



SCHOOL NEWS



8TH MAY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Mother's Day Breakfast

It was so lovely to see all of our MVPS mums and special friends at our Mother's Day Breakfast this morning.

The atmosphere was full of smiles, laughter, coffee, and community spirit! From the glam bar, to plate decorating, to the Zumba session that was an absolute BIG hit, it was wonderful seeing everyone having so much fun together.

A huge thank you to our amazing Parents Association for once again organising such a special event for our community. Events like these do not happen without an enormous amount of time, care, and behind-the-scenes work, and we are incredibly grateful.

Thank you also to all of the MVPS parents and volunteers who helped out on the day – your support and generosity helped make the morning such a success.

Mothers are the heart of so many of our families – caring, supportive, strong, resilient, and endlessly giving. Our MVPS mums are all of this and more. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful community of parents and carers who support not only their own children, but our whole school community.

We hope everyone has a beautiful Mother's Day on Sunday, celebrating, spoiling, and showering your mums and special people with lots of love.

Happy Mother's Day from all of us at MVPS

Education Week 2026 – Showcase Your School

Education Week 2026 will be celebrated from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May, and this year's theme is **"Showcase Your School."**

This theme encourages school communities across Victoria to celebrate what makes their school unique – whether it's the people, the learning, the opportunities, the environment, or the sense of community.

At MVPS, we have so much to celebrate and be proud of.

We are proud of our incredible students who show curiosity, kindness, resilience, and a love of learning every day. We are proud of our dedicated staff who go above and beyond to create engaging, inclusive, and supportive learning environments.

We are proud of the opportunities we provide our students — from wellbeing programs, specialist learning, student leadership, kitchen garden, camps, incursions, community partnerships, and so much more.

Most importantly, we are proud of the strong sense of community that makes MVPS such a special place to belong.

As Principal, I feel incredibly proud every single day to lead a school filled with passionate staff, supportive families, and amazing students. There is something truly special about the culture and connections within our school community, and Education Week gives us the opportunity to celebrate that together.

This year, we will be showcasing our school by opening up our classrooms and inviting families to see learning in action.

On:

- Tuesday 19th May – 9:00am–10:00am and 2:30pm–3:30pm
- Thursday 21st May – 9:00am–10:00am and 2:30pm–3:30pm

Families will be invited into classrooms to participate in and observe learning alongside students.

Then, on **Wednesday 20th May at 9am**, we will be offering Learning Walks throughout the school, led by myself, Mr Zeneli, and Ms Crothers. During these learning walks, we will share:

- Learning in action across the school
- The evidence-based approaches we use
- The “how” behind teaching and learning at MVPS

To cause the least amount of disruption to learning, we ask that parents arrive within the following windows:

- Morning sessions: 9:00am–9:10am
- Afternoon sessions: 2:30pm–2:40pm

After this time, classroom doors will close and families will be welcome to stay for the full session and join in with the learning.

A full schedule outlining what will be happening in each classroom during these sessions will be shared with families next week. We will also be sharing a ‘sign up’ link for the Learning Walk.

We cannot wait to celebrate our amazing school community together and showcase the incredible learning happening every day at MVPS!

Captain's Catch Up

You might notice something new in our newsletter this week — our School Leaders now have their very own newsletter section, Captain's Catch Up!

I was incredibly proud of our student leaders when they approached us asking how they could do even more across MVPS and become more involved in sharing student voice within our community. This initiative was completely their idea, and it is such a wonderful example of leadership, agency, and pride in our school.

Each fortnight, families will now be able to hear directly from our student leaders about what is happening around the school, upcoming events, student achievements, and the exciting things taking place at MVPS.

This is such a fantastic initiative from our students and highlights the confidence, creativity, and passion they bring to their leadership roles. We are so lucky to have such thoughtful and motivated student leaders representing our school community.

I can't wait to see what else our leaders achieve this year — they continue to impress us with their ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment to making MVPS an even better place for everyone. Well done to our amazing School Leaders!

Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS)

Next week, our Year 4–6 students will be taking part in the annual Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS).

The AtoSS is a statewide student survey conducted across Victorian Government schools and provides students with an important opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences about school life, wellbeing, learning, relationships, and student voice.

The survey collects valuable feedback about areas such as:

- Student connectedness
- Sense of confidence and inclusion
- Teacher-student relationships
- Learning experiences
- Bullying and wellbeing
- Student voice and agency

Mr Zeneli and I will be conducting the survey sessions with students across the week.

The information gathered through the survey is an incredibly valuable piece of feedback for our school. It helps us celebrate what is working well at MVPS, while also identifying areas where we can continue to grow and improve to best support our students.

We encourage all students to participate thoughtfully and honestly, as their voice plays an important role in shaping future wellbeing, engagement, and learning initiatives across our school.

Assembly

Our next Assembly will be held on Friday, 15th May at 2:45 pm in The Sherwood Centre. 3/4D 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 Tran 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

VALLEY PRIDE WINNER



CAKE RAFFLE WINNER



Reading at MVPS

At Malvern Valley Primary School, we are committed to developing confident, capable and thoughtful readers. Our approach to reading is grounded in evidence-based practice and informed by the **Science of Reading**, ensuring students develop both the ability to read words accurately and understand texts deeply.

A key feature of our Reading program is **small group instruction**. Each student regularly works in a small group with their teacher, allowing for targeted teaching that meets their specific needs. In these sessions, teachers provide immediate feedback, adjust instruction in the moment, and support students to apply strategies at an appropriate level of challenge.

Our approach is underpinned by the two key elements of the Science of Reading:

- **Word Recognition** – including phonics, decoding and fluency
- **Language Comprehension** – including vocabulary, background knowledge and understanding texts

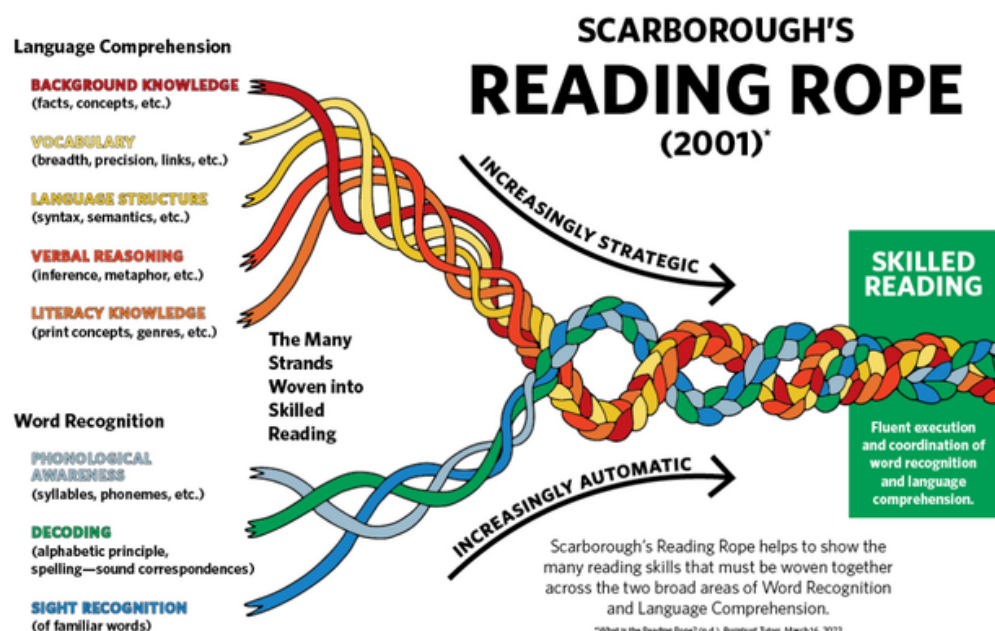
In the early years, there is a strong focus on developing **phonics, decoding skills and fluency** through explicit, systematic instruction, supporting students to become accurate and fluent readers. As students progress, there is an increasing emphasis on **comprehension strategies**, vocabulary development and deeper thinking about texts. Within small group instruction, students engage in approaches such as **Guided Reading** and **Reciprocal Reading**.

In Guided Reading, students work closely with their teacher to practise decoding, fluency and comprehension using texts at their level. In Reciprocal Reading, students collaborate with peers to deepen understanding through strategies such as predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising.

Alongside small group work, students also participate in whole-class lessons where reading strategies are explicitly taught, modelled and practised. This ensures all students develop a clear understanding of how to think as a reader and can apply these skills independently.

Our goal is for every student to become an independent reader who can confidently navigate a range of texts, think critically, and communicate their understanding effectively.

We encourage families to support this learning at home by reading regularly with their child and engaging in conversations about what they are reading.



Term 2 Performing Arts

Prep

As part of our Music unit, Preps will explore how and why music is important for people and communities by discovering old forms of listening to Music, such as records, cassettes, CDs and iPods. We are extending our knowledge by learning the names of different instruments and playing along with percussion instruments such as tambourines, triangles and maracas. We will focus on copying different beats and singing to our favourite songs.

Year 1 and Year 2

For this term in Year 1 and 2 we are exploring music across cultures. We are learning about Loud & Soft and High & Low sounds. We are using microphones to sing karaoke and learning about the Orchestra. We are developing listening skills and skills for singing and playing instruments. We will also discover more about how we can follow along with Beat & Rhythm using body percussion.

Year 3/4

In Year 3/4 this term we are exploring where, when, why and how music is composed and performed across cultures, times, places as part of the Music Curriculum. We are developing listening skills and skills for working with the Elements of Music such as Pitch, Tempo & Volume. We will sing and perform music we have learnt and created by writing our own lyrics and playing xylophones.

Year 5/6

Our focus this term for 5/6s will be developing listening skills and skills for working with the Elements of Music to achieve expressive effects when composing, singing and playing instruments. These Elements include Pitch, Beat, Rhythm, Volume and Tempo. Students will use a variety of instruments including bells and drums to create their own music. They will learn about Stick Notation and create their own beats, rhythms and lyrics they can perform to the class.

Terissa Fidock

Term 2 PE (Physical Education)

Prep

Our Prep students are in for an exciting term in Physical Education as they continue to build their Fundamental Motor Skills. They will be exploring different ways to move their bodies safely whilst using equipment and moving through space. We'll be strengthening their core ball-handling abilities, including throwing, catching, dribbling and bouncing, all through fun, energetic activities.

As the term progresses, students will begin applying these skills in simple game situations. They'll explore passing, dribbling and shooting in soccer, before moving on to kicking, handballing and marking in Australian Rules Football.

Year 1 and Year 2

The Grade 1/2's this term will be exploring different ways to move their bodies and use equipment effectively, and think about which movements work best. For the first five weeks, they'll be exploring hockey, building their passing, dribbling and shooting skills through fun, hands-on activities.

In the final five weeks, the focus shifts to tennis, where students will develop ball control, practise simple rallies and begin learning the basics of serving. Throughout this time, the students will be engaging in partner, small group and whole class games to continue building their sportsmanship and teamwork skills.



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Year 3/4

This term as well as focusing on improving their physical education skills, the Grade 3/4 students will be focusing on taking on different roles in group or team activities and work respectfully with others to achieve success.

For the first three weeks, they'll be developing their soccer skills, including dribbling, passing and shooting, while also building teamwork and game sense through games. In the next three weeks, students will move into Australian Rules Football, focusing on kicking, handballing and marking before applying these skills in modified matches.

To finish the term, students will begin preparing for our Term 3 MVPS Athletics Carnival, learning the key skills for upcoming athletics events.

Year 5/6

This term the Grade 5/6 students will be focusing on working positively in groups by contributing, encouraging others and taking on different roles, all while learning how to use teamwork and simple game strategies to achieve success.

The students will be preparing for their Winter Lightning Premiership. The sports they'll be focusing on are Netball, Soccer and Tee-Ball. Toward the end of last term, students practised their Tee-Ball skills and applied them in game-like situations.

For the first three weeks of this term, students will be developing their netball skills, with a focus on passing, shooting, movement and game play.

In the following three weeks, they will shift to soccer, working on dribbling, passing and shooting before applying these skills in small-sided games.

To finish the term, students will begin preparing for the MVPS Athletics Carnival, practising key events and building confidence ahead of Term 3.

Andrew Brown

CAPTAIN'S CATCH UP

Welcome to the first edition of the Captain's Catch Up. The captains will be sharing what is going on in the school and important information fortnightly.

This edition we would like to inform you about our newest update for the school.

The student leadership team has worked hard to introduce a concept that can allow students and teachers to share their needs for how to make Malvern Valley an even better place! It is called the Suggestion Box! It is located in the office on the admin bench and it is bright blue- you will notice it!

Here's some examples of our student voice:

- Classroom equipment (Whiteboard markers, pencils)
- More fundraisers
- More sensory tools
- Alternative for icy-poles
- Popcorn instead of icy-poles
- More sports equipment
- Nicer upgraded bathrooms
- More buddy time



Just a note: We would like you to understand that while we value everyone's suggestions, some may not be achievable. We look forward to reading everyone's suggestions in the future.

Thank you for reading our first edition and remember to watch out for the next one!

Mariah and Audrey
2026 School Captains

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!



STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

PREP T

Ryder

1 C

Shoki

1 V

Thanassis

2 G

Henry

2 M

Maya

3/4 D

Cove

3/4 M

Chloe W

3/4 P

Darcy

5/6 C

Oscar

5/6 K

Chloe P

5/6 P

Zoe



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

- 12/5 Year 5/6 Incursion
- 15/5 District Cross Country
- 18/5 - Education Week
- 22/5 Dental Van @ MVPS
- 22/5 Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership
- 27/5 Year 4 Incursion
- 5/6 Curriculum Day
- 8/6 King's Birthday Holiday

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CARNIVAL NEWS



Carnival Update

SAVE THE DATE

The MVPS 2026 Carnival is set for **Saturday 7th November 1pm-8pm**. This is a much-loved community day and this year is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever. All profits from the day will support educational resources that strengthen our STEM program and enrich the school library.

STAY TUNED VIA THE CARNIVAL WEBSITE

The MVPS Carnival website is live! We will update this site with all the details about tickets, rides and activities to expect. Bookmark this page and check back regularly for the latest updates as we continue to add more exciting details about the carnival.

www.mvpscarnival.com.au

SEEKING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The MVPS Carnival wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our community partners. If you have contacts with organisations who may be able to sponsor the carnival or make an in-kind donation of a product or service, please contact mvpscarnival2026@gmail.com. A range of sponsorship packages are available and can be viewed on the carnival website.



THEIRCARE NEWS



Malvern Valley PS TheirCare

TERM 2

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Welcome to Term 2!

It's been a busy start to the term! As part of our 'Community' theme, we celebrated Anzac Day and played lots of group games to foster a sense of inclusion and belonging. The children have especially been enjoying Capture the Flag, Twister and Wink Detective. Some also helped make Anzac Biscuits which were then distributed to children and families to taste test. Lego has been another big area of interest. The children were tasked with creating a zip line out of loose Lego pieces. This week we will be watching back all the videos of the zip lines created and voting on which one was the best designed. The winner will receive a little prize and certificate as recognition of their achievement. Creating stickers has also been a very popular activity across all age groups. This week we will be focusing on Mothers and Special Persons Day, so the children all have a beautiful hand crafted gift to give.



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

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

Every family can bloom & thrive at playgroup!

Friday

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Nino Early Learning Adventures Chadstone holds playgroups for children aged 0-5 years.

Led by Early Childhood Educators, our Playgroup brings families together to play, make friends, and build supportive connections.




PRIMARY SCHOOL MARTIAL ARTS INCURSION

The Challenge Martial Arts Centre working with Malvern Valley Primary School to teach **FOCUS & SELF REGULATION.**





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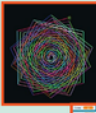


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