Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The incoming President of School Council is Vanessa Healy, with Freya Clifford taking over the role of Vice-president. Other School Council members are:

- Stuart Buchanan,
- Nicole Funston,
- Sean McCubbin,
- Amy Atkinson,
- Bernadette McKenna,
- Brett Harris.

Jodie Mengler and Liz Grainger are ex-officio members and Linda Bell is minute taker.

School Council endorsed the Annual Report which has gone to the Department of Early Childhood and Education Development for compilation.

School Council also endorsed the **Acceptable Use Agreement** (for digital learning and use of the internet) which has gone home today. Please read with your child and return the signed page to school this week. Younger children need not sign, but please talk with them about the importance of correct use.

**HARMONY DAY**

What a great day everybody had taking part in learning about cultural diversity through classroom activities and through cooking. The food all disappeared at lunchtime, so clearly it was much appreciated. Foods cooked were **pizza** from Italy, **fried rice** from China, **dahl** from Nepal and **cranachan** from Scotland! Yum! Thank you very much to Bernadette for her organization of the day, and for the parents who helped all morning. See recipes further on and on the website in Programs.

**CASTLEMAINE FESTIVAL**

The students enjoyed the day in Castlemaine seeing 'The Man Who Planted Trees' and doing some workshops for the Children's Choir and Concrete Poetry. The performance was based on an environmental theme of one person making a difference. The rain dampened things a little but some great learning occurred.

**ASSEMBLY**

Helen's class shared their similes with us – some traditional ones and some they decided were appropriate for them to use. They had illustrated their work too. See some of their work on the website – go to Student work, then Similes by Helen's class.

**CONVEYANCE**

The Department has restructured the conditions for paying a conveyance allowance to parents. Parents who live closer to another school, or who are not 4.8 kms from the bus are not considered to be eligible. Consequently, we have been advised that no family from our school qualifies for the allowance. Please contact the Office if you believe this to be incorrect.

**VALUE AWARDS for the last two weeks - Values of Confidence:**

**Congratulations and well done to:**

- **Ryder Bennetts** for showing confidence in making good choices in the playground. You're a star!
- **Callan Healy** for having the confidence in his own ability when sharing his thoughts in class discussions.
- **Himal Gautum** for showing confidence this week in his Maths work. He has really challenged himself and it’s great to see. Well done Himal!

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**WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE TERM BREAK**

**FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Maldon Easter Parade
- Poetry Club performance Saturday 30th April

- First day of term 2 – Monday, April 15th
- District Cross Country – April 19th
- Working Bee – Sunday 21st April
Darcy Leivers for the confident way you have settled into Maldon, and the confidence you display in leading our assemblies.

BACK: Darcy, Remy (turning 12), Callan
FRONT: Caitlyn (turning 9), Ryder, Liam F (turning 8), Brodie, Himal.

Active Sports Award
… to Brodie Doyle for including people in his game.

ARTIST of the WEEK:
Phoenix Ousley Bonifacio – Name design

The students created a design using the letters of their name. They needed to be certain that their letters joined up with each other or went to the edge of the paper. In the space left, the students decorated with lines, using fineliners. Well done, Phoenix.

More Congratulations to:
• Helen’s class for winning the Come-Along Cup with no absences
• Bernadette’s class for winning the Chook Award

Thank Yous:
… to the kind donation from the Kangaroo Hotel (Nicole and Darren)
….James, Vanessa, Janet, Ken, Amy for all your help on Harmony Day
With best wishes,
Jodie Mengler and Liz Grainger

PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
** First week of Term 2, volunteers are: Millie Ousley and Narelle Leivers

FAMILY DISCO NIGHT
A special invitation will be going home to families today, for our Disco Night.
This is a wonderful social event, held at the Community Centre, run by our footsteps dance instructor. This great night gives the children an opportunity to show off their new moves that they have been learning over the past term, and for the parents and caregivers to show off some of their “old moves”.
We ask families to bring a plate to share with one another, for supper after the disco.
Could families please return their slips with their $5.00 per family contribution, which goes towards the cost of the Community Centre hire.
Please return by Friday, 19th April.

POP CORN ROSTER
Thank you to the people who have volunteered to cook popcorn for Term 2.
A roster will be going out today, your help is much appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Monday, 1st April - Maldon Easter Parade. All students are invited to participate.
Friday 19th April - Family Disco Night, 5.30 – 7.30, at Maldon Community Centre.
Friday 10th May - Mother’s Day Celebration, 2.00 – 3.00 p.m., in the Art Room.

THANK YOU
A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO HELP OUT THIS TERM.
I HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER AND HOLIDAY BREAK, SEE YOU NEXT TERM.

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

LIBRARY NEWS
Thursday is our last day before the holidays, so no library sessions this week.
Could you please ensure that your child/ren return all of their school library books to school by Thursday morning for end of term processing. Next term we will be catching up with students to see how they are progressing with the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Check out the website at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.
Kind regards, Debbie O’Byrne

Piano Lessons
with Charles Affleck.
Individual lessons will be 30 minutes duration, cost is $30.
Please contact the office if your child (ren) are interested in piano lessons. Preferred age groups is Grade 3 – 6 students.
COIL Friday FUNdraiser
Please leave orders with classroom teachers.
Available each Friday are:
- Sausage Rolls $2 each, Juice Box $1.50
- Popcorn $1

BASIC INDONESIAN FOR PARENTS
Thursdays at 2.45pm in the Indonesian room.

Harmony Day

We celebrated Harmony Day on Wednesday, 20th March.
We celebrated the different cultures in Australia.
We had different food from Italy, Scotland, Nepal and China. From Italy we had pizza, from China we had fried rice, and from Scotland Cranachan, from Nepal we had Dhali. Then we ate lunch and my favourite food was Cranachan from Scotland.
It was the best day in my life because it was time to talk and try new food.
I do not like the Dhali from Nepal. The Cranachan was made of berries, cream, oats and honey.
It was the best day because a lot of people came to have different foods from different cultures in Australia.

By Emily Zammit, Grade 4

My name is Genevieve Adelaide Czehmester and I am writing from Maldon Primary School. On Wednesday the 20th of March Maldon Primary School celebrated Harmony Day.
We made pizza from Italy, fried rice from China, Dhal from Nepal and Cranachan from Scotland.
My favourite food was the Cranachan. It had whipped cream, honey, raspberries and oats. My second favourite food was the fried rice. I made the savoury rice and it had garlic, onion, peas, corn, eggs and bacon. I did not cut up the ingredients. I cooked the eggs and started with the rice. When all the food was cooked the whole school sat down and ate the food we cooked. Lots of parents came and helped.

By Genevieve Czehmester, Grade 4

HARMONY DAY – RECIPES

Dhal (also spelt dahl or daal) is a preparation of pulses (dried lentils, peas or beans) stripped of their outer hulls and split. It also refers to the thick stew prepared from these pulses, an important part of Indian, Nepali, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, West Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine. It is regularly eaten with rice and vegetables in Southern India, and with both rice and roti (wheat-based flat bread) throughout northern India and Pakistan. Dhal is a ready source of proteins for a balanced diet containing little or no meat.

What you will need:
- 1 ½ cups of red lentils
- 2 cloves finely chopped garlic
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 2 pinches salt
- Wash lentils in water and drain, grate ginger and chop garlic finely.
- Heat ghee in big pot.
- Fry garlic and ginger in the ghee and the turmeric. Add lentils, water and salt. Bring to boil and simmer for 20 minutes.

Cranachan is a Scottish dessert. This recipe makes 6 glasses.

You will need:
- 600 ml whipping cream
- 2 tblsp honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 50 g toasted oatmeal
- 200g fresh or frozen raspberries

Whip cream with honey and vanilla until thick. Fold in oatmeal and half the raspberries.
Puree the rest of the raspberries. Place spoonful of puree in bottom of glass.
Pipe in raspberry cream half-way up.
Add another spoonful of puree then more cream.
Garnish with mint or fresh raspberries and drizzle of honey.

Chinese Fried Rice

Ingredients:
- Rice
- Onion
- Bacon rashers
- Frozen Peas and Corn
- Eggs
- Light Soy Sauce (Gluten Free – Optional)
- Chicken Stock (Gluten Free – Optional)
- Salt and Pepper
- Olive Oil or Sesame Oil

Cooking Method
Step 2: Finely chop the onion, garlic and bacon. Place other ingredients on bench so they are ready to use.
Step 3: Heat a wok over medium-high heat. Add half the oil. Swirl to coat. Add half the egg. Swirl to cover base of wok. Cook for 30 seconds or until just set. Lift from wok. Transfer to a board. Repeat with remaining egg. Roughly chop egg.
Step 4: Heat remaining oil in wok. Stir-fry bacon for 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Add garlic, onion, peas and corn. Stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add rice. Stir-fry for 5 minutes or until rice is heated through and the peas and corn are tender. Add soy sauce and chicken stock. Stir-fry for 1 minute. Add a pinch of salt and pepper. Stir through the eggs you fried earlier for 1 minute. Ready to serve!
HARMONY DAY
2013
On the 21/3/13 we are on our way to the Castlemaine State Festival as I hear the rain drops falling quietly on the roof of the bus. Then I see the Post office. Yes we are here as I breathe the fresh air in.

Bernadette said, “In a straight line”. Then we walked up the stairs of the Post Office looking at the beautiful art work on the walls. After that we got to the theatre to watch a show of ‘The Man who Planted Trees’. When it was the end everyone got to the door and then they all wanted to get their jumpers.

As we started walking down to the park to eat our scrumptious lunch Riley’s mum drove past. Suddenly after lunch it started raining and everyone rushed to the music workshop with Jane and James. We practised the Goora Song. We all climbed back on the bush and went to The Shed and did an Art Workshop with Paul.

Finally we got on the bus again and went back to school. When we arrived back at school we got free time. At the end we had to pack up and go home.

The highlight of my day was practising the Goora Song with Jane and James.

**By Bonnie Gain-McCubbin, Grade 6**

First we got on the bus to Castlemaine. We finally got there and walked to the Post Office to look at the Fringe Festival. We looked at the creative artwork.

We walked out and all of a sudden it started raining. Then we went to the theatre to watch ‘The Man who Planted Trees’. After that we ate lunch in the park and some kids playediggity.

Next we went to a music workshop with Jane and James. We sang Goora and Refugees, it was ok.

After that we rushed to the shed in the rain for our last workshop which was art. We glued our fire pictures onto a cardboard box. The best bit was the art activity. It was fun and frustrating.

**By Phoenix Ousley-Bonifacio, Grade 4**

It was the 21st of March 2013. It was raining very heavily and the sky was dark. There was excitement in the bus. We arrived at the Post Office and went inside. There was an old staircase that we had to climb. At the top there was amazing art work. The next room had lots of stitching: aka quilted art, and we met the woman who made them.

Next we went to a theatre and we saw _The Man who Planted Trees_. It was a very good performance and I was entertained the whole way.

Just after we finished lunch it started raining. Quickly we shuffled down to the Town Hall, where our school and many others sang the Goora song. Amazingly, most of the people’s voices were in tune.

Back on the bus we travelled to The Shed. It was a race against time to finish our Fire symbols, but I was satisfied when I finished. Overall I loved the day and it was a great experience.

**Ethan Mott Grade 6**

On Thursday 21st of May MPS went to the Castlemaine State Festival. On the bus on the way was very boring. When we got there we saw and art exhibition, and then we went to the play, _The Man who Planted Trees_. It was about a man in a desert who planted trees and made it a reserved forest. He made lots of good wildlife. Then we had lunch in the park.

After that we had to walk in the rain to the music workshop. We sang the song Goora, and were very good at it. We also learnt a body percussion piece.

Then we went on the bus to the art workshop. It was fun and it taught us lots. We made a fire picture and joked holes on the lines and put red cellophane on the back to make it look like fire.

Then we went on the bus to school. The highlight was seeing the play _The Man Who Planted Trees_.

**Riley Janka Grade 6**

On Thursday 21st March Maldon Primary took two buses to Castlemaine. When we got to the Post Office we had a look at some artwork from the Fringe Festival. We got to see the artist herself. When we left it started raining. We got quite wet.

We went into a theatre. We watched a puppet show about a man who planted trees. It was very interesting. The play was funny too and they explained the story very well. We enjoyed it.

Once the play was finished we walked to the park to have lunch. We playediggity and then it started raining. We had to walk to the Town Hall in the rain. When we finally got to the Town Hall we were drenched in water. We started singing Goora (Kangaroo), which is about a kangaroo. We practised the actions and the words for the Castlemaine Festival Children’s performance on Sunday 24th March. Then we started singing a song about refugees, and then we sang about a wombat for the Preps.

We had to leave and get on the bus to go to the Art Workshop at The Shed. The workshop was with Paul. We were creating things about fire, which was for grade 4/5/6. Water was for grade 2/3, air was for Preps and earth was for 1/2. We all worked on our project. My grade worked on fire. We had to get our picture and a box and cut the box out big enough for our picture to fit in the hole. Then we had to stick it down and put cellophane over it. It will look like a big brick wall. We started to get on the bus to go back to Maldon. It was a very interesting day.

**Lily Gautam Grade 5**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Maldon Easter Fair**

Maldon Easter Fair would like to invite all talented young people to participate in our annual Young Buskers Competition. Performances can be in song, dance, music, poetry or anything that will entertain a crowd. There are cash prizes up to $1000 up for grabs for the best performers in 2 sections: Under 13 years and under 25 years. Entry is free and registration begins at 3.30 on the corner of High and Main Streets in Maldon for a 4pm start. Applications are available on the day. For further information or to grab an entry form, please contact Alisha Nolan on 0438752375.

**Maldon Football Netball Club**

An invitation for any keen under 12 footballers (boys and girls) to Under 12’s Football Training - Thursday Nights 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Make sure you bring along a mate.

**STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS**

STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS - MALDON STATION

Sat / Sun : April 13 / 14, from 10 am.

Train Rides, Animal Farm, Model Railway, Clown on board, Novelty Rides, Sausage Sizzle, Horse Cart Rides. PH : 54706658 OR On Line Bookings available www.vgr.com.au
EASTER HAT PARADE
AT MALDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
2 PM. THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH.
All students will be making their wonderful hats at school – come along and see their awesome creations.
The raffle will also be drawn on the day.
Join in the fun !!
(Dismissal follows at 2.30pm, bus will operate at this time).

Students are invited to participate in Maldon Primary School’s entry in this year’s Gala Easter Parade, to be held on Monday April 1st (Easter Monday). The parade is our chance to show our community what a wonderful school it has in its midst! This year our theme is ‘A Home Among The Gum Trees’. Children will need to dress as farmers, bushman, and shearsers. More details on times, meeting place, and costume ideas will be in the newsletter closer to the date.
If your child/children would like to participate in the parade, please complete the form below and return to the office by Monday March 28th. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact Lauren Stevens on 0419 582 178.

Easter Parade Reply Slip
Child’s name/s: ............................
Parent/guardians name: ............................
Contact phone number: ............................