



SCHOOL NEWS



14TH AUGUST 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Creating Memories and Opportunities at MVPS

As I write this newsletter, I am up at Mt Buller with our students on Snow Camp, and I honestly cannot express how incredibly proud I am of every student who has attended.

Watching our students tackle the challenge of skiing has been fantastic. Their resilience has been outstanding. Every time they fell over, they got back up. Every time something was difficult, they had another go. They challenged themselves, encouraged their friends and celebrated each other's successes. One of my favourite sounds has been hearing students cheering each other on and, even better, hearing them proudly shout, "I LOVE SKIING!"

These are the moments that make school so special. Students are learning far more than how to ski. They are developing confidence, independence, resilience and a willingness to have a go at something that may initially feel difficult or unfamiliar. They are creating memories with their friends that they will hopefully look back on for many years to come.

Last week, our Year 5/6 students headed off to Lady Northcote Camp, and I was lucky enough to spend the day with them. Once again, I was incredibly proud of our students as they were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones. From tackling the giant swing to canoeing and taking part in a whole range of activities, our students embraced the challenges, supported one another and, most importantly, had a fantastic time.

One of the things I am extremely proud of at MVPS is the opportunities we provide for our students. School is about so much more than what happens inside the classroom. Camps and excursions give our students opportunities to try new things, build friendships, discover strengths they didn't know they had and experience moments that simply cannot be replicated in a classroom.

These experiences teach our students that it is okay to be nervous, it is okay to find something difficult and it is okay to fall over. What matters is that they get back up, have another go and support the people around them.

A BIG thank you must also go to all of our wonderful parent helpers and teachers who have joined us on both camps. Without your time, energy and willingness to get involved, these experiences simply would not be possible. Our teachers give so much of their own time and energy to make these camps happen, and our parent helpers generously give up their time to support our students.

Whether you were helping with activities, supporting students, keeping everyone organised, encouraging a nervous child or simply being there with a smile, your contribution has been incredibly valuable. We are so grateful for the way our staff and families continue to get behind our students and our school.

And we aren't finished yet! In just a few weeks, it will be the turn of our Year 3/4 students to head off on their camp adventure. I can't wait to see the challenges they tackle, the friendships they strengthen and the memories they create.

This is what being part of MVPS is all about — learning, growing, having a go and making memories together.

Swimming Program

Our Swimming Program will commence later this term and will provide an opportunity for all students to develop and strengthen their swimming and water safety skills.

Swimming is an important life skill, and we believe it is essential that our students develop confidence and competence in and around the water. The program will provide students with opportunities to build their swimming skills, improve their water safety knowledge and develop confidence in a supportive environment.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer this program to all students, and we greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our families in making swimming a priority for our students. We encourage all families to support their children to participate fully in the program.

Further information regarding dates, organisation and what students will need to bring will be shared with families closer to the commencement of the program.

We are looking forward to seeing our students in the pool and watching their confidence and skills grow!

Celebrating Our 2026 NAPLAN Results

We are very pleased to share some of the highlights from our 2026 NAPLAN results.

While NAPLAN is just one measure of student achievement, the results provide some fantastic evidence of the learning and growth happening across our school. There is certainly a lot to celebrate!

Strong Growth in Numeracy and Writing

Our Year 3 students demonstrated excellent growth by the time they reached Year 5:

- Numeracy: 85% of students achieved medium to high growth, compared with 84% across our network and 79% in similar schools.
- Writing: 85% of students achieved medium to high growth, compared with 84% across our network and 77% in similar schools.
-

These results are a wonderful reflection of the hard work of our students and teachers, as well as the impact of our teaching programs and targeted support.

Outstanding Year 5 Achievement

Our Year 5 students achieved particularly strong results, with:

- 97% Strong or Exceeding in Writing
- 97% Strong or Exceeding in Numeracy
-

These results are significantly above both our network and similar school comparisons and are a fantastic achievement for our students.

Strong Year 3 Reading Results

Reading was also a highlight for our Year 3 students, with 82% achieving Strong or Exceeding. This is equal to the network average and above the 80% achieved by similar schools.

Continuing to Improve

While we are very proud of these results, the data also helps us identify where we can continue to strengthen our teaching and learning. Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation remain areas of focus, particularly in the early years.

We will continue to prioritise the explicit teaching of spelling, grammar and punctuation, alongside our ongoing focus on reading, writing and numeracy. Most importantly, these results represent the hard work, persistence and growth of our students. A huge congratulations to all of our students, and a big thank you to our teachers and families for the ongoing support they provide.

There is lots to celebrate at MVPS, and we look forward to continuing to build on this success throughout 2026.

Assembly

Our next Assembly will be held on Friday, 21st August at 2:45 pm in The Sherwood Centre. 2G 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 Galada 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

CAPTAIN'S CATCH UP

Year 5/6 Camp

On Wednesday the 5th of August, the 5/6s went to Lady Northcote Discovery Camp for 3 days and 2 nights. It was a great experience as they participated in 6 different activities: They made pizzas in the kitchen garden, faced their fears in the giant swing, worked as a team in orienteering, launched discs in frisbee golf and cycled down a winding dirt path, and paddled on canoes in a lake.

All the children did an excellent job in showing the school values and of course, having fun!

Gymnastics for Preps to Year 2

Over the next few weeks starting yesterday, the preps to year 2s will be participating in a gymnastics incursion in the Sherwood Center.

They will learn how to stick perfect landings, do graceful turns and spins, be able to balance in many different ways, and also learn how to land many jaw dropping jumps.

We can't wait to hear about what they learned and all the fun they will have.

Ashar and Olivia
2026 Quentin House Captains



@MALVERNVALLEYPS

Building Strong Readers: Reading To, With and By Your Child

At Malvern Valley Primary School, we know that developing confident and capable readers is a partnership between school and home.

One of the most powerful ways families can support reading development is through a balance of reading to, reading with and reading by your child. Each plays a different but equally important role in building a lifelong love of reading and developing comprehension skills.

Reading TO your child should continue even as children become independent readers. Hearing an adult read exposes children to rich vocabulary, more complex texts, fluent expression and ideas that may be beyond what they can currently read themselves. It also creates opportunities to talk, wonder, predict and simply enjoy a great book together.

Reading WITH your child makes reading a shared experience. Take turns reading, discuss unfamiliar words, ask questions, make predictions and talk about characters, information and ideas. Rather than focusing only on whether your child can read the words, encourage them to explain their thinking and demonstrate their understanding of what they have read.

Reading BY themselves gives children the opportunity to practise the skills and strategies they are developing at school. Regular independent reading builds fluency, stamina, confidence and independence. Providing choice is important too - novels, picture books, comics, magazines, information texts and other appropriate reading materials can all help develop enthusiastic readers.

Most importantly, reading at home does not need to feel like another task to complete. Talk about books, share stories, visit the library, model your own enjoyment of reading, and make reading an enjoyable part of family life.

Whether your child is beginning their reading journey or already reading independently, continuing to read to, with and by them helps send a powerful message: reading matters, reading connects us, and reading can be enjoyed for life.

Zaim Zeneli
Assistant Principal

VALLEY PRIDE WINNER



CAKE RAFFLE WINNER



Term 3 Performing Arts

Prep

As part of our Dance unit, Preps will explore how and why communities dance and celebrate dances from all over the world. We will be focusing on safe dance practices and how we can move our bodies in fun and interesting ways to create different shapes. This will include moving high, low, slow and fast. We will be using physical and expressive skills to create our own dances and also present them to a group.

Year 1 and Year 2

For this term in year 1 and 2 we are exploring Dance across a variety of different cultures. We will be learning about different dance patterns and how we can use energy to make dances different. We will be seeing how we can use different things to inspire our dancing, such as the weather or the way different animals move. We will create dances in small groups and work in teams to bring them to life!

Year 3/4

In year 3/4 this term we are starting to explore the Elements of Dance, such as body and space. We will focus on how we move our bodies in dance and how we fill the room. We are also looking at the History of Dance including viral dance trends across the ages and how to identify moves from different eras.

We will be starting to think about how we may incorporate dance into performances for the Talent Show and giving each other feedback on how we may improve.

Year 5/6

Our focus this term for 5/6s will be deep diving into the Dance Elements. We will be seeing how time can be displayed in dance and how timing can affect our movements. We will also focus on directions and how the way we move can also affect the energy of our performances. All students will have the opportunity to create a dance and perform if they wish.

We will also look at dance from a variety of cultures including Indigenous dance and how it is inspired by the land & animals.

Terissa Fidock

Term 3 Visual Arts

Prep

This term in Prep, students will learn about colour theory. They will experiment with mixing primary colours to create secondary hues, looking at the way artists such as Mondrian and Miro use colour to communicate ideas. They will also be introduced to simple printmaking techniques, exploring how repeated lines, shapes and colours can be used to create interesting printed patterns and images.

Year 1 and Year 2

Students in years 1 and 2 will continue to explore the ways that artists use visual conventions to express ideas and observations. Through paper weaving, students will develop their fine motor skills while investigating texture and pattern. Inspired by Melbourne artist Alice Oehr, they will create colourful collaged artworks using layered shapes, cut paper and decorative patterns, building their understanding of how materials and techniques can be combined to create an artwork.

Year 3/4

This term, our year 3/4 students will investigate radial symmetry by examining repeated shapes and patterns in Tibetan mandalas and in nature. They will design their own mandala-inspired artworks, applying styrofoam printmaking techniques to create symmetrical radial prints. Through this process, students will develop their understanding of the art principles of pattern, balance and repetition.



@MALVERNVALLEYPS

Year 5/6

Students will continue to learn different techniques and processes for planning and making artworks, with this term's focus on textiles and printmaking. They will begin by learning dry felting techniques, exploring how wool fibres can be layered and shaped to create an artwork of their choice. Later in the term, students will investigate gelli-plate printmaking, making layered prints inspired by the work of Indigenous Australian artist Reko Rennie.

Through these projects, students will explore how artists use colour, pattern and symbolism to communicate ideas, explore their identity and create meaning.

Marisa Mowszowski

Term 3 Physical Education

Preps

This term, Preps will continue building confidence and cooperation through shared games and movement activities. They will participate enthusiastically, respond positively to others' ideas, and develop confidence in trying different ways of moving and playing.

Students will develop their basketball skills by practising dribbling with both hands and performing push and bounce passes. They will also participate in co-operative group games, applying the fundamental motor skills developed in Semester 1. In preparation for the athletics competition, students will further develop their sprinting, jumping and throwing skills.

Year 1 and Year 2

This term, students will develop fair play by creating and following simple rules, taking turns, including others and demonstrating positive sportsmanship to keep games fair, safe and enjoyable.

They will explore running, jumping, balancing and throwing, experimenting with techniques that help them move and perform effectively.

In basketball, students will develop dribbling, push and bounce passing, and shooting skills. In soccer, they will improve dribbling with both feet, passing and shooting control. They will also refine their sprinting, jumping and throwing skills in preparation for the upcoming athletics competition.

Year 3/4

This term, students will develop their understanding of fair play by creating and applying simple rules and scoring systems that help keep games fair, safe and inclusive. They will work collaboratively to ensure everyone can participate, take turns and enjoy positive physical education experiences.

In hockey, students will strengthen their dribbling, passing and shooting skills, applying them in small-group games to develop control, teamwork and confidence. In rounders, they will practise throwing, striking and fielding while learning about teamwork, strategy and fair play through mini games. In netball, students will develop their passing, pivoting, shooting and movement into space, applying these skills in small-group activities and games to build confidence, teamwork and game awareness.

Year 5/6

This term, students will develop their teamwork and communication skills by contributing to group tasks, encouraging peers, communicating respectfully, and sharing roles and responsibilities.

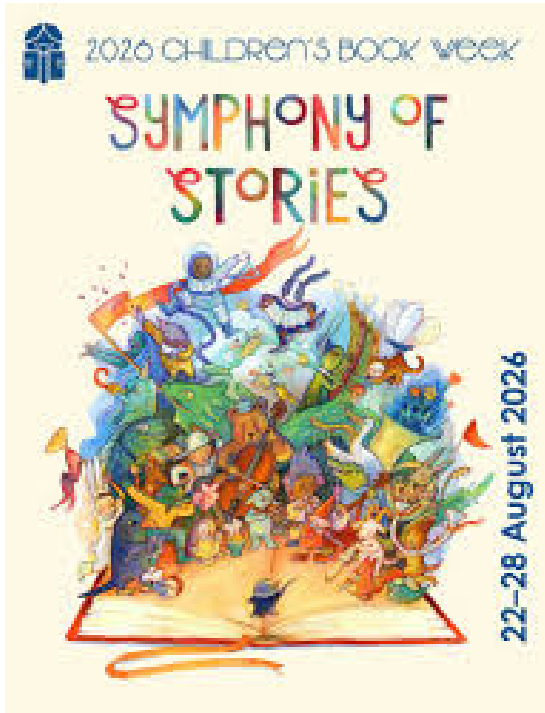
In hockey, students will develop more advanced dribbling, passing and shooting skills while applying them in small-group games that challenge their decision-making, teamwork and tactical thinking. In rounders, they will refine their throwing, striking and fielding skills while developing accuracy, timing and strategic awareness through game-based activities. In continuous cricket, students will develop powerful striking, accurate overarm throwing and quick fielding skills through fast-paced games that build teamwork, decision-making and tactical awareness.

Andrew Brown



@MALVERNVALLEYPS

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP - FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH



Children's Book Week 2026 will be held from August 22nd to August 28th.

This year's theme is "Symphony of Stories".

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) will be highlighting the importance of reading and showcasing Australian children's books, authors, and illustrators.

MVPS will celebrate Book Week on Friday 28th August. Students are encouraged to dress as a favourite children's book character.

We will start our day off with a fabulous book character parade on the astroturf at 9:05am, parents and special friends are welcome to come along. Then all students will take part in different activities based around shortlisted books.

We can't wait to see all of the amazing costumes on the day!

STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

PREP T	LYDIA		RESPECT
1 C	NOAH		RESILIENCE
1 V	STELLA W		CONFIDENCE
2 G	KENZIE-ROSE		COOPERATION
2 M	JACK		
3/4 D	LOUIS		
3/4 M	KAELYN		
3/4 P	HARVEY		



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/>

WELCOME TO SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD
The Malvern Valley Primary School range is now available via the following options:

Instore:
Spartan School World
Mount Waverley store

Online:
www.spartanschoolworld.com.au
Select Malvern Valley Primary School from the "FIND MY SCHOOL" list of schools.
Choose free weekly delivery to school or home/private address.

Click and Collect:
Order online and collect instore.

VISITING THE STORE
School World Mount Waverley
66 Essex Road
Mount Waverley, Vic. 3149.

OPENING HOURS
Monday to Friday
9.00am to 5.00pm
First Saturday of the month:
9.00am - 12.00pm

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Ph: 03 9070 8284
Email: onlineorders@spartanss.com.au

MALVERN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Available Online and Instore
www.spartanschoolworld.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

21/8	Year 5/6 Excursion
26/8	Year 2 Incursion
27/8	ICAS Maths Test
28/8	Book Week Parade
31/8 - 2/9	Year 3/4 Camp
4/9	Father's Day Breakfast

Saturday 7th
November
1pm-8pm



Carnival Update

TICKETS ON SALE! WIN A GOLDEN TICKET!

Tickets are now on sale, with Early Bird pricing available. This year's carnival also introduces the new Express Pass, offering priority access to popular attractions. Early Bird ticket purchasers will automatically go into the draw to win a Golden Ticket, including two Express Passes valued at \$50, with the winner announced on Friday, 18 September. T&C's at www.mvpscarnival.com.au.



SEEKING ENGAGING SPEAKERS FOR EVENT MC ROLES

If you're confident on the microphone, enjoy engaging with a crowd, and can help keep the event running smoothly by making announcements throughout the evening, we'd love to hear from you. It's a fantastic way to be part of the excitement. Please contact mvpscarnival2026@gmail.com

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



**SALESIAN
COLLEGE**
CHADSTONE EST.1957

At Salesian College Chadstone, every boy is known, supported and inspired to thrive. Our purpose built Mannix Year 7 & 8 Learning Precinct has been designed to give boys the very best start to secondary school, where they can build confidence, form meaningful relationships and experience a genuine sense of belonging. Combined with exceptional learning opportunities, outstanding pastoral care and a wide range of experience beyond the classroom, Salesian is a place where boys can flourish. We are proud to partner with our local primary schools and look forward to meeting families at the Malvern Valley Primary School Carnival.

www.mvpscarnival.com.au



SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATIONS

ARE NOW OPEN!

East Malvern Tooronga Cricket Club
Season 2026/27



Bat, bowl and belong - give your child a season of skills, mates and fun on the field with the EMTCC Titans.



TITANS CRICKET BLAST - ages 4 to 10, boys and girls

Fun, sequential sessions every Friday afternoon from 5.30pm.
Junior Cricket Blast (girls and boys - 4 to 6yo). Senior Cricket Blast (girls and boys - 7 to 10yo)
Registrations via: www.emtcc.com.au. Contact: Michael Sargeant: msargeant01@gmail.com



BOYS' PROGRAM

- U11 - Fri / Sun, Basil or Waverley Oval
- U13 - Fri / Sun, Basil Oval
- U15 - Fri (synthetic), Sun (turf)
- U17 - Sun (turf)



GIRLS' PROGRAM

- U12 / U14 - Wed, Basil Oval
- U16 - Sun, Basil Oval
- U18 - Tues, Basil Oval

EARLY BIRD OFFER Save \$10 per player - register before 1 Sept 2026. 10% for more than one sibling registered!

REGISTER NOW

Boys - Registration >

<http://www.elavh.com/cricket-australia/register/01501>



Girls Registration >

<http://www.elavh.com/cricket-australia/register/03176>



Boys, Boys & Girls can also all register via www.emtcc.com.au/juniors

Boys season starts: 9-11 Oct 2026 Girls season starts: 11-14 Oct 2026

Proudly part of East Malvern Tooronga Cricket Club - Home of the Titans
facebook.com/EMTCC2 • [@emtcc2titans](https://twitter.com/emtcc2titans) • www.emtcc.com.au
 Junior enquiries: Greg Hannan | Junior Co-ordinator • gregmhannan@hotmail.com

Registration open now - places fill fast!



\$19 TO TRY KARATE, BJJ OR KICKBOXING (2 WEEKS + FREE UNIFORM)

The Challenge Martial Arts Centre team recently conducted a 5 week course with our grade 3/4 students and covered the important topic of RESPECT.

In a fun and engaging way the children learnt about respect and how to apply it at home, in the classroom, whilst in the playground and with their social interactions.

As part of this, Challenge has given all our student access to a SPECIAL introductory offer: **2 weeks of classes and a uniform for \$19.**

Just call them on 9564 7900 to book a your child's first class.

*this is a limited time offer. Expires 31st of August 2026





Kids Kickboxing Kids Karate Kids Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

CHALLENGE MARTIAL ARTS CENTRE
 6 Burlington Street Oakleigh P.95647900 www.challengecentre.com.au



Chess Mates

Prep - Year 6



Malvern Valley Primary School

TUESDAY

3:30 PM - 4:30PM

STEM Room

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills

- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



Learning chess has been shown to improve overall performance at school by nearly 20% compared with children who have not

To book online, scan or go to chessmates.com.au/schools

INFO@CHESSMATES.COM.AU
1300 CHESS MATES

Confidence Communication Skills Creativity

superspeak



Weekly public speaking, drama & presentation skills for ages 6-14

17 Venues Across Melbourne

communication

- ★ quick thinking
- ★ expression
- ★ teamwork
- ★ confidence
- ★ leadership
- ★ persuasion
- ★ vocal variety

Award Winning Program
Trusted Since 2006

★ **Leading Curriculum**

★ **Experienced Teachers**

★ **Loads of FUN!**

ENROL NOW

Glen Waverley, Balwyn North, Point Cook, Berwick, Chadstone, Burwood, Essendon, Doncaster, Canterbury, Rowville, Ashburton, Ivanhoe, Caroline Springs, Altona Meadows, Narre Warren & Truganina



9572 5249

info@SuperSpeak.com.au
www.SuperSpeak.com.au



@MALVERNVALLEYPS