Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We’ve had a great start to the 2013 school year, with students settling quickly into their new classes and rooms. Thank you for supporting the smooth start by collecting book bags and naming your child’s belongings. It is important that everything they bring to school is named, drink bottles and lunch boxes too.

The teachers worked hard over the holidays, especially the final few days to have rooms and programs ready to begin too.

Thank Yous:

…. to Felicity and Russell McGoldrick for the recovering of the small armchairs and cushions in Brett’s room – they look and feel terrific

…. to Sean McCubbin for helping out with many jobs around the school, especially with attaching soap and hand towel dispensers and toilet roll holders in the boys and girls toilets.

…..to Debra Watson and various other helpers for looking after the chooks all through the holidays.

We all appreciate the work you have all done for us.

Water Awareness

Our Water Awareness Program started today and will continue every day for the next two weeks.

The students go at the following times:

9:15am 4/5/6 Bernadette
10:00am 2/3 Helen
10:45am 1/2 Brett
11:15am Prep John

Parents are invited to come along to our swimming carnival on the last day (Friday 15th Feb).

A reminder that all students need to have a t-shirt or suitable sun smart top and sunscreen for the water awareness program.

Fun at the Pool

Assembly:

There will be no assembly for the two weeks of the water awareness program.

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Value of the Week: Organisation

What’s on this week

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Parent Information Night for Prep – 2 students: “Listening to Your Child Read” Wed Feb 13th 3:30 – 4:30pm

Possible Industrial action Thurs Feb 14th

Parent/Teacher Interviews for all students: Wed Feb 20th
**MEDICAL CONDITIONS UPDATE**

Has your child been diagnosed with a medical condition? If so, you should have an annual review with your child’s Doctor/Specialist so that an Emergency Action Plan can be provided to the school. Conditions to consider are: Asthma, Anaphylaxis – food allergies, insect allergies, Diabetes, Epilepsy etc. It is important for all School Staff to be aware of your child’s condition, so that plans can be put into place to care for your child.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Closing date for applications is February 28th, 2013. Late applications will not be accepted by the Department.

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

To be eligible to receive a conveyance allowance, a student must:
- reside 4.8 kms or more by the shortest practicable route from the school attended
- be enrolled at the nearest appropriate government primary, secondary or specialist school

Application forms are available from the school office. Closing date for first semester applications is February 15th, 2013. No late applications will be accepted by the Department.

**Asthma Inhaler Recall (limited batch numbers)**

Asthma Australia has been advised that several batches of Ventolin and Asmol inhaler medication for the treatment of asthma have been recalled by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) AND Alphapharm, in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

This recall has been initiated due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff. Asthma Australia has been advised that a medical assessment has determined that the overall risk to patients is low; people should still act to replace inhalers that could be affected.

The only batches affected are as follows:
- Ventolin Batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7178 and KN7179
- Asmol Batch numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798 and KL6799.

The TGA advice has more information:

**Letter from Debra Watson late December:**

Just wanted to share with you all the huge night that ex Maldon Primary School students had at the CSC awards night last night........small school, big results which of course we all know!

- **Visual Arts Encouragement Award**-recognises effort and achievement in visual arts-Year 7-Sitara Isis
- **Visual Arts Encouragement Award-Year 10**-Katie Butterworth
- **S.R.C. Prize Best Year 8 English student-Cadel Watson**
- **Wesley Hill Progress Association Best Maths Student Year 8-Cadel Watson**
- **Chaplain’s Award-awarded to the year 9 student judged to have most clearly demonstrated the College values amongst the school community-Amber Davis**
- **C.V.G.T Scholarship-awarded to a student in year 10**-
- **Lions Club Award-awarded to a student in year 9 to recognise consistent application and achievement-Sage Surya**
- **Rotary Scholarship-awarded to a student in year 9 to recognise consistent application and achievement-Perry Smythe**
- **Rotary Scholarship-awarded to a student in year 12 to recognise consistent application and achievement-Cory Gilbert**
- **Year 7 Highest Achiever Imagination-Year 7-Cadel Watson**
- **Year 7 Highest Achiever Players-Cassie Humphrey**
- **Year 7 Highest Achiever Resources-Georgie Nicholson**
- **Year 8-Cadel Watson**
- **Wesley Hill Progress Association Best Maths Student Year 8-Cadel Watson**
- **R.I.P. Award**-awarded to the year 10 student deemed to have achieved the best results from their work experience placements-Kelsey Harford
- **Year 7 Expressive Achiever Art Prize**-awarded to a student in year 7 to demonstrate a high level of achievement in the area of art-Cory Gilbert

Eva Crebbin-Holman is also an ex student and she was awarded the Percy Frank Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to an outstanding ARTS student from year 10 to 12, and the Acquisitive Art prize.

All of their ex teachers and principals should be very proud of them as they have helped to shape who they are and what they have achieved.

**Uniform**
We have stock of various items available immediately. Some items ordered late last year are still on back order from our supplier. For other additional items an order to our supplier will be placed at the end of February. Please leave your uniform order at the school office, with payment. Delivery is expected in 3 – 5 weeks.

Booklist Supplies
This year’s booklist items have been distributed. Please note that the tissues for each book box have been delivered in bulk and your child’s allocation will be held in their class room.

Bookclub Coordinator for 2013
We need a parent who would be able to co-ordinate the Ashton Scholastic Book Club orders. This only happens once a month, and would entail orders being sent in, then books sorted and distributed. The school receives complimentary books (of our choice) for our Library, with all orders received. Please let us know if you are able to help with this.

PARENT’S CLUB NEWS
A big welcome to all the new and “old” families at Maldon Primary School. We had a great start to the year with a terrific turn out for our back to school coffee morning, last week. Thanks to all that could make it.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Fresh Fruit Friday is back for 2013, look for your form attached to this newsletter and fill out and nominate what dates you can be involved.

CLASS LISTS
A notice will be going home regarding class list details, please fill out and return by Monday the 18th February, so you don’t miss out being on your child’s class list.

CLASS CONTACTS
Thank you to the people who have already put the hand up to be class contact for this year.

We still need one more person for Bernadette’s 4/5/6 class.
The role of the class contact is to support the classroom teacher in a variety of ways. For example: Finding parents to go on excursions, assisting with costumes for the school concert, and helping out in the classroom etc. Call me if you can help, Felicity, 0419 988 860

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Monday the 18th February, Parent club AGM, after assembly. It would be terrific to see as many people 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. These will resume once swimming is over, and Monday assemblies re-commence. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Felicity McGoldrick
Parent Club President

MALDON LIBRARY 150TH CELEBRATION
Come and help celebrate the Maldon library 150th birthday with stories, songs, party games and cupcake decorating. Suitable for the under 7s.

Saturday 2nd Feb
10:30am
97 High Street Maldon.

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