



SCHOOL NEWS



22ND MAY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Education Support Day

Education Support Day was celebrated on Saturday 16th May, and at MVPS we were proud to recognise and celebrate our incredible ES team throughout that week.

We surprised our Education Support staff with a special morning tea to thank them for the care, dedication and hard work they show every single day. Each grade also created thoughtful cards for different team members, which brought lots of smiles and appreciation across the school.

Our Education Support staff are truly the invisible heroes of our school. They work tirelessly behind the scenes and alongside our students and teachers to ensure every child feels supported, safe, included and able to achieve success. Whether they are helping students in the classroom, supporting wellbeing, preparing learning materials, assisting with interventions or simply being a calm and caring presence, their impact is felt in every corner of our school community.

We are incredibly proud of our ES team and so grateful for everything they do. Our students are very lucky to have such passionate, caring and dedicated people supporting them each day.

Thank you to our wonderful Education Support staff for the difference you make at MVPS every single day!

Celebrating Education Week

This week has been absolutely fabulous as we celebrated Education Week at MVPS. We are incredibly proud to have had the opportunity to showcase our wonderful school community and the amazing learning happening every day across our classrooms.

Throughout the week, we opened our doors to families with Open Mornings and Afternoons, giving parents and carers the chance to see learning in action and experience the positive classroom environments our students engage in each day. It was fantastic to see so many families visiting classrooms, speaking with staff and celebrating student learning alongside us.



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Mr Zeneli and I also had the opportunity to present to families about the “how” and “why” behind teaching and learning at MVPS. We loved sharing the thinking, research and approaches that underpin our work, and explaining how we support all students to grow academically, socially and emotionally.

Thank you to all the families who attended events throughout the week. Your ongoing support, interest and involvement in your child’s education means so much to us, and we hope you found the sessions valuable and worthwhile.

A huge thank you also goes to our incredible teachers and staff for opening up their classrooms and proudly showcasing the amazing work happening across the school. The care, planning and dedication that goes into creating engaging learning experiences for our students is truly appreciated.

And finally, thank you to our wonderful students. You represented our school so beautifully throughout the week and should be very proud of yourselves. Your enthusiasm, confidence and love of learning were on display for all to see.

We are so proud of our MVPS community and everything we continue to achieve together.

Respectful Language at School

Recently, we have noticed an increase in students using inappropriate language, swearing and making unkind comments during both class time and on the playground. At MVPS, we are committed to creating a safe, respectful and inclusive environment where all students, staff and families feel valued and supported.

The words we use matter. Language can have a significant impact on the wellbeing of others, and we want our students to understand the importance of communicating in a respectful and thoughtful way at all times. As part of our school values, we encourage students to show kindness, respect and responsibility through both their actions and their words.

While we understand that students may sometimes repeat language they hear online, in games, on social media or in other environments, it is important that they know certain words and comments are not appropriate at school. We are also reminding students that “jokes” or comments made in frustration can still hurt others and negatively impact relationships and the learning environment.

We ask families to please support us by having regular conversations at home about respectful language, positive communication and appropriate ways to manage emotions when upset or frustrated. Simple reminders about speaking kindly, thinking before responding and considering how words affect others can make a huge difference.

You may also wish to monitor the content students are accessing online, including games, YouTube, TikTok and social media platforms, as we know language and behaviours from these spaces can sometimes filter into the school environment. At school, staff will continue to explicitly teach and reinforce positive behaviours, respectful relationships and appropriate communication. When inappropriate language occurs, we will work with students to reflect on their choices, repair relationships where needed and make better choices moving forward.

We are incredibly proud of the caring and respectful culture we continue to build at MVPS and appreciate the ongoing partnership between home and school in supporting our students. Together, we can help ensure our school remains a positive and welcoming place for everyone.



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Paws, Please Pick Up! 🐾

We have noticed an increase in dog poo around the school grounds recently and kindly ask all families with a pooch to please make sure they are picking up after their furry friends.

With the closure of Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park for works, we have also seen an increase in visitors using our school grounds after hours to walk their dogs. While we love seeing our community enjoying the space, we would really appreciate everyone helping to keep our grounds clean, safe and enjoyable for all students and families. Unfortunately, our students are becoming a little too skilled at spotting unexpected “surprises” on the oval and pathways — and it’s definitely not part of our planned outdoor learning program!

If you happen to see neighbours or visitors walking dogs on the school grounds, please feel free to give them a friendly reminder to pick up after their dog. Thank you for helping us keep MVPS clean, safe and paw-sitively pleasant for everyone!

Early Pick Up Reminder

A friendly reminder to families to please add a note on Compass or contact the office if you are planning to collect your child early from school.

Providing advance notice helps our administration team and teachers ensure your child is ready to be collected on time and minimises disruptions to learning across the school.

We also ask families to keep in mind that Fridays, particularly on assembly weeks, can be quite busy and challenging for staff when organising early pick ups. During assembly times, students and teachers are often not in their classrooms, which can sometimes delay the process of locating and preparing students for collection.

Where possible, we kindly ask that families provide as much notice as they can for Friday pick ups, especially during assembly weeks.

Thank you for your support and understanding — it really helps our office team and staff keep everything running smoothly!

Assembly

Our next Assembly will be held on **Friday, 29th May at 2:45 pm** in The Sherwood Centre. **3/4P** will be on stage to present an item to the MVPS community.

We look forward to welcoming our parents and friends.

Cake Raffle – \$1 per ticket

Our next cake raffle will be held during assembly! This week, our brave bakers are the Caswell Family — thank you for contributing a delicious cake for our school community.

Tickets are just **\$1 each**, and the lucky winner will be drawn during assembly. Don’t miss out on your chance to win a scrumptious treat!

Amy Tinetti
Principal



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Term 2 Visual Arts

Prep

This term in Prep, students will explore the tactile qualities of different materials (e.g. rough, smooth, spiky, scaly) and use these experiences to develop ideas for their visual art. They'll be experimenting with a variety of drawing materials to bring their animal artworks to life, exploring how to create fur, feathers, scales and spikes through creative mark-making. Get ready for some wonderfully imaginative creations!

Year 1 and Year 2

Students in Year 1 and 2 are continuing to explore how artists use visual conventions to express ideas, observations and imagination through the use of a range of materials and techniques. They have just put the finishing touches on their mixed-media portraits from last term – they're full of colour and personality! Next, they'll dive into the art elements of shape and texture, developing their modelling skills as they create their own unique magiclay artworks.

Year 3/4

This term, our Year 3/4 students are exploring how artists use different materials, techniques and visual arts conventions to communicate ideas. Inspired by the bold and playful styles of Pop Art and the UK artist Lucy Sparrow, they'll be learning essential sewing skills to create their own felt artworks, blending art, design and craftsmanship.

Year 5/6

Our senior students are continuing to develop their visual arts skills by experimenting with visual conventions, visual arts processes and materials. They are finishing their work on their one-point perspective drawings, focusing on the art element of space and how to create the illusion of depth. Next, they'll move into 3D art, exploring form by designing and constructing food-inspired sculptures using materials such as cardboard, foil, and plaster strips. Lots of fun (and messy) learning ahead!

Marisa Mowszowski

Term 2 LOTE- Greek

Prep

This term, as part of developing their oral language skills, and learning to communicate using modelled language relating to aspects of their personal world, students will be introduced to vocabulary for counting and members of their household. They will explore connections between language and culture as they learn about 'Protomayia' (1st May) and the traditional Greek puppet 'Karagiozis'.

Year 1 and Year 2

In years 1 and 2, students will reflect on how language, culture and identity are interconnected as they learn about Greek around the world, including identifying where the language is spoken and the influence Greece has had, such as, in Australian architecture and food. Students will compare the similarities and differences between Greek speaking communities and others and learn about cultural symbols including the Greek flag, traditional dress and worry beads ('komboloi').

Year 3/4

Year 3/4 students will be using modelled language to initiate and respond to questions as they learn vocabulary for days of the week and sharing about themselves and their weekly activities. Students will identify connections between personal identity, language and culture through learning about cultural symbols and traditions, such as boats and name days, and comparing these with their own/Australian culture.

Year 5/6

Year 5/6 students will be comparing the structure and features of Greek versus English, such as the use of punctuation or identifying English words of Greek origin. They will use modelled grammatical structures to respond to and create simple texts. Students will also explore the relationship between language, cultural practices and identity by expanding their understanding of cultural symbols and traditions, such as, Greek windmills.

Mariana Surenian

CAPTAIN'S CATCH UP

Hello MVPS Community! Last week, we talked about the suggestion box. This week we will talk about Districts Cross Country and Nude Food lunch boxes. On Friday the 15th of May, selected year 3-6 students represented our school at Caulfield Park at the District Cross Country. We were really proud of all the students who tried their hardest and were supporting each other in this big event.

Well done to the following students who placed top 10 and have the chance to run in division:

Under 11's boys - Benji and Kai

Under 12/13s girls - Lailah, Chloe, Liv, and Mariah

Well done on making it through to Division

At District Cross country, 9/10 years olds run 2 km and under 11-13 year olds run 3 km. It is not run on a track either. It is run on uneven surfaces, hence the name cross country. Congratulations to all who represented Malvern Valley, we are looking forward to it again next year!

Last week, the Green Team introduced Nude Food to all school students. Nude food reduces rubbish around the school and helps keep our school cleaner. Nude Food food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging. It looks a bit like this:

Not Nude food



Nude food

Each fortnight the class with the most Nude food will win a special prize presented at assembly. The prize is 20 mins of extra playtime allocated by your classroom teacher. Last week's winners were 2G. Congratulations! You were this year's first ever winners for Nude Food lunchboxes!

Thank you for reading this week's Captains Catch up!

Lailah and Grace
2026 Ivanhoe House Captains

VALLEY PRIDE WINNER



CAKE RAFFLE WINNER



MVPS Parents Association warmly invites you to a parents'

Winter SOCIAL!

Come along for an evening of casual drinks, nibbles and chat with fellow school parents

WHEN
Friday 19th June
7:00 PM onwards

WHERE
Parkside Wine
512 Waverley Road
Malvern East

Nibbles on arrival and drinks at bar prices
RSVP for catering purposes
<https://events.humanitix.com/mvpsparents>

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH
8AM - 4PM

COME DOWN, GRAB A SAUSAGE (OR TWO!) AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE.

- SAUSAGES
- DRINKS
- GOOD VIBES!

EVERY SAUSAGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

BUNNINGS CHADSTONE
675-685 Warrigal Rd, Chadstone

MALVERN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CREATING CONFIDENT CHILDREN

A SNAG FOR YOU, A BIG HELP FOR OUR SCHOOL!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

PREP T	JOSIE	RESPECT
1 C	EDEN	
1 V	ALEX	RESILIENCE
2 G	ROHAN	
2 M	GIO	CONFIDENCE
3/4 D	YANICK	
3/4 M	MELISSA	COOPERATION
5/6 C	MANDY	
5/6 P	ASHAR	

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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/>

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

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Select Malvern Valley Primary School from the "FIND MY SCHOOL" list of schools.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

27/5	Yr 4 Excursion
28/4	Prep Excursion
2/6	Yr 3/4 Excursion
3/6	Yr 1 Excursion
5/6	Curriculum Day
8/6	King's Birthday Holiday

CARNIVAL NEWS



Carnival Update

WHEN

Saturday 7th November 1pm-8pm

FUNDRAISING FOCUS

Strengthening STEM program and enriching the library.

STAY IN TOUCH

www.mvpscarnival.com.au

CALLING ON OUR COMMUNITY FOR HELP

Do you have a connection to a local business or organisation that may be willing to support our school through financial sponsorship or a donation for a silent auction?

We are looking for products, services, vouchers, experiences, or sponsorship support to help maximise our fundraising efforts. Your networks and generosity can make a real difference in helping us achieve great outcomes for our students. Please email any contacts to mvpscarnival2026@gmail.com.



THEIRCARE NEWS



Malvern Valley PS TheirCare

TERM 2

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Hi Everyone!

Over the last two weeks, the children have been exploring weather, seasons, climate and the environment through STEM, creativity, teamwork and outdoor play. Our 'Weather Watchers' theme has involved conducting science experiments like Cloud in a Jar and Tornado in a Bottle, working collaboratively to create recycled weather mobiles, predicting weather patterns, learning about different types of clouds, and exploring wind power by creating pinwheels / mini windmills.



Look what's coming in Term Two!

Book into after school care on these dates to enjoy these special activities, at no extra cost to families.



Winter Holiday Program is coming!

With a packed program this is one holiday season you won't want to miss! Disney on Ice, Toy Story 5, marine life incursions, a talking dinosaur activity, karaoke, ice skating – these are just some of the amazing things planned!!! *Bookings open soon!*

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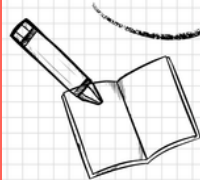


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READERS AND SPELLERS

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS LITERACY
PROGRAM LED BY SOUNDS-WRITE
CERTIFIED SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS**

Looking for a fun way to boost your child's reading and spelling skills these July holidays?

THEN REGISTER YOUR INTEREST!



30th of June, 1st and 2nd of July 2026
9:00-11:00am each day
Grades (in 2026): Year 1 to Year 3
Program Fee: \$600*
Location: 643 - 645 Glenhuntly Rd, Caulfield South
*Includes Screening and Summary Report

SCAN THE QR CODE OR EMAIL HOLIDAYPROGRAMS@SPARKSPEECHPATHOLOGY.COM TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST







The Sibling Whisperers

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BEING RESPECTFUL

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