**WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK**

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School Council meeting, 6.30 pm.  
Parent/Teacher Interviews for all students:  
Parent Information Night for Prep – 2 students: “Listening to Your Child Read”

**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

What a fantastic way to end the water awareness program! We had lots of excited children who all participated in a range of different events, including freestyle, backstroke, noodle races and kick-boarding. The children were awarded with participation certificates and special sticker ribbons.

The day was a great success thanks to the organisation by Brett and his team of parent helpers, in particular Bec Hamilton. See more photos further in newsletter.

**Assembly**

Today grade 4/5/6 shared with us their active role in the C.O.I.L program. They shared with us the different roles that they would be taking on and were awarded their C.O.I.L badges. Watch out for more information on C.O.I.L next week.

**Value Awards**

This week we are working with ‘Caring’ and Leah, our Student Welfare Officer visited each class to read a story and discuss the value.

Congratulations and well done to:  
Samuel Ahearne for demonstrating the value of Caring. Samuel has been a very big helper. He has helped the new Preps learn how to be school kids. Fantastic work Sammy.  
Liam Fothergill for demonstrating the value of Organisation. Liam has made an excellent start to the year by checking the daily timetable and completing his class jobs responsibly.  
Isaac Gillman-Sharp for demonstrating the value of Organisation. Isaac has demonstrated excellent organization since the beginning of the school year. He is always ready to start the day with his drink bottle, fruit snack and reading diary handed in. Well done Isaac.  
Joshua Stephens for demonstrating the value of Organisation. Congratulations Josh on working so well to be organized – getting all your materials ready to start your learning task.

Value Awards

Liam, Dillon, Isaac, Joshua and Samuel
**ACTIVE SPORTS AWARD**

… to Dillon Dowler for using the sports equipment properly and returning it at first bell and including others in his games. Well done Dillon.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

At this time of the year we believe it is important to have an exchange of information to ensure that your child’s teacher has as much information as possible. With this in mind, we have attached a form for you to complete and bring with you to the interview on Wednesday.

**Book Club**

A very big Thank You to Helen Stanyer for taking on the role of co-ordinator. The school benefits from every order as we can choose books to bolster classroom libraries according to the points accrued. This month’s orders have closed, but look out for the forms for March.

**Personal insurance for students**

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

**Working With Children checks**

It is important that parents who work closely with the students, away from the classroom, have current Working With Children’s checks. If you have a current WWC would you please bring it into the Office so that we can record this. If you would like to obtain a volunteer WWC, the forms are available at the Post Office. The volunteer WWC check does not cost anything.

**Parents listening to children read in the classroom**

Helen, John and Brett are looking for interested parents to take part in their daily reading program, listening to children read. If you are interested please let Jodie or Liz know. We will be holding an information session for interested parents.

**Thank Yous:**

… to Lisa Mott for the donation of the telescope and astronomy books
….. all the parents who helped out with the swimming carnival
….. to the parents/friends who took photos at swimming carnival and passed them on to us
….. to those who assisted with parking for the Antique Fair over the weekend

**Introducing….**

Leah Rotin – Student Welfare Officer.

Leah is a very well-qualified social worker who is working at Maldon Primary School on Wednesdays.

Leah is available to talk with parents and caregivers, as well as to work with students on an individual, and group basis. If you would like to discuss any issues which affect your child and their learning, please ring Jodie/Liz to arrange an appointment.

We are thrilled to have the services of Leah, and warmly welcome her to Maldon PS.

**Staffing:**

We are very pleased to welcome Kay Scanlan back to work in all classes as part of our Education Support staff. It's great to have you back, Kay.

**With best wishes,**

Jodie Mengler and Liz Grainger

**BIRTHDAYS…..**

The birthday people this week are: Ethan (12), Natalie, Archie and Malachi (all 5).

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Please include a copy of your current card with application. (A copy can be done at school). Closing date for applications is February 28th, 2013. Late applications will not be accepted by the Department.

**COIL Friday FUNdraiser**

Please leave orders with classroom teachers.
Available each Friday are:

Sausage Rolls $2 each,
Juice Box $1.50
Popcorn $1

**CAN YOU HELP?**

The art room needs the following items for art activities:
Shoe boxes, old adult t-shirts/smocks and old meat trays.
Please leave at the office. Thanks.

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School Council Meeting
**Wednesday, February 20th, 6.30pm.**

School Council meetings are public meetings and parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Next week we will be giving notice on vacancies on School Council. If you would like to know what is involved, contact Jodie or Liz
PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
This week’s volunteers are: Sonia Empson and Libby Paul
The person listed first, is required to pick up the fruit from Maldon IGA
We have had a terrific response to help out on Fresh Fruit Friday, the rosters are filled and will go home with next week’s newsletter.

CLASS LISTS
Thank you to the families who have already returned their class list forms. The class lists will be compiled and sent home next week.

AGM and meeting #1
Thank you to everyone who made it to our first AGM / meeting today. Your support is vital to the success of the Parent Club.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Monday, 18th March, Meeting #2, 9.30 a.m., Maldon Café.
Monday, 25th March, Grandparents and Special Friends day, 2 – 3 p.m.
Monday, 1st April, Maldon Easter Parade. All students are invited to participate.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a food processor left at the school from last year. If it’s yours, please see the office next time you are in, or contact me on 0419 988 860.

CATCH UP AND COFFEE MORNING
Our catch up and coffee morning have recommenced!! 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

LIBRARY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
Students develop an understanding that information comes from various sources and identify those sources.
Students develop an understanding of how to locate, evaluate and effectively use information.
Students develop an understanding of how to record references used for a specific purpose eg Project/Report.
Library sessions are structured to provide students with activities which enhance their understanding of library language and develop their research skills eg
- Book Types
- Understanding the parts of a book
- Alphabet Skills
- Author
- Illustrator
- Looking at characters, setting, plot and events
- Questioning
- Comprehension
- Understanding Call-Numbers (Dewey System)
- Using the library effectively
- Locating and selecting information in an encyclopaedia
- Recording references/ bibliography

FOOTY CLINIC
Last Monday Grades 3 – 6 joined Newstead Primary School students for a clinic with some North Melbourne football players at the Newstead Football oval.

OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY
All classes have a 30 minute library session each Thursday and students may borrow 3 books.
The loan period is for 2 weeks.
A permission form must be completed and signed by a parent/caregiver, to enable children to take books home to share with their family.
CASTLEMAINE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM
The Program is still running at the same venue, and with the same staff. The only significant change to its operation is that, as of Term 2, 2013, the management role currently performed by a volunteer Committee of Management, will be taken over by the Bendigo YMCA, who have a lot of experience running after school and vacation care programs in this area. In Term 1, we will be going through a transition process, and there may be some minor changes to bring us into line with YMCA practices. As of January 30 this year we require all families to fill out a new YMCA enrolment form, which can be downloaded from their website (www.bendigo.ymca.org.au/programs and services/after school care) Completed forms should be lodged at the after school care building at Winters Flat Primary School. Parent information packs will shortly be available at our venue. Information and bookings - ring 0418 120 137.

Taradale Mineral Springs Festival
Sunday 10th March 2013 – 10am – 4pm
Mineral Springs Reserve, Taradale
Things just keep getting better for the Taradale Mineral Springs Festival, as it was awarded the Community Event of the region. The Festival is a true family event with something for everyone, including handcrafted local wines and produce including olives, oils, preserves, fresh berries, puddings and lots more. There will also be plenty of food to go with yum cha, pizza in a cone, pancakes and bbq delights among many. Entertainment includes live celtic, folk, rock and country music, whip cracking, vintage cars, 2-day art exhibition and a range of free children’s activities including face-painting, fairy games, miniature fire truck and jumping castle. BYO picnic blanket and basket to fill on Sunday 10 March at the Taradale Mineral Springs Festival. For event enquiries call Marg on 5423 2302.

AN INVITATION
The Maldon Hospital Social Support Team would like to invite the school Community to The Australian Poetry Concert of Noel Stallard. The concert will be held on Friday 22nd March at the Catholic Church Hall. The cost is $5 Adult $3 Child. We would love you all to enjoy the experience with us.

CASTLEMAINE GOLDFIELDS FC ~ ANNUAL~FAMILY FUN DAY and Registration Information Day
Soccer fun and activities for all skill levels, gender, and ages. Sunday February 24th 9:00am At Chewton Soldiers Memorial Ground
Come along on the day, or register a team for the 6-a-side tournament! Every team plays a minimum of 3 games. (All teams must have at least one player over 30 yrs old, one female player and one player under 14yrs of age). For further information or to register a team, please contact Gary James on 5473 4405 or jamesgary88@gmail.com (Please register your team by 21 February)
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Information about Registration for 2013 Season
The Family Fun Day is the time for past and new players to get registration info for the 2013 season: and for new families to meet committee members and coaches. There will be a BBQ and kiosk open for snacks and drinks.