



SCHOOL NEWS



23RD OCTOBER 2026

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Message from your Principal

I can't believe we are already at the end of Week 3! This term is certainly flying by, and there is so much happening across our school.

This week, students have commenced their assessment fortnight, providing valuable opportunities for teachers to celebrate growth, identify next steps in learning and plan targeted teaching to support every student. It has been wonderful to see our students approaching these assessments with confidence and a positive attitude.

At the same time, our leadership team has begun planning for 2027. While next year may feel a long way off, there is a great deal of work that goes into ensuring we are well-prepared. This includes reviewing our workforce plan, considering staffing needs, refining school priorities and beginning discussions around class structures and programs for next year.

We are also excited to share that our Prep 2027 Transition Program will begin in just two weeks. We are looking forward to welcoming our newest students and their families into the MVPS community and supporting them as they begin their school journey. It is always a joy to see the excitement and enthusiasm our future Preps bring to our school.

As part of our planning for 2027, if your child will not be returning to MVPS next year, please contact the office as soon as possible. Early notification assists us greatly with enrolment planning, staffing and class organisation.

I am going to keep this fortnight's newsletter message short and sweet, as I know many families are juggling a significant amount of information at the moment. With Carnival preparations, Grandparents and Special Friends Morning, sporting events, excursions and classroom activities all taking place, there is certainly plenty to keep track of!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. The strength of our school lies in the connection between our students, staff and families, and we are grateful for the way our community comes together to support one another. As we head into another busy few weeks, I encourage everyone to take the time to enjoy the many moments of learning, achievement and celebration ahead. We have so much to be proud of, and I look forward to sharing these experiences with you as we continue to make wonderful memories together at MVPS.

Carnival Performances at MVPS!

This morning, you would have seen the exciting news that every MVPS student will have the opportunity to perform on stage at our **School Carnival on Saturday 7 November!**

From class performances and choir items to our Talent Show winners, the stage will be filled with energy, creativity and school spirit. We encourage all families to invite grandparents, relatives and friends along to cheer on our students and celebrate this special community event.

Performance Schedule

- 1:00pm – Welcome, Amy T and Class Leaders
- 1:15pm – MVPS Talent Show Winners
- 1:40pm – MVPS Class Performances
- Approximately 2:30pm – MVPS Choir Performance

Next week, families will receive further information about individual class performance details and any costume or colour requirements.

If your child will be unable to attend the Carnival or their class performance, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible so that any necessary adjustments can be made.

We are incredibly excited to provide our students with this opportunity to showcase their talents to the MVPS community and beyond. We can't wait to see our students shine on the Carnival stage!

Grandparents & Special Friends Morning Reminder

A friendly reminder that our Grandparents and Special Friends Morning will be held next **Friday 30 October**.

If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please do so as soon as possible. We need final numbers to assist with catering and event planning. RSVPs will close on Wednesday, so we encourage families to complete the form before then.

RSVP here: [LINK](#)

We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents and special friends to MVPS for a wonderful morning of connection, celebration and classroom fun. It promises to be a very special event for our students and guests alike!

Assembly

Our next Assembly will be held on **Friday, 30th October at 2:45 pm** in The Sherwood Centre. 5/6P 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 Bang 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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Cyber Safety – Helping Our Children Stay Safe Online

This week, our Year 4–6 students participated in a Cyber Safety incursion, providing them with valuable opportunities to learn about staying safe, making responsible choices and navigating the online world with confidence.

As technology continues to play an increasingly important role in our children's lives, developing positive digital habits is essential. Whether children are playing online games, communicating with friends, watching videos or exploring websites, they need the knowledge and skills to recognise potential risks and make safe, informed decisions.

While schools play an important role in teaching digital citizenship, the most effective approach comes when schools and families work together to reinforce consistent messages about online safety.

How can parents support cyber safety at home?

1. Keep conversations open and judgement-free

Regularly talk with your child about what they enjoy doing online, who they communicate with and the websites or games they use. Encourage them to come to you if something makes them feel uncomfortable, worried or confused.

2. Establish clear boundaries and expectations

Work together to establish family agreements around screen time, appropriate apps and games, and where devices can be used. Keeping devices in shared family spaces, particularly for younger children, can help encourage safer online habits.

3. Teach children to protect their personal information

Help your child understand why they should never share personal details such as their full name, address, school, passwords or location with people they don't know online. Remind them that people online are not always who they claim to be.

4. Discuss respectful online communication

Encourage children to treat others online with the same kindness and respect they would show face-to-face. Talk about the impact of messages, comments and images, and remind them that once something is shared online, it can be difficult to remove completely.

5. Encourage children to stop, think and check

Teach children to pause before clicking links, accepting friend requests, sharing photos or responding to messages. A useful question to encourage is: Would I feel comfortable showing this to my parents or teacher?

6. Take an interest in their online world

Spend time exploring the games, apps and platforms your child enjoys. Understanding how these platforms work, including their privacy settings, chat functions and potential risks, can help you provide appropriate guidance.

7. Know when and how to seek help

If your child experiences cyberbullying, unwanted contact or inappropriate content, encourage them to stop engaging, save evidence where appropriate, block or report the account and speak with a trusted adult.

Helpful resources for families

The Australian Government's eSafety Commissioner provides excellent age-appropriate resources, parent guides and practical advice to help families navigate online safety.

Visit: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

At Malvern Valley Primary School, we want our students to become confident, respectful and responsible digital citizens. By working together, we can help children enjoy the many benefits of technology while developing the skills to stay safe, make positive choices and seek support when needed.

Zaim Zeneli
Assistant Principal



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Term 4 Visual Arts

Prep

This term in Prep, students will continue to explore the different ways materials and techniques can be used to represent ideas and observations. They will build their modelling skills by using plasticine to create miniature fruit artworks, exploring shape, colour and texture. They will experiment with painting, deepening their understanding of colour theory as they mix and apply colours to their artworks. With plenty of opportunities for learning through play and experimentation, this promises to be a fun term in the art room!

Year 1 & Year 2

Students in Year 1 and 2 will deepen their understanding of how artists use visual conventions, materials and techniques to communicate ideas. Building on their knowledge of colour theory, they'll experiment with mixing acrylic paints to create different colours to make a landscape painting inspired by Indigenous Australian artist Bronwyn Bancroft, focusing on the art element of colour and the art principle of pattern.

Year 3/4

This term, our Year 3/4 students are learning about printmaking, building their technical skills and developing their understanding of the art element of line and the art principle of symmetry. They will make their own foam printing plates to create artworks that explore repetition, symmetry and pattern, while learning how careful planning and craftsmanship contribute to successful prints. Students will explore colour theory, experimenting with paint mixing to investigate how to mix secondary and tertiary colours, as well as tints and shades.

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Year 5/6

Our senior students will continue to develop their visual arts skills through gelli plate printmaking. Experimenting with a range of techniques for creating layered monoprints, they will investigate the art elements of shape and colour, and will ultimately create printmaking stencils that represent their identity. In exploring how shapes and colours can be arranged within a composition, students will strengthen their printmaking skills and problem-solving abilities, while making creative decisions about their own unique artworks.

Marisa Mowszowski

Term 4 LOTE (Greek)

Prep

This term, Preps will engage with Greek language and develop their oral language skills through an introduction to the symbols and sounds of the Greek alphabet. They will engage with Greek culture through learning about the traditional Greek celebrations 28th October and Christmas and learn a song for the End of Year Concert.

Year 1 & Year 2

In Years 1 and 2, students will be learning to communicate meaning in Greek through a focus on the four seasons. They will explore how the seasons influence Greek culture and make comparisons between Greece and Australia. Students will also be working on their End of Year Concert item.

Year 3/4

As part of communicating meaning in Greek, Year 3/4 students will be learning to tell the time and exploring larger numbers. They will make connections between personal identity, language and culture through our comparison of Greek and Australian schools and Christmas celebrations.

Year 5/6

Year 5/6 students will be communicating meaning in Greek through planning and presenting their very own trip to Greece. Students will be selecting their favourite Greek locations to visit and sites to see that interest them the most. Students are already asking if they can turn their plans into reality!

Mariana Surenian

Term 4 Physical Education

Prep

This semester, the Prep students will work together in co-operative games that build teamwork. They'll practise taking turns, listening to each other's ideas, encouraging teammates, and handling wins and losses with good sportsmanship.

Students will also put their fundamental motor skills into action, mainly kicking, striking, throwing and catching, as they play team games such as racquetball and kickball. These games give children a fun, active way to apply the skills they've developed this year while learning to include everyone and work well as a team.

Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and 2 students will develop and apply their fundamental movement skills through Australian Rules Football, Teeball and Cricket. They will practise kicking, handballing, catching and passing, striking from a tee, running between bases, batting, bowling and fielding.

Through modified games and age-appropriate equipment, students will build their skills and confidence while developing teamwork, cooperation and sportsmanship. The focus is on participation, effort and enjoyment, ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn, improve and succeed in a safe and supportive environment.

Year 3/4

This term, students will develop their movement skills and game sense through Basketball and Ultimate Ball, a fast-paced, non-contact passing game. They will explore effort, space, time and people to improve their passing, movement, positioning and decision-making during games. Through modified activities, students will build confidence, teamwork and communication while developing their ability to work with teammates, respond to opponents and demonstrate good sportsmanship.

Year 5/6

This term, Year 5/6 students will develop their game sense and strategic thinking through Ultimate Ball and Kickball. They will explore how effort, space, time and people influence performance, applying these concepts to improve their passing, kicking, positioning and decision-making. Students will test and refine strategies, create space, anticipate opponents' movements and communicate effectively with teammates. Through game-based activities, they will build confidence, leadership, teamwork and good sportsmanship while learning to adapt their tactics to different situations.

Andrew Brown

VALLEY PRIDE WINNER



CAKE RAFFLE WINNER



LAMONT BOOK FAIR: 27TH OCT - 30TH OCT

Lamont Books will be bringing their Book Fair to MVPS on Tuesday, 27th October. It is the perfect time to buy some Christmas presents for family and friends or as a treat for your family members.

Malvern Valley Primary School gets 30% of the sales to go towards new books for our library, so all students and teachers can enjoy the rewards.

There will be cash, credit, and debit card facilities plus online payments available to make life easier. Students will have the opportunity to attend the Book Fair with their class and write down their Wish List to take home. Books can be ordered online and paid for online using this Wish List and will be delivered to your child.

Book Fair opening times for students and parents are as follows:
Tuesday 27 Oct - Thursday 29 Oct: 8.30am - 9am & 3.30pm - 4:15pm
Friday 30 Oct (Grandparent's morning): 8:30am - 10:00am

We are also seeking volunteers who can help out at the Book Fair. Sign up [HERE](#)

STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

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2 G	EMILIA		
2 M	ELI		CONFIDENCE
3/4 D	JIYAH & TE		
3/4 M	EVIE		COOPERATION
3/4 P	JACK & ALISHA		
5/6 C	LEVI		
5/6 K	OLIVIA & KIT		
5/6 P	ADITYA		



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

26/10	Prep Incursion
	Year 1 Excursion
29/10, 5/11	Year 4-6 Cyber Workshop
30/10	Grandparents Morning 9am-10:30
3/11	Melbourne Cup Day (no school)
6/11	2027 Prep Transition
7/11	Carnival 1pm-8pm

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Select Malvern Valley Primary School from the "FIND MY SCHOOL" list of schools.
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CARNIVAL UPDATE

Parents & Carers Carnival Checklist

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and share the link with family
and friends!

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Check out and place your
bids in our Silent Auction!

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Ensure you sign up for a
volunteer shift!

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Donate bottles, books, crafts, chocolate
blocks and cakes for our carnival stands!

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Check out our MVPS Carnival
Website and support all our
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CARNIVAL UPDATE

Sponsor Spotlight



Top Scope College Chadstone is delighted to be a major sponsor of the MVPS Sunset on the Green. We are proud to contribute to our local community and support a wonderful event that brings students and families together.

We offer tuition in English, Mathematics and Science as well as scholarship and selective school entrance exam preparation and VCE subjects, helping students build strong foundations and confidence. We warmly invite MVPS families to visit our Chadstone campus, meet our friendly team and discover how we can support your child's learning journey.

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Sponsor Spotlight

Community Bank Malvern East is more than a place to bank - it's a locally focused social enterprise committed to strengthening the community it serves. Through sponsorships and partnerships, the branch reinvests in local clubs, schools, charities and community organisations, helping them grow, thrive and create lasting local impact.

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THEIRCARE NEWS



Malvern Valley PS TheiCare

TERM 4

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Wow, it's October!

It has been a wonderful start to the term with many exciting activities planned by both children and educators.

We have been doing lots of gardening this spring – the children created their own hanging planters out of paper cups and have been sprouting seeds. So far we have planted tomatoes, a variety of flowers, and mint. Outdoors, one of the TheiCare room leaders also ran a strength challenge during which the students attempted different exercises like wall sits, planks, sit ups, and push ups.

Indoors, the children have been participating in some fun 'back to school' art and craft projects like making their own pencil cases out of felt. They have also loved creating their own life-size body paintings. This project was inspired by the artist Keith Haring who is famous for his graffiti-like pop art.

This week's theme is 'How to Train your Dragon', requested by one of the students. The children's favourite activities have been creating their own dragon eggs out of clay, and undertaking an eggshell geodes crystal experiment. We are very excited to watch the crystals form over the next few days!



What's on in Term 4!

TC Tucker

TC Tucker is back!
Launching on
World Food Day
– Friday 16 October.



Friday 23 October is Grandparents' Day!

Invite your grandparents into service for
Nonna's Pasta Making

Tuesday 24 November is National Fairy Bread Day

Let's celebrate with a **Pyjama Party!**



WeCare Spotlight Charities for Term 4:
Food Bank and The Salvation Army

More information about our Special Days will be available soon! Book now at no extra cost to families.

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Sandra
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Malvern East



Malvern Valley Primary School

TUESDAY

3:30PM-4:30PM

After school

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

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28 OCTOBER 2026

AT AFTER SCHOOL CARE
3.30PM-5PM

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