



SCHOOL NEWS



28TH AUGUST 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Book Week Celebration

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, family members and friends join us for our Book Week Parade this morning. The excitement and enthusiasm across the school was truly contagious!

Our students looked absolutely fabulous dressed as their favourite book characters, with costumes showcasing an incredible range of creativity, imagination and a love of reading. From classic storybook characters to modern favourites, it was a delight to see the effort that students and families put into bringing these characters to life.

Our staff also embraced the spirit of Book Week, arriving in some fantastic costumes of their own and helping to make the day even more memorable for our students. The smiles, laughter and excitement throughout the parade highlighted the joy that books and storytelling bring to our school community.

A special thank you to our librarian, Mrs Alfano, for all of the hard work she put into making Book Week such a wonderful success. From organising engaging activities and displays to coordinating today's parade, Mrs Alfano's passion for literature and commitment to fostering a love of reading helped create a memorable and enjoyable experience for all students.

Book Week provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the importance of reading and inspire a lifelong love of books. Thank you to all of our families for supporting this special event and helping to make it such a success. We are incredibly proud of our students for the enthusiasm they bring to reading and learning each day.

Well done to everyone who participated and helped make this year's Book Week celebration such a fantastic event!



Workforce Planning for 2027

While 2027 may seem a long way off, planning is already well underway at Malvern Valley Primary School. Preparing for a new school year involves many important decisions, including class structures, specialist programs, staffing requirements, and the recruitment of teachers and education support staff to meet the needs of our growing school community.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring every student has access to high-quality learning opportunities, and accurate enrolment numbers play a vital role in helping us plan effectively for the year ahead.

If you know that your child will not be returning to MVPS in 2027, we kindly ask that you notify the school office as soon as possible. Whether your family is relocating, transferring to another school, or pursuing a different educational setting, this information helps us make informed decisions and ensure we are well prepared to support all students and families.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Working together as a community allows us to thoughtfully plan for the future and continue providing the excellent learning environment that makes MVPS such a special place. We greatly appreciate early notification and thank you for assisting us with this important planning process.

Talking to Children About Stranger Awareness and Personal Safety

Earlier this week, I informed families about a situation that occurred in the Malvern and Malvern East area over the weekend. While Victoria Police have advised schools to remain vigilant, the incident serves as an important reminder of the value of ongoing conversations about personal safety with our children.

Children are more likely to respond confidently and appropriately in unfamiliar situations when they have regular, calm discussions about safety at home. These conversations do not need to be alarming or frightening. Rather, they should focus on building children's confidence, awareness and decision-making skills.

A gentle way to start this conversation with your child may be: "If you were ever worried, lost, or someone you didn't know spoke to you and made you feel uncomfortable, what do you think you would do?" This can open up a positive discussion and help you understand your child's current knowledge about personal safety.

At home, you can support your child by:

- Reminding them that they should never go anywhere with an adult without first checking with a trusted parent or caregiver.
- Encouraging them to stay with friends, siblings or trusted adults when walking to and from school, parks or community activities.
- Teaching them that it is okay to say "No" and move away from a situation that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Reinforcing that they should tell a trusted adult immediately if something happens that worries them or makes them feel unsafe.
- Discussing safe adults they can seek help from if needed, such as parents, teachers, police officers or other trusted family members.
- Helping them understand that not all strangers are dangerous, but they should always be cautious and check with a trusted adult before accepting gifts, treats or invitations from someone they do not know.

We encourage families to continue these conversations throughout the year. By working together, we can help our children develop the skills and confidence they need to stay safe while remaining active, confident members of our community.

If you would like further information, resources are available through the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and the eSafety Commissioner. Together, we can help our children feel informed, empowered and safe.

2026 Parent Opinion Survey

Last week, I shared information about the 2026 Parent Opinion Survey. Thank you to the many families who have already taken the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and plays an important role in helping us understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve.

By completing the survey, you are helping shape the future direction of our school. The feedback provided by families assists us in reviewing our programs, strengthening our school culture, and ensuring we continue to meet the needs of our students and community.

If you have not yet completed the survey, we encourage you to do so. The survey only takes a short amount of time and provides us with invaluable insights that help guide our planning and improvement efforts.

You can find your login details and instructions for accessing the survey on our Compass Newsfeed. We greatly value your voice and encourage all families to participate.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support of Malvern Valley Primary School. Together, we can continue to make MVPS the best possible place for our students to learn, grow and thrive.

Congratulations Mrs Natasha Vais!

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that Mrs Natasha Vais and her husband, Saf, are expecting a baby in December!

This exciting milestone is a very special time for Natasha and her family, and we know our entire MVPS community will join us in congratulating them on the arrival of their newest family member.

Natasha is already counting down the days and is eagerly preparing for this exciting new chapter. While there is still plenty of time before baby arrives, we know she will appreciate the warm wishes and congratulations from our school community.

On behalf of all staff, students and families at MVPS, we wish Natasha and Saf all the very best as they prepare to welcome their little one. We look forward to sharing in their excitement over the coming months and can't wait to meet the newest addition to the Vais family.

Congratulations, Natasha and Saf!

Assembly

Our next Assembly will be held on **Friday, 4th September at 2:45 pm** in The Sherwood Centre. 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 Christofilopoulos 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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Supporting Your Child to Become a Confident Mathematician

At Malvern Valley Primary School, we are committed to developing confident, capable and curious mathematicians. While learning number facts and mathematical skills is important, we also want our students to understand mathematical concepts, think critically and apply their learning in meaningful, real-world situations.

Our Mathematics program, aligned with the Victorian Curriculum 2.0, focuses on building strong mathematical knowledge alongside the four mathematical proficiencies: **Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning**. These proficiencies are embedded in our daily lessons and help students become flexible thinkers who can confidently use mathematics beyond the classroom.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in supporting your child's mathematical development. The best part is that mathematics naturally occurs in everyday life!

Understanding is about making connections between mathematical ideas and knowing why strategies work.

You can support your child by:

- Asking them to explain how they solved a problem.
- Cooking together and discussing fractions, measurements and quantities.
- Talking about time using calendars, clocks and daily routines.
- Comparing prices while shopping and discussing which item offers better value.

Fluency involves recalling facts efficiently and selecting the most effective strategy for the task.

At home you can:

- Practise multiplication facts during the drive to school.
- Estimate the total cost of groceries before reaching the checkout.
- Count coins and calculate change.
- Play board games and card games that involve counting, strategy and number sense.

Problem solving encourages students to apply their mathematical knowledge to new and unfamiliar situations.

Real-life opportunities include:

- Planning a family outing within a budget.
- Measuring a space before buying new furniture.
- Working out travel times and distances.
- Deciding how much food is needed when entertaining family and friends.

Encourage your child to have a go, try different strategies and learn from mistakes. Often, the thinking process is more valuable than simply finding the answer.

Reasoning develops students' ability to explain, justify and reflect on their mathematical thinking.

Try asking questions such as:

- How did you work that out?
- Can you think of another way to solve it?
- Why do you think that strategy works?
- Does your answer make sense?

These simple conversations help children develop confidence in explaining their thinking and deepen their mathematical understanding.

Mathematics is Everywhere

Some of the most valuable mathematical learning happens outside the classroom. Whether you're cooking dinner, shopping, planning a holiday, gardening or watching the football, there are countless opportunities to talk about numbers, patterns, measurement, time and data.

By encouraging curiosity, asking questions and celebrating persistence, we can work together to develop students who not only know mathematics but also understand it, enjoy it and confidently apply it in everyday life.

Zaim Zeneli
Assistant Principal



CAKE RAFFLE WINNER

CAPTAIN'S CATCH UP

Welcome to Captains Catch Up!

In this edition we will be talking about how our Book Week went.

We had lots of amazing costumes and creative ideas on display. We always enjoy the times we can get together as an MVPS community and share all of our amazing ideas.

In the morning we had a Book Week Parade, and classes went around the Astroturf showing off their favourite book characters.

After the Book Week parade, the students had loads of fun doing Book Week related activities for the rest of the day.

This year's Book Week did not disappoint and it is always such a special celebration for our incredible students.

Mariah & Audrey
2026 School Captains

STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

PREP T JAKE & DORA

1 C LOGAN

1 V KATE

2 G KENIL

2 M CONNOR

3/4 D REI

3/4 M ANGUS



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



CONFIDENCE



COOPERATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

31/8 - 2/9 Year 3/4 Camp

31/8,
2/9 - 4/9, Prep-Year 2 Swimming
7/9

4/9 Father's Day Breakfast

District Athletics

8/9 Year 3-6 Talent Show

9/9 Prep-Year 2 Talent Show

9/9 - 11/9, Year 3-6 Swimming
14/6, 16/9

11/9 Open Morning
9am - 9:30

14/9 Year 1 Excursion

15/9 Year 3-6 Academy Day
Talent Show Finale

19/9 Early Finish @ 2:30

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Carnival Update

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THEIRCARE NEWS



Malvern Valley PS TheiCare

TERM 3

NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Term 3 Update!

Over the several weeks, the children have been exploring and investigating insects. Many constructed their own Bug Hotels using recycled cardboard. Slugs, centipedes, spiders and ants found shelter in their wonderful creations! Given their overwhelming excitement for the Disney Ooshies being given out at Woolies and Big W, we also had a whole week dedicated to Disney arts and crafts. The children made character figurines out of playdough and melty beads, competed in a 'Build a Robot' challenge, made monster themed Ooblek, and engaged in Superhero Yoga.

Finally, a big CONGRATULATIONS to the TheiCare Room Leaders for Term 3 and 4: Khalid M, Lucia F, Kenzie-Rose, and Alisha N!



This week was BOOK WEEK!!



We have had a fun week of engaging craft and writing activities based on the children's book suggestions! The students have been busy creating their own book characters, finishing off or writing their own comics, folding mini zines, decorating book covers, and doing their favourite character colourings!



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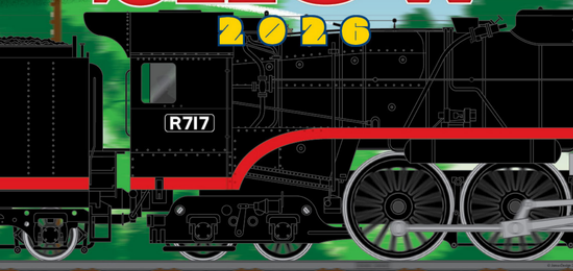


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Alan, Ada and Eva Selwyn Emergency Department

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- WHEN:** Monday evenings 5:00-6:30pm for 7 weeks commencing Monday 5th October 2026, until Monday 23rd November 2026. No activity on 02/11/26 Melbourne Cup eve.
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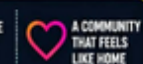
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