



Mac News

Friday 24th May

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 26th May	Open for Heritage Weekend 11am-3pm
Friday 31st May	Swimming
Monday 10th June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Wednesday 12th June	Book Club orders due
11th -14th June	Book Fair
Friday 14th June	Grandparents/Special Persons Day 9-11am
Thursday 27th June	Parent/Teacher Interviews

**BREAKFAST
CLUB
EVERY FRIDAY
IN THE ART ROOM
8:15-8:45AM**



Dear Parents and School Community,

Parent Teacher Interviews/Reporting Day – Thursday June 27

Over the next two weeks, staff will be benchmarking all students in preparation for their June/Semester 1 reports. These benchmarking assessments are in addition to the ongoing assessment of all children that occur every day.

We will be sending student reports home on Monday June 24. An important part of our reporting process is for parents and students to meet with their teachers to discuss the content of their reports and the evidence to support teacher's judgements.

To enable these discussions to take place, a Reporting Day is scheduled for Thursday June 27. This is a day when students come to school with their parents to meet with their teachers at specific times during the day. 15 minute time slots are devoted to each student/parent/teacher meeting. Students only attend school at the time of their meeting.

This year we are using an easy online format to book interview times. Two weeks before the interviews we will send a letter home to families explaining the process with a link to the booking site and a special code that is required to make the booking. Bookings can be made using your smartphone, iPad or computer. If you have difficulty with it or don't have access to the internet, Fiona will be happy to give you assistance to book your appointment times.

School Review

All schools operate on a four year Strategic Plan. This year is our fourth year of our plan and we have been working over the semester to review the school's performance through the analysis of data sets including Teacher Judgements, NAPLAN, Attendance, and Staff, Student and Parent Opinion Surveys. This week we met with the School Reviewer and the school's Senior Educational Improvement Leader. During this meeting we planned the review process which will include a Validation Day in which the school presents its Self-Evaluation and data sets are analysed and discussed. Following this, a Fieldwork Day will occur in which the review panel will visit classrooms and meet with staff, student and parent groups. The final day of the process will result in the development of the school's next Strategic Plan – the guiding document that will take us through to 2023.

Heritage Weekend

This Sunday the school is having an open day as part of Ballarat Heritage Weekend. School tours will occur on the hour starting at 11am. The tours cover many aspects of the school's history and visits to many of the lesser known areas of the school. There will be displays of memorabilia in the Conference Room. A school history book, *Macarthur Street Memories* has been reprinted for this occasion and will be for sale on the day. Please pass this information onto family and friends as many people have a connection with the school because of its long and proud history.



Happy 21st!

Recently Miss Ganosis clocked up 21 years of employment at our school. May I take this opportunity to congratulate Sylvia on this milestone and thank her for the breadth of work she has undertaken at our great school over such a significant period of time. Well done Sylvia.

With kind regards,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



Resilience –We ignore inappropriate words and actions

Ajan Rasaratnam, Jono Van Egmond, Eleanor Berzins, Maddie Couzens.

Principals Award - Carrera Davis

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING EVERY DAY

Emphasizing the importance of reading is probably the single greatest thing that we as parents and teachers can do for our children, whether we are reading to our children or just enforcing those recommended daily reading times. So, grab a book and get reading!and please remember to bring home readers to school every day.



WINTER CRICKET

**Boys & Girls 8-15yo
Thursdays at 5.30pm**

Call Trev on 0416 134 901