



Mac News

No 29—Friday 9th October, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 14th October

Thursday 15th October

Friday 16th October

Friday 16th October

Monday 19th October -

Thursday 22nd October

Thursday 22nd October

Tuesday 20th October

Thursday 22nd October

Friday 23rd October

Tuesday 3rd November

Monday 23rd November—

Friday 27th November

Canteen orders to be place via QKR by 9.30am

Canteen Open for Term 4.

Finance Meeting

Whole School Assembly via Webex 2.50pm

Book Week—Curious Creatures and Wild Minds

Book Week—Dress Up Day

School Council Meeting via Webex 4.00pm

Whole School Assembly via Webex 2.50pm

No School—Public Holiday “Thank you day”

No School—Public Holiday Melbourne Cup Day

Book Fair

Dear Parents and School Community,

Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to be back at school. Students have generally settled very well. It feel like the start of a new school year in some ways; students re-acquainting, teachers setting up rooms, routines set up, expectations articulated and social groupings reformed. The difference being, of course that (other than the last two weeks) we have not been on a holiday break. It was a challenging journey over term three and, once again, I am proud of the efforts of students, parents and staff during the remote learning time.

The Department has provided comprehensive advice to schools which we are implementing. They have directed schools to focus on three priorities for students and staff: Mental health and wellbeing, Learning, and Transitions. The Learning priority includes determining the progress of students and their current attainment levels and, where there may be gaps, addressing those areas. The Learning priority also places an emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy with schools adapting their learning program to be responsive to the needs of their students. The Transition priority for our school will be an emphasis on students transitioning to Year 7 as well as young children transitioning to Prep in 2021.

Unfortunately, restrictions in schools still apply including: parents not coming on site, students needing to have their own drink bottle, hand sanitising regimes, enabling air flow in all rooms, encouraging social distancing, wearing face masks unless teaching, determining where and how excursions may take place and making some adaptations in some curriculum areas. We will, of course, strive to make the most of the situation.

Computer cords

We have pretty much all devices back on site – thank you for looking after them so well and returning them so promptly. We are short a couple of cords and would appreciate you having a quick check at home in case there is one under a desk or the like.

Remote assemblies

Assemblies will continue to be in a remote format. Parents are invited to attend via WebEx Meetings. Assemblies will be at 2:50pm each Friday.

Roof

The roof is on! It looks fantastic. The storm water is in and a little more asphaltting is required to complete that aspect of the project. The eastern end of the school grounds is being developed into an outdoor teaching and learning area. A bit of a tidy and a few small touch ups will see the completion of the project.

Canteen

Canteen starts up again next week. A menu is attached. Please continue to order through the QKR App.

Diary Dates

Please note in the diary dates that Friday October 23 and Tuesday November 3 are public holidays and there will be no school on these days.

Looking forward to a productive term 4.

With kind regards, Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



Students of the week.

Resilience – returning to onsite learning and teaching:
Ben Connelly, Jed Hazell, Caden Hill

Principal's Award – for being consistent, calm and focussed:
Logan Tucker



Book Week Celebrations!
On Thursday 22nd October 2020 come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

Have your family circumstances changed?

You may be eligible for assistance and can apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund **CSEF**.

Applications close: Thursday 27th November, 2020

Please contact Jenny in the office on 5332 4746 or email request to macarthur.street.ps@education.vic.gov.au for more information.