



SCHOOL NEWS



24TH OCTOBER 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Building Strong School-to-Home Partnerships

This morning I shared a post on Compass about strengthening the partnership between home and school. Students are bringing home a snapshot of one of this week's reading tasks, giving families an opportunity to see the types of learning and feedback happening in classrooms.

We encourage you to look over your child's task, discuss the teacher's feedback together, and share your reflections. Working together, we can continue to support every child's growth as a confident reader.

Save the Date – End of Year Concert & Assembly

Mark your calendars! Our End of Year Concert and Assembly will be held on **Friday, 12th December, from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.**

Each class will be performing, showcasing the amazing learning and creativity of our students throughout the year.

During the assembly, we will also announce our school leaders for 2026.

We look forward to seeing families come together to celebrate the achievements and talents of our students!

Reminder- 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!



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High Ability Maths Challenge Day

This week, two teams of high-ability maths students proudly represented Malvern Valley Primary School at Coatesville Primary for a Maths Challenge Day. Our students competed against other schools in our network, collaborating to solve challenging problems, think critically, and apply their mathematical understanding in fun and creative ways.

I had a chat with some of our students who attended, and this is what they had to say:

- “It was really fun! I was expecting it to be a day of tests, but it wasn’t. We got to play games and compete against other schools.” — Nikash, 3/4P
- “It was really good! We competed against other schools. I liked the puzzles, and I felt proud to represent my school.” — Ashan, 3/4S

We are so proud of both teams for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and the way they represented MVPS with pride and positivity.

Somers Camp Adventure

This week, eight of our Year 5 and 6 students are attending Somers Camp — an exciting nine-day adventure program that brings together students from schools across Victoria.

Throughout the camp, students will have the opportunity to develop their independence, teamwork, and leadership skills while taking part in a wide range of outdoor activities such as canoeing, bushwalking, environmental studies, and team challenges.

I am really proud that we can offer the students at MVPS so many different opportunities — from Maths Challenge Days, to Somers Camp, and more — giving them experiences that build confidence, resilience, and a love of learning. We are so proud of our MVPS students for embracing this opportunity to challenge themselves, make new friends, and represent our school with confidence and enthusiasm. We can’t wait to hear all about their adventures when they return!

Dogs on School Grounds

This week, Mr Zeneli shared important information with families about dogs on school grounds. While we know many of our students love seeing dogs at drop-off and pick-up, we ask that all families help us keep our school a safe and comfortable place for everyone. Please remember that dogs must remain on a lead at all times and are not permitted in classrooms or inside school buildings.

We appreciate your understanding and support in keeping Malvern Valley a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

Assembly

We look forward to seeing you all at our Assembly on Friday 31st October at 2:45pm. Prep T will be on stage to present an item to the MVPS community.

We look forward to welcoming our parents and friends.

Amy Tinetti
Principal



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Our Instructional Model: What it looks like in Writing

At Malvern Valley Primary School, our writing program is designed to build confident, expressive, and reflective writers who can communicate their ideas clearly and creatively. Guided by the **Victorian Curriculum 2.0**, teachers plan purposeful writing lessons that build upon the skills and understandings students need at each stage of their learning.

Each weekly writing cycle begins with a **cold write** during the **Review** phase of the lesson. This acts as a starting point for students to demonstrate what they already know in response to a writing prompt.

The process begins with **idea generation** in the first session, followed by a **seven-minute cold write** to capture initial thinking in the second. In the third and fourth sessions, students revisit their writing — expanding their vocabulary, editing and revising, and finally completing a **re-write**.

This process encourages self-reflection and allows students to apply feedback from their teacher or peers, while visibly tracking their growth as writers.

Once students complete their **Review** cycle, teachers move into the **explicit teaching of a specific writing skill**, framed around the **6+1 Traits of Writing** — ideas, organisation, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation. This focused approach allows students to refine one aspect of writing at a time, strengthening their ability to write with clarity, purpose, and creativity.

Students then **Practise** the targeted writing trait, using the teacher's modelled example as a guide. During this phase, students receive **immediate feedback** and apply what they have learned to an independent writing task during the **Apply** phase. They also take part in **1:1 conferencing** with their teacher, receiving specific feedback to strengthen their writing pieces.

Finally, in the **Reflect** phase of the lesson, students share what they have learned and celebrate each other's writing achievements, as well as looking at what they would like to strengthen in the future.

Through this structured, purposeful, and reflective approach, our students are discovering that writing is more than just putting words on a page — it's about crafting meaning, expressing ideas, and continually improving through practice, feedback, and reflection.

Zaim Zeneli
Assistant Principal

WE NEED A CARNIVAL COORDINATOR FOR 2026!

The Parents' Association are already looking ahead to their **2026 School Carnival** and need some dedicated, enthusiastic coordinator/s to help bring this beloved event to life!

If you enjoy organizing, working with a team, and making memorable experiences for our students and families, we'd love to hear from you.

You won't be doing it alone - support from the PA and past coordinators will be available. Please contact mvps_pa@outlook.com if you are interested.

If we are unable to source a Carnival Coordinator by early December, the Parents' Association and the school will be looking at other ways to fundraise in 2026.



Grandparents and Special Friends Morning at MVPS

We're excited to invite grandparents and special friends of our MVPS students to join us for a wonderful morning at school! Visitors can spend some time in classrooms, enjoy a special morning tea, explore our Book Fair, and visit the Year 3-6 Market Day—part of our exciting Academy program. It's always a highlight seeing our students proudly share their learning and creativity with loved ones!

When: Friday 31st October; 9:00 - 10:00am

Where: the classroom of the student you are visiting

We look forward to seeing you there.

For catering purposes, please indicate via the QR code if you will be attending the morning tea (at approx 10am).



TAG ON

We love our Tag On Kiosk at MVPS.

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!



Orders close Tuesday
28th October for
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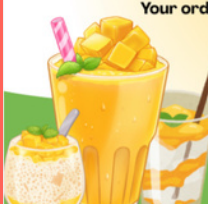


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BOOK FAIR

TUESDAY 28TH – FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Lamont Books will be bringing their Book Fair to MVPS, and it is the perfect time to buy some Christmas presents for family and friends or as a treat for your family members.

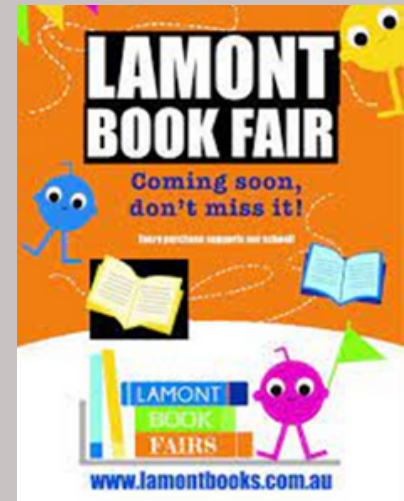
Malvern Valley Primary School gets 30% of the sales to go towards new books for our library, so all students and teachers can enjoy the rewards.

Students will have the opportunity to attend the Book Fair with their class and write down their Wish List to take home. Books can be ordered in-person at the Book Fair or online.

Book Fair opening times for students and parents are:
Tues 28/10 -Thurs 30/10: 8.30am – 9am & 3.30pm – 4:15pm
Fri 31/10(Grandparent's morning): 8:30am – 10:00am

If you are able to help out, please sign up here.

Looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Book Fair.
Jo Alfano



STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

PREP T	Charlie		RESPECT
PREP S	Bodhi		
1/2 A	Daniel		RESILIENCE
1/2 C	Emmerson & Emily		
1/2 FP	Oliver		CONFIDENCE
1/2 S	Luca & Tino		
3/4 D	Sloane & Sienna		COOPERATION
3/4 P	Raph		
3/4 S	Benji		
5/6 C	Selena		
5/6 J	Iris		
5/6 P	Aiden		



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 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

- 28/10 Year 1/2 Urban Forest Excursion
- 28/10-31/10 Book Fair
- 31/10 Grandparents' Morning 9am - 10am
- Entrepreneur Academy Market Day 10am - 11am
- 6/11 Whole School Martial Arts Incursion
- 14/11 Year 5/6 Gala Day
- 18/11 Prep CERES Excursion



WELCOME TO SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

The Malvern Valley Primary School range is now available via the following options:

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MalvernValley PS TheirCare

TERM 4

NEWSLETTER

October 2025

It's October, what a month!

Over the last two weeks we have been journeying across Asia, exploring its various countries and their diverse cultures and traditions. Word searches, flag bingo, and monument/landmark construction have been beneficial in broadening the children's geographical knowledge and understanding of history. On Monday, we also celebrated Diwali, the Indian festival of lights. We had chickpea and potato curry for afternoon tea, created 'rangoli' chalk designs at the entrance door, and the students had the opportunity to get some henna applied.



TC Titans is off to a great start!

This term we're excited to launch two fun, engaging, and expertly-designed 5-week programs—developed by professional coaches and led by our wonderful staff. The students voted and together we have decided on the following sessions:
Cooking on Thursday starting Week 2
Soccer on Tuesdays starting Week 4

The children have had so much fun experimenting with new tasty recipes and acquiring valuable cooking skills! Check out some of the fantastic dishes we have created together so far.



National Fairy Bread Day

Monday 24th 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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THE EDUCATOR 5 STAR BEST SCHOOL AWARD



SALESIAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCED IN THE EDUCATOR 5-STAR BEST SCHOOLS

Salesian College Chadstone has been recognised by The Educator as a 5-Star School for Excellence in Education, earning a place among Australia's top 34 schools for 2025.

Following a rigorous three-month review, The Educator's Intelligence Unit and judging panel identified schools demonstrating outstanding innovation and impact across student learning and wellbeing. Criteria included innovative extracurricular programs, comprehensive student support, safety and wellbeing initiatives, technology in learning, diversity and inclusion, and holistic student development.

Chris Sweeney, Managing Editor for Special Reports at The Educator, said:

"Salesian College Chadstone fully merit their 5-Star recognition for exemplifying educational excellence. Their forward-thinking approach and dedication to student growth are evident through innovative programs and a strong focus on wellbeing." College Principal, Mark Ashmore, said the recognition reflects the strength of the entire Salesian community. "This award is a testament to the professionalism and commitment of our staff, the support of our families, and the spirit of our students. Salesian College Chadstone is proud to be setting new benchmarks in academic excellence, innovation and pastoral care; from record ATAR results and national child safety recognition to Australia's first designer-curated school uniform with Peter Morrissey. Add to this a vibrant program of sports, arts and leadership opportunities, and it's clear our community is thriving. It's an exciting time to be a Salesian student."

Learn more via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/about-us/5-star-best-schools/



CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We could not be prouder of Year 12 student Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, named Overall VCE Leader of the Year.

Thomas is the Founder and Director of Per Vocem Vita (Latin for Life Through Speech), an organisation he established in Year 9 to deliver free public speaking and debating programs to primary school students.

Read more via www.salesian.vic.edu.au/blog/



YEAR 7 2026 & YEAR 7 2027 LIMITED PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

With students set to learn in our exciting new Year 7 & 8 campus from 2026, enrolments are filling fast. Secure your son's place now and be part of this historic new chapter at Salesian College Chadstone.

Enrol now via <https://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/enrolment/apply/>



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INFORMATION EVENING FOR FUTURE FAMILIES

Discover what makes Salesian College Chadstone an award-winning choice at our upcoming Information Evening for Future Families. Hear from Principal Mark Ashmore, meet our students and staff, and learn about our commitment to personal excellence and lifelong learning.

Recently recognised with the 2025 Child and Youth Empowerment Award and named among The Educator's 5-Star Best Schools, Salesian College Chadstone continues to lead with innovation, student voice and a strong focus on wellbeing.

Join us on **Tuesday 11 November at 7pm** to experience our thriving, supportive community and see why Salesian is the right choice for your son's future.

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