Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to all our families for a busy Term 2. It is lovely to see fresh, enthusiastic faces, sharing holiday news and ready for learning. During the holidays the toilets have been freshly painted by Lana and Steven Bennetts (Ryder’s parents) and we are all very grateful. The Energex COIL group had made the painting a project, and they did a great job too.

ASSEMBLY

At assembly today, the Year 6 students were presented with the special Year 6 T-shirts they have designed for themselves. They will wear them proudly as the senior students of the school, and as part of the transition program to secondary school. Well done, Legends of 2013!

PUPIL-FREE DAY – Friday April 26th

On Friday 26th April, the students will not be required at school. All staff will be at school to work with numeracy planning, assessing and resourcing, and with Kids Matter, a framework that helps schools put evidence-based strategies in place to support the mental health needs of their community. Early in the year, Leah Rotin, our student welfare officer, attended a 2-day seminar to assist us with getting started.

KidsMatter Primary aims to help:

- improve the mental health and wellbeing of primary school students
- reduce mental health problems in students
- achieve greater support for students with mental health problems and their families

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

The Acceptable Use Agreement (for digital learning and use of the internet) was sent home last term. If you have not returned this document, would you please read it 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. This is an important part of our cybersafety program.

EASTER PARADE

Congratulations to all students (and parents) who took part in the Easter Parade as part of the Easter celebrations in Maldon. You looked fabulous and were well deserving of your two prizes-best school entry and second prize overall!

L to R: Riley, Ethan, Remy and Paige proudly showing off their new Year 6 t-shirts.
BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS FOR THIS WEEK:
L to R: Sophie (April 14th), Bonnie (April 16th), Abby (April 19th) and Darcy (April 17th)

ARTIST of the WEEK: Liam Waddington
Easter Rabbit Painting

After folding an A3 paper into 3 equal sections the students drew a cracked egg in the bottom third, in the middle section they drew a rabbit face and in the top section the students drew the rabbit ears. The students decorated the shell with lines and around the rabbit face was decorated with lines. Food dye was used to paint the shell and around the rabbit. Congratulations Liam!

THANK YOUS:
• To the COIL group Energex for having the initiative to organise the painting of the toilets. Well done!
• To Bernadette for organising the Grade 6 T-shirts which are always a big hit with the students.
• To Lauren Stevens, Andrew Johnstone, Jodie and Nathan Anton, Wayne Zantuck and Kate Tucker for their work in putting together a fantastic Maldon Easter Parade entry.
• To Dianne Murdoch and Jake Manley for caring for our chooks over the holidays

With best wishes,
Jodie Mengler and Liz Grainger

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.

TAKE A STAND TOGETHER
Bullying: NO WAY!

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 FUNdraise
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
Welcome back to Term 2. We hope that everyone had a plentiful Easter and wonderful break.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
This week, 19th April, volunteers are: Millie Ousley and Narelle Leivers
( the following week, Friday is Curriculum Day)
So the next Fresh Fruit Friday is 3rd May: Jackie Gautam and Lauren Stevens

FAMILY DISCO NIGHT
“Our annual family disco night is this Friday, 19th April.”
A form is going home with this newsletter, please have it back to the office by Friday 19th. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Family Disco Night, Friday 19th April, 5.30 – 7.30, at Maldon Community Centre.
Mother’s Day Celebration, Friday 10th May, 2.00 – 3.00 p.m., in the Art Room.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
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.

Working Bee
in the School Grounds
Sunday April 21st, 10am to 12pm

Our idea is to have a ‘short & sharp’ working bee.
We will be focusing on weeding and a general clean up around the school. Please bring along any gardening equipment you think may be useful eg rakes, wheelbarrow etc.
If you are able to assist it would be great.
RSVP SLIP DUE BACK
FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

Dance the Night Away
An invitation is extended to families and friends
19th April, 2013
5.30 – 7.30
at Maldon Community Centre
Francis Street
$5.00 per family to assist with the hall hire costs.
Please bring plate to be shared for Supper

Name: ____________________________
No. of Attendees _________________
Enclosed with $5.00 – Thank you

TEA TOWEL – APRON Fundraiser

All staff and students from Maldon P.S. have drawn a picture of themselves and this artwork (see opposite) 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 29th April. 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.

Tea Towel – Apron Fundraiser 2013

Name:
Contact phone number:
I would like to purchase _____ tea towels at $12 each
_____ aprons at $20 each
I have enclosed payment of $____