On Tuesday this week, we had an Arts performance which were cartooning workshops. **Tony Sowersby** was the cartoonist and he had all the children captivated with his cartoons and ways of drawing which they could do easily. Another great performance!

Again a plea to all families who have **money outstanding**. Please finalise your accounts as the school is experiencing some cash flow issues, due to unpaid accounts.

The **working bee** this Friday afternoon has been **cancelled** until Friday 29th November. There will be a barbecue as well on that night. More details closer to the event.

**Help is needed for the barbecue** at the newsagent in Castlemaine next Saturday 2nd November. We need volunteers to do the cooking and serving as well as lots of cakes and slices to sell. A note with details is included with the newsletter. Please give this your wholehearted support as apart from the Shopping Trip this is the last fundraiser for the year.

Again we are calling for parents to let us know if there are people who have not **enrolled** their children in school for next year. We are taking enrolments at all grade levels.

School Council has approved **Melbourne Cup day** as a holiday for our school. No children or staff are expected at school on that day.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us to launch our Kidsmatter program. We had a great time and the cupcakes were yummy! Thanks Mr Watkins
**Students of the Week:**

- Grade Prep: **Rachael:** for taking more responsibility for her learning.
- **Izak:** for making great progress with his reading.
- **Olwyn:** always caring about others.
- Grade 1/2: **Matilda:** for using great strategies in her maths.
- Grade 3/4: **Deanna:** for improvement in her research and writing skills in her Earth Report.
- Grade 5/6: **Shae:** for coaching her peers - how to bowl.
- Physical Education: **Ebony H:** for your persistence and determination to chase down another player.

**Attendance or Is It Absence?**

It’s cool to be at school! It’s not ok to be away.

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Cool to be at school winner is **Grade 5/6**

Early Bird winner is **Grade 5/6**

**Reading Nights:**

- **Llewellyn**
  - For reading 100 nights
- **Breanna**
  - For reading 125 nights
- **Megan, Lochie, Luey**
  - For reading 175 nights
- **Hannah, Rhian, Isabelle, Lainey**
  - For reading 150 nights
- **Georgie, Lincoln, Owen, Riley B, Heath, Angus, Riley S**
  - For reading 200 nights

This week Jade’s interview is with the Principal Mrs Smith.

Jade: What is your full name?
Mrs Smith: Annette Dawn Smith

Jade: What grade do you teach?
Mrs Smith: I teach Values Education to all of them

Jade: When is your birthday?
Mrs Smith: The 9th of October

Jade: What primary school did you go to?
Mrs Smith: Ormond East

Jade: What is your favourite TV series?
Mrs Smith: The Blacklist and Big Bang Theory

Jade: What pets do you have?
Mrs Smith: 1 Labrador called Lily and a horse called Sam

Jade: Why did you want to become a teacher?
Mrs Smith: I wanted to become a teacher since I was 7 and I like helping kids

Jade: When you were little what did you want to be?
Mrs Smith: A present wrapper in Myer

Jade: Is it a lot of hard work being a principal/teacher?
Mrs Smith: Yes. It’s interesting though, I like working with the kids and I like working with the parents.

**Grade 3/4 Milo T20 Blast Cricket Carnival**

Date: Monday 28th October
Cost: $6 unless excursion levy paid
Venue: Wesley Hill Sporting Complex
Children will need: Lunch and snack, School Hat, Jacket, Appropriate shoes
FUNDRAISING

School BBQ - Saturday 2nd November 2013
Outside Castlemaine Newsagent

Helpers needed, please contact the school office if you are able to help on the day or make cakes etc.
We will require the cakes, slices etc packaged ready to sell and delivered to the school on Friday 1st November or at the BBQ on Saturday morning. Please attach a label with the ingredients and date made.

Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Trip
Please come along and join us for a fun-filled stress free day of shopping….

Date: Saturday 9th November 2013
Cost: $60* per adult and $30* per child under 17
*Price may vary slightly depending on numbers
Includes:
- 2 Course Lunch with glass of wine
- Tea & coffee
- Home baked morning and afternoon tea
- Lollies to share
- Raffle prizes
- Shopping bag

Departs: Bus departs at 6.30am from Stanley Park, Harcourt
Returns: Approximately 8.00pm
Please contact Lorella on 0422 286 393 As soon as possible to reserve your seat.

Grade 5/6 Halls Gap Camp - Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th November
Cost for this camp is $290 per student.
Full payment must be received at the school by Monday 11th November or your child will be unable to attend.

KIDSMATTER
Last Friday we launched the Kids Matter program. Students enjoyed many activities including decorating cupcakes and eating them at recess.

Jai enjoying his cupcake.

Prep Transition Days
Friday 25th October 9am-10am
Friday 15th November 9am-10am
Friday 29th November 9am-10.30am
Tuesday 3rd December 9am-11.30am (Statewide Transition)
Prep Information Night (parents only) Wednesday 4th December 7pm
Bring your Kindergarten child along to the transition sessions so they can get a feel for the school, meet their teacher and have some fun learning about school life.
If you have any questions about the transition days please contact the school.
Air Pollution and Asthma

School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:
- **Outdoors** – smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.
- **Indoors** – formaldehyde/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.
- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors.
- Make sure you have a bushfire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area.
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse.
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances.
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit www.asthma.org.au.

Keep saving to win more Dollarmites’ treasure!

The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and want to share it with you. They’re giving away 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB and 100 x Kid’s Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & HOP.

For your chance to win, simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland.

Market and Fair

Saturday November 2nd 2013
8am-3pm

Maldon Primary School Market and Fair is an annual event with something for all the family. Adults will enjoy the 100 plus quality art and craft stalls, including clothing, jewellery, handcrafted goods and gifts with a difference, yummy food stalls and the live music and entertainment all day on our very own Market Stage. Held during the ever popular Maldon Folk Festival weekend, children will be entertained by musicians, folklore storytelling, interactive shows and workshops with Hunky Dory Puppets as well as loads of fun with Milly and her Hula Hoops and Michael the Balloonologist. Outside there will be our favourite old fashioned fair games, jumping castle, face painting, crazy hair and pony rides. So come along and enjoy a fantastic day out with the family and friends. Entry is by gold coin donation. For more information please contact the school on (03) 5475 1484.

Honey for Sale

$4 per jar
Available at the school office.

Schools Bank Account Details
BSB: 063 509
Account No: 10042656
Use Family name as the payment reference.

Michael Grose, Parentingideas
“Children are egocentric by nature. Family life means they need to adjust their wants to fit the needs of others.”