



SCHOOL NEWS



17TH JULY 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Welcome Back to Term 3!

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope all of our students and families enjoyed a well-deserved break and had the opportunity to relax, recharge and spend time together. It has been wonderful to see our students return with smiling faces, ready for another exciting term of learning.

Term 3 is always one of our busiest terms, with so many fantastic opportunities for our students. We have school camps, swimming lessons, Book Week, Science Week, Athletics Day and Parent/Teacher Interviews all coming up over the next few months. These experiences play an important role in supporting our students' learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

Alongside these exciting events, our classrooms will continue to be places where students are challenged to think deeply, ask questions, be curious and develop the knowledge and skills they need for the future. We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow in confidence as learners while embracing every opportunity that comes their way.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We are looking forward to another wonderful term together and can't wait to see all that our students will achieve.

Here's to a fantastic Term 3!

Exciting News – STEM is Coming to Our Specialist Program!

I am delighted to share that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) will be joining our Specialist Program for Semester 2! Throughout Term 3, our Year 3–6 students will participate in weekly STEM sessions, with our Prep–Year 2 students enjoying STEM as part of their specialist program in Term 4.

We are excited to have Mr Brown leading our STEM program. Students will engage in hands-on, collaborative learning experiences that encourage them to investigate real-world problems, think critically, design creative solutions and develop their problem-solving skills. Lessons will incorporate science, technology, engineering and mathematics in engaging and meaningful ways, helping students build confidence as curious learners and innovative thinkers.



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Introducing STEM as part of our specialist program reflects our commitment to providing students with rich learning experiences that prepare them for an ever-changing world. We can't wait to see the creativity, curiosity and collaboration that our students will demonstrate throughout the program.

We know our students are going to love this exciting new addition to our Specialist Program!

Smart Watches at School

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of students wearing smart watches to school and, in some cases, using them inappropriately throughout the school day.

As outlined in our Mobile Phone Policy, smart watches that have the capacity to send or receive messages, make calls, access the internet or take photos are considered to be mobile devices. During school hours, these devices must be switched off or placed into school mode so they cannot be used for communication or other non-learning purposes.

We ask all families to please have a conversation with their child about the safe and appropriate use of mobile devices, including smart watches. This includes discussing when and how they should be used, respecting others' privacy, and understanding that school is a place for learning, building friendships and engaging with those around us.

Our goal is to support students in developing responsible digital habits while minimising distractions to learning. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home and helping us create a positive learning environment for all students.

If we continue to see inappropriate use of smart watches during the school day, the school, in consultation with School Council, may need to consider additional measures to support the consistent implementation of our Mobile Phone Policy. This may include requiring students to sign their smart watches in at the office at the beginning of each school day and collect them at dismissal. We hope this won't be necessary and are confident that, with the support of our families, students will use these devices responsibly.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Congratulations, Nicholas!

We are incredibly proud to share some exciting news from our MVPS community! Nicholas, from Year 3/4, has been selected as the Australian Under 10 Captain for the Youth World Challenge in New York.

The Youth World Challenge is an international football tournament that brings together talented young players from around the world to represent their countries, compete against international teams, and build friendships through their shared love of the game. The tournament provides an unforgettable opportunity for young athletes to experience high-level competition while developing teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership skills.

Nicholas and his family leave for New York today to represent Australia on the world stage—an incredible achievement and one that reflects his dedication, hard work and passion for soccer.

On behalf of everyone at Malvern Valley Primary School, we congratulate Nicholas on this outstanding accomplishment. We wish Nicholas, his teammates and the entire Australian squad every success in New York. We know you will represent Australia with pride, determination and great sportsmanship.

We can't wait to follow your journey and cheer you on from back here at MVPS. Good luck, Nicholas—we're all behind you!

Athletics Carnival 2026

Our Year 3–6 students enjoyed a fantastic day at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve on Wednesday for our annual Athletics Carnival.

Throughout the day, students participated in a wide range of events including the 100m, 200m and 800m races, hurdles, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus. It was wonderful to see so many students stepping outside their comfort zones, giving every event their best effort and cheering on their classmates. The day was filled with determination, resilience, teamwork and plenty of house spirit!

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their organisation and support in making the day such a success. We would also like to thank our wonderful parent volunteers who generously gave up their time to assist throughout the day. Events like these simply couldn't happen without your support.

Congratulations to Rob Roy, who were crowned our 2026 Athletics Carnival Champions! What a fantastic achievement!

We are already looking forward to next year's Athletics Carnival, which promises to be even bigger and better.

And for our Prep–Year 2 students... don't worry, your Athletics Day is coming later this term! We can't wait to see you out on the track and field showing off your skills and having lots of fun.

Assembly

Our next Assembly will be held on **Friday, 24th July at 2:45 pm** in The Sherwood Centre. 5/6C will be on stage to present an item to the MVPS community.

We will also be announcing and presenting badges to the Semester 2 2026 Junior School Council members and Green Team.

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 Fisher 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 20 th July & Tues 21 st July	Parent-Teacher Interviews 2:30-5:00pm
Tues 28 th July	Photo Day (Year 6, Semester 2 JSC & Green Team)
Wed 29 th July	100 Days of Prep
Fri 31 st July	Division T-Ball



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VALLEY PRIDE WINNER



CAKE RAFFLE WINNER



STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

PREP T

1 C

1 V

2 G

2 M

3/4 D

3/4 M

3/4 P

5/6 C

5/6 K

5/6 P

KAI

DION

HARRY

JAIME

CHLOE

POPPY

RYAN

ZAHRA

CADENCE

AVI

BLAIR



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



CONFIDENCE



COOPERATION

TERM 2 SPECIALISTS AWARDS

ART

LYDIA (PREP T), HAZEL (2G),
REI (3/4D), LEAH (5/6C)

GREEK

JOSIE (PREP T), THANASSIS (1V),
SIA (3/4M), ALEXANDRA (5/6C)

PE

RYDER (PREP T), SEBASTIAN (1),
DARCY (3/4P), ZOE (5/6P)

PERFORMING ARTS

DORA (PREP T), CONNOR (2M),
ALEX (3/4D), SIENNA (5/6P)



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Saturday 7th
November
1pm-8pm



Carnival Update

WANTED: BOOK DONATIONS

One of the activities of the Carnival will be a Second Hand Book Stall. If you have books you are willing to donate for sale, please leave them in the office. We ask only for books that are in good condition and sellable.

WANTED: CRAFT STALL ITEMS

We are on the hunt for those that might be crafty and be willing to make some handmade items that could be sold at our MVPS Craft Stall. Please email mvpscarnival2026@gmail.com

WANTED: CURRENT OR WILLING RSA HOLDERS

If you are a current Responsible Service of Alcohol holder (or would be willing to obtain one) and are willing to complete a shift on the bar at the Carnival, please email mvpscarnival2026@gmail.com.



Thank you Committee!

A big thank you to all our carnival committee members for all your work so far to pull this amazing day together.

We are glad some of you got to enjoy a night out at the recent MVPS Parents Social!

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