.

We were then treated to a world premiere! Brett’s class shared movies of narratives they had been working on, using iPad and imovie. The audience, apart from loving the movies, were very impressed with the technology too.

Tom: Some of them were funny, like doing the POWER thing'
Tia: ‘You had to act as your character. I was a princess and I had to be really posh.
Hamish: ‘It was my first time making a movie and I felt really good about it.’

Erem: ‘I liked it because I got to dress up in a wig and a jacket with buttons.’
Liam F: ‘The movie was good. My name was the Master of Evil. We thought of the story and what to do.’

SPEECH THERAPY
Helen Harley has asked us to thank all the parents who come to their child’s speech therapy lessons when she is here. It makes a big difference to the improvement rate, and therefore to the learning of the students.

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS
This term, Leah is working with small groups around our school values and social skills. You will get a letter, asking for your permission, when it is your child’s turn.

NEWMSTEAD TATTOO
Eleven students from Years 1, 2 and 3 had their stories (narratives) chosen to take to the Newstead Tattoo last Friday. There, they read their stories to students and parents from Newstead Primary School and were judged by published author Fiona MacDonald.

We had a few place getters:

1st Silas
2nd Beatrice
3rd Oliver Peace

Honourable mention – Tayah

The place getters received a voucher and Tayah got a book.
Congratulations to all the students who represented Maldon PS. We look forward to hearing your stories next week at assembly.

Tayah, Isaac, Caitlyn, Angus, Oliver, Laura, Beatrice, Silas, Sophie, Lucy with Helen at the Newstead Community Centre.

VALUES AWARDS for last week’s value of Honesty
Zara - for persistence. Zara kept trying when she read a new book. Well done!
Remy M- for staying in without being asked, because he thought he left his reading at home
Laura –Laura understands the importance of being honest. When asked, Laura can always be relied upon to tell the truth.
Emily –Emily is always open and honest in the way she speaks to her teachers and classmates.

Holly, Emily, Laura, Remy, Zara, Isabella (turning 6), Daniel.

ACTIVE SPORTSPERSON AWARD
Congratulations Holly.
Holly got netballs from the sports shed and let people play.

ARTIST of the WEEK: Travis

Autumn Leaf Printing

This term we have been experimenting with different styles of printing. The students used rollers to apply paint to the autumn leaves. Using autumn tonings the students created a design printing with leaves.

JAPANESE CULTURAL DAY
In August we have a visit from our friends in Japan and each year the 60 students that visit are billeted out to families from our local primary and secondary schools. Hosting is a very rewarding experience for families so please consider volunteering to be a host family—if you are interested please contact Jodie or Liz for more information.

Some comments made by Japanese students after their visit:
Before the start I was imagining many things about Australia and my first trip overseas.
The moment the airplane took off, I was excited.
In the homestay, the host family greeted me very warmly.
During the stay, a card game not seen in Japan was played. I also went to a gold rush theme park and friendship deepened.

THANK YOU’S
- To Lana Bennetts who has donated a laminating machine
- To Carolynne Spencer and Helen Stanyer who helped with the Market Fresh day
- To Katrina Sparrow and Felicity McGoldrick for helping with the 1/2 class’s movies
- To Helen Pyers who drove the community bus to the Newstead Tattoo

MORE CONGRATULATIONS:
Bernadette’s 4/5/6 class for winning the Come-Along Cup with 1 absences last week!
Brett’s 1/2 class for winning the Chook Award.

With best wishes,
Jodie Mengler and Liz Grainger

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents and Friends,

You are invited to join us for our Scholastic Book Fair on Monday, May 20th in the school library. This special event is a part of Education Week, as well as May being National Reading Month.

Opening times will be after the Monday Assembly from 9.30 am to 10.30 am and then after school from 3.15 to 4.00 pm. You will have a further opportunity to view the books on Tuesday, May 21 from 9.00 am – 10.00 am.

The Book Fair allows you to select a book for your child or perhaps a book that you may like to donate to the school library or even a gift for someone. Books equivalent to 10% of the total sales will be purchased by the school and
will make a wonderful addition to the school library.
Payment for items is required on the day and you may pay
by cash, cheque or credit card.

Each of our classes will have an opportunity to explore the
book fair during their library session prior to the Monday
opening. This will give the children and staff a chance to
make book selections for their wish list. The children will be
bring home
their wish list on Friday, May 17th and you may purchase if
you would like to.

We are looking forward to seeing some new books and
continuing to read for pleasure.
Kind regards,  Debbie O’Byrne

Lost Property
Please ensure students clothing is clearly named. This will
stop our lost property basket from overflowing with
unclaimed clothing.
Please also check your childrens clothing to make sure the
clothing brought home is their own.

Parents’ Club News

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
This week’s volunteers are: Felicity McGoldrick and Libby
Paul.
Next week’s volunteers are: Ken Hercott and Bec Hamilton

POP CORN ROSTER
This week’s volunteer is, Carolynne Spencer -Lizzul
Next week’s volunteer is, Anita Mason

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Mother’s Day Celebration, Friday May 10th, 2.00 – 3.00
p.m., in the Art Room.
Parent Club Meeting 3, Monday May 14th , 9.30am,
LOTE room.
Education Week, Monday May 20th.

MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION
A very special invitation is extended to all the Mums /
Caregivers, inviting you all to our Mother’s Day
afternoon tea. This is a lovely afternoon where the
Mums get some pampering they well deserve.
Forms were due back today, if you haven’t returned
your form, please do as soon as possible.

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