



SCHOOL NEWS



7TH NOVEMBER 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Building Strong School-to-Home Partnerships

Thank you to all the families who took the time to sit down with their child and provide feedback on their recent reading task. Your involvement and support help to strengthen the connection between home and school and make a real difference to student learning.

Our next learning task, which will go home on Friday, 14th November, will focus on numeracy. We encourage families to continue engaging with their child as they complete this task, helping to foster curiosity, discussion, and confidence in their learning.

Thank you again for supporting your child's learning journey — working together truly makes an impact!

Grandparents and Special Friends Day – A Wonderful Celebration

Last Friday, we welcomed an excited crowd of grandparents and special friends to our school, and what a beautiful morning it was! The classrooms were buzzing with joy as students proudly shared their learning, creative work, and favourite spaces with the special people in their lives.

It was heartwarming to see so many smiles, hear so many stories, and feel the sense of belonging and connection across our school community. From reading together to exploring displays and enjoying morning tea, the day was filled with love, laughter, and memorable moments.

A huge thank you to all our grandparents and special friends who attended and helped make the day so special. And a big well done to our students and staff for preparing such a warm and welcoming experience. Events like these remind us how important community is in supporting our students to learn and thrive.

We can't wait to do it all again next year!



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Celebrating World Teachers' Day

Last week we celebrated World Teachers' Day, a special opportunity to recognise and thank our amazing teachers for the dedication, passion, and care they bring to our classrooms every single day.

At our school, we are incredibly fortunate to have a team of educators who go above and beyond to make learning meaningful, engaging, and nurturing for each and every student. Whether it's creating calm and welcoming spaces, planning exciting lessons, guiding student wellbeing, or sparking curiosity and confidence — our teachers do it all, often quietly and behind the scenes.

Thank you to every teacher for the countless hours, the creativity, the heart, and the positive difference you make in our students' lives. Your work matters deeply, and today we say: we see you, we appreciate you, and we celebrate you.

Prep Transition Begins!

Today we welcomed our 2026 Prep students and their families for the start of our Prep Transition Program. It was wonderful to see so many excited faces as the children explored their new learning spaces, met the Prep team, and began to settle into school life at MVPS.

We are delighted to share that our Prep teacher for 2026 will be Miss Tuttleby. We will be announcing the remainder of our workforce plan later in Term 4. We look forward to getting to know all our new families over the coming weeks and supporting our future Preps as they build confidence, make new friends, and become part of our school community.

Welcome to MVPS — we're so glad you're here!

Somers Camp Adventure

Last week, a group of our Year 5 and 6 students represented MVPS at Somers Camp, where they enjoyed a week of outdoor activities, teamwork, and new friendships. From the flying fox to bush walks and beach time, students embraced challenges and made wonderful memories. A huge thank you to Mrs Starfield who supported our students at the camp — and well done to all students for representing our school so positively.

Student Reflections:

"I made a lot of new friends, and I had a really fun and new experience. It was fun because I was getting to know new people and the activities were unique. I feel like it has helped me learn about nature and to be kind to others. I hope that this camp keeps going for many years!" *Anoushka 5/6P*

"I liked the food, the best meal was fish and chips Friday! I learnt more about the environment and learnt how to be more confident. The activities were fun, especially the high ropes. The time went so quickly. I would recommend this to future MVPS students." *Edward 5/6J*

"It was so fun and it was definitely a different experience that I had never done before. I loved all of the activities and meeting new people. I would 100% recommend it if you get a chance, except if you get home sick!" *Grace 5/6P*

"My favourite thing about Somers is getting challenged by all the new activities, making new friends and being out of my comfort zone." *Bonnie 5/6P*

"My favourite was the challenge swing because I went to the top, twice! I would recommend it to other students because you are able to challenge yourself with new activities" *Alex 5/6P*

Market Day Success!

Last Friday our school was buzzing with excitement as students from The Entrepreneur Academy held their annual Market Day. Stalls filled the Sherwood Centre with creative products, handmade goods, tasty treats, and clever marketing strategies — all designed, planned, and run by our young entrepreneurs.

It was wonderful to see the students working collaboratively, managing money, using persuasive language skills, and showcasing their creativity and problem-solving. Families, staff, and students enjoyed browsing, buying, and supporting the many stalls on offer.

A huge congratulations to all students involved — your hard work, teamwork, and enthusiasm made the event a great success. Thank you to our staff and families for supporting this valuable real-world learning experience.

We can't wait to see what the next group of entrepreneurs will create!

Assembly

We look forward to seeing you all at our Assembly on **Friday 14th November at 2:45pm.**

1/2A and 1/2V will be on stage to present an item to the MVPS community. We look forward to welcoming our parents and friends.

Amy Tinetti
Principal

Performing Arts

In Performing Arts for Prep-2 we have been inspired by learning the names of many musical instruments and used that inspiration to create our own drums!

Thank you so much to all the parents who donated cans as we used these and stretched balloons and rubber bands over them to create sound. We had many different colours, shapes and sizes and discovered the bigger the drum, the lower the sound!

Harry in Prep said: "It was very fun to make a drum because I like creating noisy things."



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Visual Arts

Preps are learning about the Australian artist Margaret Preston, and are making prints of flowers inspired by her work. They are learning so many skills along the way, including drawing from observation, etching into styrofoam to create a printing plate, and how to make a print. They have really enjoyed the process so far!

'I liked making the flower because I made lots of mistakes but I kept on trying.' *Harry, Prep T*

'Something I enjoyed was making flower prints. I liked putting the paint over the flower.' *Jack, Prep T*

Having just finished their amazing cityscape printed artworks, **Year 1/2** students are learning how to paint like the Fauvist artists. They have revised their knowledge of warm and cool colours and are in the middle of creating stunning seascape artworks, using short dabs and dots of colour in the style of French artist Andre Derain.

'I learned that Fauvist artwork is made with different little dots in different shapes and sizes and that there's warm colours and cool colours.' *Maya, 1/2V*

'I liked how I blended the colours for the sea and how I did different types of blue and different types of green.' *Chloe, 1/2A*



Physical Education

This term, our **Prep** students have been strengthening their fundamental motor skills through engaging and interactive activities. In this lesson, they partnered with their 3/4 buddies to practise two essential skills: rolling a ball with precision into a hula hoop target, and kicking a ball to a partner with control and coordination.

Logan: I love throwing and kicking different sized dodgeballs.

Stella: I enjoyed bouncing the ball to my buddy.

This term, our **Year 1/2** students have been developing their throwing and catching skills using a range of ball sizes to build coordination and confidence. In this lesson, they focused on dodgeballs to refine their technique, followed by kickball where they applied these skills in a team-based setting.

Emerson: I loved practising to throw dodgeball longer distances.

Leander: I enjoyed practising my kicking skills.



Greek

It's that time of the year again! Students have been busy learning, (and for Years 1-6, extending!), 'Trigona Kalanta' (Jingle Bells) for the End of Year Concert. We can't wait to share it with our school community once again.

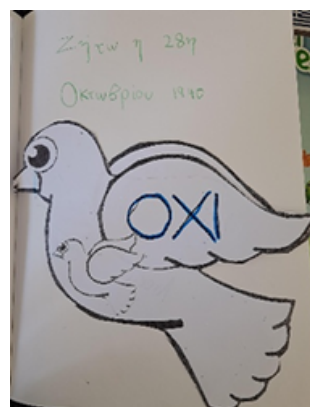
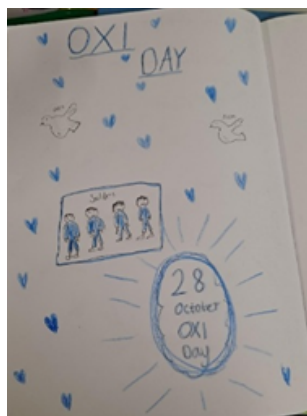
In Greek, we explore connections between language and culture. We look at cultural identity, customs and practices. We learn how cultural holidays are celebrated and the traditions associated with them, and we make links, and identify similarities and differences with our own culture.

Junior classes explored the meaning of Greece's 'Ohi Day'. 'Ohi Day' is a special holiday in Greece celebrated every year on October 28th. It commemorates the day in 1940 when Greece said, "Ohi!" ('No!' in Greek) to a demand from Italy. Italy wanted to bring its army into Greece during World War II, but Greece refused. Today, people in Greece celebrate Ohi Day with parades, flags, music, and school events to honour the courage and spirit of those who stood up for their country.

To mark Ohi Day this year, **Preps** made peace doves, whilst **Year 1/2** students created posters. In Greek, students also enjoy participating in a range of guided language activities using visual and spoken cues. **Preps** have focused on colours whilst **Year 1/2** have been learning to talk about toys using short, modelled sentences. Students have enjoyed singing songs, playing games and creating arts and crafts to support their learning.

Finally, I would very much like to encourage everyone in our school community who speaks another language(s) to teach their children and practise with them regularly. It is much easier to learn a language when we're young and it is one of the most precious gifts you can give them.

- I really liked learning about Greek 'Ohi Day'. *Hazel, 1/2A*
- I really liked drawing pictures about 'Ohi Day'. I drew a flag and tanks! *Daniel, 1/2A*
- Ohi Day is when Greece said 'No' to Italy. *Mia, 1/2A*
- It's like Anzac Day. There's no work or school, they celebrate and remember the war. They march in the streets and hold the Greek flag. *Anabelle, 1/2A*



In our next newsletter, you'll find out what our Year 3-6 students have been learning in their Specialist classes.



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STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

PREP T	Mia		RESPECT
PREP S	Bodhi		
1/2 A	Gio & Anabelle		RESILIENCE
1/2 C	Nate, Leander & Aashka		
1/2 FP	Pia & Poppy E		CONFIDENCE
1/2 S	Max, Thasvin & Zahra		
3/4 D	Tora & Kara		COOPERATION
3/4 S	Harvey		
5/6 C	Oscar		
5/6 J	Amelia		
5/6 P	Yaya		

TAG ON

We love our Tag On Kiosk at MVPS.

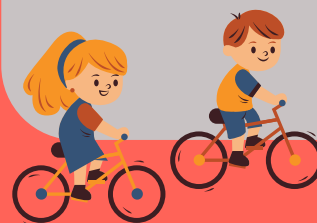
Stonnington Council and MVPS have partnered together to offer some prizes and certificates for our top taggers this term.

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!



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

- 14/11 Year 5/6 Gala Day
- 17/11 Music World Lunchtime Concert
- 18/11 Prep CERES Excursion
- 24/11 Prep Fire Ed Incursion
- 24/11 - 26/11 Year 3/4 Camp
- 3/12 Open Morning
- 9/12 School-wide Transition Day
- 10/12 Year 6 Graduation
- 11/12 Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- 12/12 End of Year Concert & Final Assembly
- 19/12 Last day of 2025 School finishes at 1:30pm

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TERM 4

NEWSLETTER

November 2025

MalvernValley PS TheirCare

Holey moley it's November!

We have moved on to exploring European culture and tradition through food, sports, festivals, and geographic mapping. Halloween tied in perfectly, linking back to ancient Celtic origins. In line with our TC Titans Soccer sessions and as highly requested, we have also been looking into the various top performing European soccer clubs. The students have been engaging in soccer logo guessing challenges, creating their own mini cup soccer games, and designing soccer jerseys.

A reminder that every Tuesday we are running soccer training sessions including various drills and games to build on the children's passing, dribbling, shooting and teamwork skills. Just book in to attend at no extra cost!



National Fairy Bread Day!

the pyjama foundation

Monday 24th November

Book into After School Care and celebrate National Fairy Bread Day with some tasty fairy bread! Fairy Bread Day helps raise awareness and support for kids in need through charities like The Pyjama Foundation, which we support through our WeCare program.



Masterchef Thursdays

Sushi Sandwich Rolls, Fruit & Yogurt Parfait and Muffin Pizzas have been our cooking projects over the last several weeks. Cooking programs foster academic skills, promote healthy eating habits, and develop valuable life skills. The children build on their math, science and literacy abilities through measuring ingredients, observing cause and effect reactions, and reading recipes. Hands-on experiences like this build fine and gross motor skills, confidence, independence and collaboration. This program also encourages a positive relationship with food, making children more adventurous eaters and increasing the likelihood that they will try new foods.



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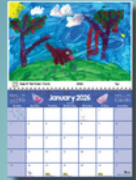


- Build more Focus for learning and building better relationships so that children feel better about themselves
- Develop Self Control to regulate their emotions and their state so that they can choose better actions and have better outcomes at home and school.

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