



SCHOOL NEWS



10TH OCTOBER 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Welcome Back to Term 4!

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break! Term 4 promises to be an exciting and busy time, filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. We're thrilled to welcome back all our students and families and look forward to a fantastic term ahead. Let's make it a term full of curiosity, creativity, and achievement!

Building Strong School-to-Home Partnerships

This term, students will be bringing home learning tasks for you to share and explore together. Each task will focus on a different area of learning, including Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

Along with the task, your child's teacher will be sending home information about the learning focus and how the task connects to classroom learning. This will help you understand what your child is working on and provide guidance on how to support them at home.

We encourage you to sit down with your child, talk about the task they have completed, and explore the learning together. There will also be a section for parents to provide feedback directly to the teacher, giving you an opportunity to share your child's thoughts, successes, or questions.

By working together in this way, we can strengthen the connection between home and school, and support your child's growth and confidence in their learning journey. Thank you for being an important part of this partnership!

More information will be shared with families soon.

Hats On! Be SunSmart

As part of our [SunSmart Policy](#), all students are required to wear a school hat when playing or learning outside during Term 4 and Term 1. Please make sure your child brings their hat to school each day.

School hats can be purchased from [Spartan](#), our uniform provider.

Don't forget to clearly label your child's hat with their name so it can be easily returned if misplaced.

Let's all stay safe in the sun!



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Grandparents and Special Friends Morning

We're excited to invite our wonderful grandparents and special friends to join us at school on **Friday, 31st October from 9:00am – 10:00am.**

This special morning is a chance for our students to share their learning and show their guests around their classroom. It's always a lovely celebration of the important role grandparents and special friends play in our school community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone for a morning of connection, smiles, and learning!

Term 3 Working Bee – Thank You!

A big thank you to all the families who came along to our Term 3 Working Bee! It was a fantastic afternoon of teamwork and community spirit.

Thanks to everyone's efforts, we were able to complete many important jobs around the school – from tidying up gardens and planting new greenery to refreshing play areas and outdoor spaces.

We truly appreciate the time and energy you gave to help keep our school looking its best. It's wonderful to see what we can achieve when our community comes together!

Thank You – Coffee Conversations

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our recent Coffee Conversations session. It was wonderful to connect and have such open, thoughtful discussions about how we can continue to improve the way we communicate as a school community.

Your feedback and ideas are incredibly valuable – from suggestions about streamlining information to ways we can make updates more timely and accessible. We're already looking at how we can put some of these ideas into action to make our communication clearer, more consistent, and easier for families to engage with.

We really appreciate you taking the time to share your perspectives and help us strengthen the home-school partnership.

Assembly

We look forward to seeing you all at our Assembly on **Friday 17th October at 2:45pm.** 1/2C will be on stage to present an item to the MVPS community.

We look forward to welcoming our parents and friends.

Amy Tinetti
Principal

Dear Malvern Valley Primary School Community,

I am writing to you in relation to the Principal position at Malvern Valley PS. I wanted to inform you that Tracy Skiba has resigned from her position as principal and a recruitment process to appoint a substantive replacement to the role is about to commence.

I am aware that through this process, Tracy has not had the opportunity to farewell the school community following her 4 years at the school as principal. As such, I would like to acknowledge Tracy's contribution.

School Council President, Peter Quinn, will provide further updates at the conclusion of the process which we anticipate will conclude late November.

Regards,

Kevin Murphy

**Senior Education Improvement Leader -Department of Education,
Bayside Peninsula Area, South-Eastern Victoria Region**

Restorative Practice at MVPS: Supporting Wellbeing and Positive Relationships

At Malvern Valley Primary School, student wellbeing and strong relationships are at the heart of everything we do. We know that children are constantly learning not just in the classroom, but also in their social interactions - how to be a good friend, how to resolve disagreements, and how to make things right when mistakes happen.

Restorative strategies

To support this, our school uses a **Restorative Practice model** when responding to challenging social situations or wellbeing issues. This approach moves away from focusing only on punishment and instead encourages students to reflect on their actions, understand the impact they have on others, and take steps to repair relationships. The strategies that staff at MVPS use when addressing a need for Restorative Action include:

- **Community Circles:** Regular check-in circles where students share thoughts, feelings, or reflections. This builds trust, empathy, and a sense of belonging.
- **Class Agreements:** Co-creating classroom norms and expectations with students so they feel ownership and responsibility for behaviour.
- **Affective Statements:** Teachers using “I” statements (e.g., “I feel concerned when...”) to model respectful communication and highlight the impact of behaviour.
- **Restorative Language:** Using questions like “What happened?” and “How did it affect others?” instead of blame-focused language.
- **Restorative Conversations:** One-on-one chats where a teacher guides a student to reflect on their actions, understand the impact, and consider how to repair the harm.
- **Restorative Conferences:** Structured meetings involving those harmed and those responsible, facilitated by staff, to share perspectives and agree on a resolution.
- **Small Group Circles:** When a conflict involves multiple students, a circle is used to ensure everyone has a voice and to collaboratively rebuild trust.
- **Repairing Actions:** Encouraging students to make amends through appropriate actions—such as apologies, helping repair damaged property, or offering support to peers.

What does this look like in practice?

When an issue arises, staff guide students through structured conversations that include questions such as:

- What happened?
- How were you feeling at the time?
- How do you think others were affected?
- What could you do to make things right?
- What will you do differently next time?

These conversations help students build empathy, take responsibility for their choices, and practise problem-solving skills that will benefit them throughout life.

Why Restorative Practice?

Research shows that restorative approaches improve not only student behaviour but also strengthen school culture. By focusing on repairing harm rather than assigning blame, students feel heard, respected, and supported to do better. This contributes to a safe, inclusive, and caring environment where everyone can thrive.

Our Commitment

At MVPS, we are committed to supporting every child’s social and emotional growth. Restorative Practice is one of the ways we ensure that when challenges occur, they become learning opportunities. Together with families, we aim to equip our students with the skills to build positive relationships, show empathy, and resolve conflict respectfully.

Kind Regards,
Zaim Zeneli
Assistant Principal

BOOK FAIR – COMING SOON TUESDAY 28TH – FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Our fabulous Book Fair is coming up soon.

Every class will have the opportunity to preview the books and fill in wish lists, prior to the fair opening. There will be a wide range of quality books to select from, and as always, a bargain section.

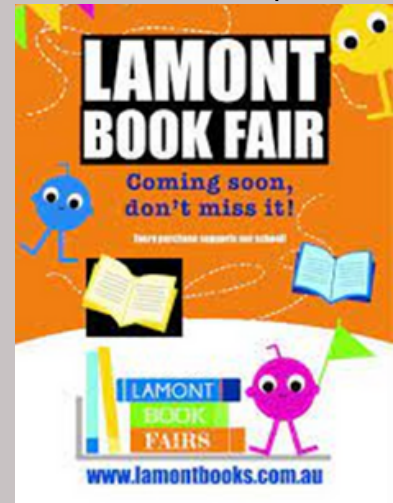
All purchases from the fair go towards earning FREE books for our school library. You can purchase books in person (EFTPOS/cash) or order online using your child's wish list.

So, kids it's time to do some extra jobs around the house so you can spend your pocket money!

Of course, for the fair to run smoothly, we will be asking for some volunteers to help...more to come.

Looking forward to seeing you at the fair.

Jo Alfano



TAG ON

Stonnington Council and MVPS have partnered together to offer some prizes and certificates for our top taggers this term.

Tagging On is so easy for our students and provides our families with an email notification to say their children have arrived at school. Students who tag on can collect house points and active travel points.

If you need a tag on, please visit the office. It's a very easy process!

Here is the website if you'd like some more information.

Let's get tagging!





Bookings Now Open!

Bookings at Malvern Valley Primary School TheirCare are now open for families to access.

Registration and bookings are completed online at theircare.com.au and usually takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

Want to know more about TheirCare? Scan the code on your mobile to watch our introduction video!



FAQs can be located on our website: <https://theircare.com.au/how-to-register/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 21/10 | Year 3/4 Scienceworks Excursion |
| 28/10-31/10 | Book Fair |
| 31/10 | Grandparents' Morning 9am - 10am |
| | Entrepreneur Academy Market Day |
| 4/11 | Melbourne Cup Day (no school) |
| 6/11 | Whole School Martial Arts Incursion |



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Holiday Program Fun!

Our Spring Holiday Program was full of exciting adventures that catered to diverse ages and interests. We visited animals at the Melbourne Zoo and went on exhilarating rides at Luna Park. The Butterfly Incursion was another favourite during which the children interacted with and learnt interesting facts about these wonderful creatures. By the end we all felt like butterfly experts! On in house days, we engaged in lots of cooking, science experiments, performing arts, and craft activities. Digging for gems, making flatbread, writing and putting on a group play, exchanging languages, making bubbling tea, and engaging in a scavenger hunt were some of our highlights.



Around the World

This will be our theme for Term 4, during which every week we will be exploring a different continent and countries. To get started, the children have been creating a list of places they would like to cover, thinking about their own background, countries they have visited or would like to visit, and if there is anything they could share with others (language, food, sport). We would also love to get some families involved so if you are interested in coming in and doing an activity with the students please come have a chat to us!



National Fairy Bread Day

Monday 24 November

Join us for a classic Aussie treat
—fairy bread!

But it's about more than just sprinkles and smiles. National Fairy Bread Day helps raise awareness and support for kids in need through important charities like The Salvation Army, Foodbank, and The Pyjama Foundation, which we support through our WeCare program.

Book into After School Care on Monday 24th November to enjoy some tasty fairy bread while supporting a great cause—one slice at a time!



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Children's Playgroup Sessions



Tuesdays

10:00AM - 12:00PM



FREE Sessions

Niño Early Learning Adventures Chadstone holds playgroups for children aged 0-5 years. Led by an Early Childhood Educator, the Playgroup brings families together to play, make friends, and build supportive connections.

What's Included

Social play using sensory materials

Messy Play
Exploration
Books / Reading
Arts & Crafts
Outdoor Play
Music

The session concludes with a shared fruit snack and group songs.

RSVP

Grace or Desiree

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