



SCHOOL NEWS



13TH FEBRUARY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Term 1 Value Focus: Respect

At Malvern Valley Primary School, our Term 1 value is **Respect**.

Respect underpins everything we do – from the way we learn and play, to the way we build relationships and solve problems. It is the foundation of a safe, inclusive and high-performing school community.

Respect is about recognising the inherent value of every person. It means treating others with kindness and fairness, even when we may not agree. It means valuing diversity, caring for our environment and taking responsibility for our words and actions.

Throughout this term, students will be explicitly taught and supported to understand that respect looks like:

- Listening attentively when others are speaking
- Using polite, inclusive and appropriate language
- Following school expectations and routines
- Caring for classroom materials, school grounds and shared spaces
- Appreciating differences in culture, background, ability and perspective
- Managing disagreements calmly and constructively

Teachers will be reinforcing respectful behaviours in classrooms, on the playground and during specialist programs. We will also be celebrating students who consistently demonstrate respect in action.

The Power of the School-Home Partnership

One of the greatest strengths of our MVPS community is the positive partnership we share between school and home. When children receive consistent messages about values in both environments, their understanding deepens and their behaviours strengthen.

Together, we create a shared language and shared expectations that help our students thrive.

Your role in reinforcing Respect at home is incredibly powerful.



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Ways you can support learning about Respect at home:

Model respectful communication – Children learn most from what they observe. Speaking calmly, actively listening and resolving conflict respectfully sets a strong example.

Encourage active listening – Practise taking turns in conversation and maintaining eye contact when someone is speaking.

Celebrate diversity – Talk positively about people from different cultures, backgrounds and abilities. Encourage curiosity and empathy.

Promote responsibility – Support your child to take care of their belongings, complete household responsibilities and respect shared family spaces.

Use reflection questions – At the end of the day, ask:

- How did you show respect today?
- Did someone show respect to you?
- Was there a moment where you could have handled something differently?

Acknowledge respectful behaviour – Be specific when praising your child: “I noticed you waited patiently—that was very respectful,” or “You handled that disagreement really calmly.”

By working together, we strengthen not only respectful behaviours but also empathy, resilience and emotional intelligence. These are lifelong skills that will support our students well beyond primary school.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us in nurturing respectful, responsible and caring young people at MVPS. Together, we make a powerful difference.

Welcome Picnic – Friday 20th February | 4:00pm–6:00pm

We are delighted to invite all MVPS families to our Welcome Picnic on **Friday 20th February from 4:00pm–6:00pm**. This much-loved event is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new connections and enjoy a relaxed, fun-filled afternoon together as a community.

The Welcome Picnic is a fantastic way to kick off the school year, strengthen our school-home connections and celebrate the vibrant community that makes MVPS so special. We're looking forward to an afternoon filled with food, fun, laughter and plenty of smiles.

Please RSVP [here](#) so we can ensure there is plenty of food and fun for everyone.

We can't wait to see you there — it's set to be a fabulous afternoon!

Assembly

Our next Assembly will be held on Friday, 20th February at 2:45 pm in the Sherwood Centre. All families are welcome to attend.

Cake Raffle – \$1 per ticket

Our next Cake Raffle will be drawn during assembly! Next week, our brave bakers are the Lyons Family — thank you for contributing a delicious sweet treat for our school community.

Tickets are just \$1 each and are available for purchase at the office (cash only!) Don't miss out on your chance to win a scrumptious treat!

Amy Tinetti
Principal

Supporting your child at home as a Reader

As homework and take-home readers have started this week, I will be sharing a series of tips across the term to help you further support your child's learning at home.

These suggestions are designed to give you an insight into the language and strategies teachers use when working with your children at school. Our hope is that this helps create consistency between home and the classroom, building your child's confidence and success as a reader.

Book chats

Discussing the content and meaning of books is an important part of reading. Chat about the book before, during and after reading, and encourage your child to share their ideas and to ask questions about the book.

Making links across the text by asking guiding questions encourages children to think about what they are reading.

Here are some questions you can ask before, during and after reading the book:

- Look at the cover. What do you think this book might be about?
- How does the place the book is set in make you feel?
- How would you describe the character at the beginning of the story?
- What is happening in the pictures?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- Why might a character have done this? What would you do in the same situation?
- Who was your favourite character in the story? Why did you like that character?
- What was your favourite part of the book?
- Can you try to retell the story to me in your own words?

As students move into Years 3-6, these questions are still very important to ask. As your child moves through primary school, add more questions when discussing the book you are reading together, or when discussing the book your child is reading independently.

Some further questions might include:

- Does the main character change in the story? How does the character change?
- If you could change the ending of this book, what would it be?
- What do you think is the story's main message?
- What is your opinion about the story's main message?
- Can you relate the story or message to another event or issue?
- How could other people see it differently?

Zaim Zeneli
Assistant Principal



WELCOME PICNIC

BRING A PICNIC AND MEET
THE MVPS COMMUNITY

GAMES & PICNIC ON THE ASTROTURF
FOOD SOLD IN THE AMPITHEATRE

Sausage in bread (cooked by staff) \$4

Can soft drink \$2

Icy poles \$1

20th Feb | 4-6 pm

Please RSVP [here](#)
to help us with
catering



MORE
INFORMATION
HERE!

Our amazing staff will be firing up the BBQ, serving delicious sausages, refreshing drinks and icy poles – all available for purchase. There's no need to worry about bringing cash, as EFTPOS facilities will be available on the day.

There will be music to get your toes tapping, games for the kids (and the adults who still feel like kids!) and plenty of space on the astroturf to roll out your picnic rug and soak up the atmosphere.

Families are also very welcome to bring along their own picnic if you prefer a DIY feast.

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!



CAKE RAFFLE WINNER



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VALLEY PRIDE POINTS

This year, we've launched **Valley Pride Points** as part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. Every staff member can award **up to 10 points each day** to students who go above and beyond our school expectations.

At each assembly, the Junior (Prep - Year 2) and Senior (Year 3-6) classes with the highest total for the fortnight earn a **free icy pole** on the following Icy Pole Friday.

This fortnight's champions are:

- Junior class: 2M
- Senior class : 5/6P

Congratulations to both classes for showing outstanding Valley Pride.

Starting next assembly, we'll also be recognising the individual students who earn the most Valley Pride Points over the fortnight. These students will receive a **certificate** and **three free tickets for the following Cake Raffle**.

STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

PREP T	Aradhya
1 C	Tharun
1 V	Sebastian
2 G	Eliza
2 M	Miguel
3/4 M	Liam
3/4 P	Harlen
5/6 C	Adam
5/6 K	Sloane
5/6 P	Liam



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



CONFIDENCE



COOPERATION



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

19/2	Year 5/6 Parliament Process Incursion
20/2	Welcome Picnic 4pm - 6pm
23/2	Year 3-6 District Swimming
2/3	Curriculum Day (No scheduled classes)
5/3	Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership

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THEIRCARE NEWS



MalvernValley PS TheiCare

TERM 1

NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Welcome back!

It has been lovely hearing about all the exciting adventures that took place over the holidays, whether at TheiCare or otherwise. We have kickstarted the year by bringing back the paper airplane challenge to promote creativity, experimentation and collaboration amongst the students. This week we have also been talking about the Winter Olympics and doing some related activities to explore the sports taking place. So far we have played winter freezer tag, mini ice hockey, winter sports bingo, musical freeze, and snowball toss. Other popular games have included Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, and Memory Cards.



FLIPPIN' FUN PANCAKE PARTY!

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

We're mixing up Shrove Tuesday and St. Patrick's Day cheer! We'll be flipping pancakes, enjoying green crafts, making good luck charms, and playing silly games. Join in the fun during after-school care, at no extra cost to families. To book visit TheiCare.com.au

Check your enrolment is up-to-date, so you're ready when life 'happens'!

You know the feeling – stuck in traffic, an unexpected meeting or appointment, or managing the unexpected! We are ready to support your family with flexible, last minute bookings!

Jump into our booking system and check all your enrolment details are up-to-date, so that we are ready to take your before or after school care booking. There are also some really fun activities planned for throughout Term One that you won't want to miss!! Dive in at theircare.com.au and click the 'Book Now' button.



**TheiCare's
Autumn
2026
Holiday Program**

iSpy KIDS

Something exciting is coming this Autumn...

iSpy Kids!

Packed with mystery, curiosity and fun filled adventures, it will be one school holiday program you won't want to miss! Bookings open soon...

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SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

AUDITION for the Australian Youth Choir 2026.

Enrolments for 2026 are now open to boys and girls from 8 years of age.

An opportunity to develop:

- singing
- musicianship; choral repertoire
- confidence
- self-esteem
- new friendships

Weekly rehearsals in Canterbury during school Term with performance opportunities during the year.

AUDITION NOW FOR 2026

Appointments are available by contacting

EMAIL: office2@niypaa.com.au

Boys and Girls singing together since 1975

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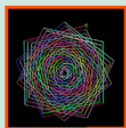
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CODING PROGRAM

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Time to code.
Think Creatively.
Solve Problems.



TERM 1 2026 - 8 weeks

Years: 3 to 6

Day: Mondays

Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm

Fees: \$320 (incl. GST)

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