



Mac News No. 2 Friday 23rd February 2024

2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 28th February	Foundation Students have every Wednesday off in February
Monday 4th March	Grade 1/2 Incursion - Central Highlands Choose Tap Program Foundation students commence fulltime schooling this week
Friday 8th March	Foundation - Grade 2 Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) Incursion Session 1
Monday 11th March	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 13th March - Friday 15th March	Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN
Monday 25th March	Foundation - Grade 2 Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) Incursion Session 2
Thursday 28th March	LAST DAY OF TERM 1! House Athletic Carnival held at school Students finish school at 2:00pm
Monday 15th April	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 16th April	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 Whole School Welcome to Country - Smoking Ceremony 9.00am-10.00am
Monday 22nd April	School Photo Day

Principal Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another action-packed fortnight at Macarthur Street. Our students have settled into the school year now and when visiting classrooms, I can see students knuckling down and working to the best of their abilities.

UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see our students coming to school in the correct and new school uniform. I have had many people tell me just how amazing our new uniform looks and that students are wearing the uniform with pride. As mentioned in other communications, we do have hats for sale at the office, but all uniform is available at Beleza. As a sun smart school, we do expect to see all our students with school logoed hats on whilst outside in Term 1.

HOME READING

I would like to say a big thankyou to the parents and carers that gave up their time to come along to our home reading information night. For those that were unable to make the evening, there will be videos sent out via compass for you to watch and learn how we believe, we should read with our children.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A little reminder that breakfast club is once again up and running on a Friday morning. The school is open from 8am for students to come in early and have breakfast at school.

OSHC

We are so pleased to see how many families utilising our out of school hours care program. We created this initiative at our school to relieve some pressure of school pick up on our families, and so far, this seems to be the case. If you would like to see what is happening in OSHC, feel free to pop into the library and say hello to Lachlan, our schools OSHC Coordinator.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This year, our school athletics will be held on the last day of Term 1. We will hopefully begin the day at 9.00am and conclude at 2.00pm. These days require all hands-on deck from staff and volunteers. If any would like to volunteer to escort age groups to events or even run an event – please let myself or Mrs Edwards know.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held in the last week of Term 1. This will be a chance to have a sit down with your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled into the year and what their goals will be going forward. Due to larger class numbers, we will be offering only one interview slot per child. Correspondence about the PTIs will be posted on Compass in the coming weeks!

NAPLAN

It's getting closer to the time of year when our Grade 3 and 5 students will take part in NAPLAN assessment. We understand that this can create some stress for students, but at Macarthur Street it's not something that we discuss often. If any parents/carers would like some information about NAPLAN, please give me a call in the office and I can discuss options for your child to make them feel comfortable about the assessment.

I hope that everyone has a magnificent weekend.

Mr Anthony Cross — Principal

FOUNDATION NEWS

Wow! What a wonderful start to week 4 we have had! We are beginning to understand how school works now and have shown some excellent learning in both Literacy and Numeracy! We have begun our explicit phonics program during our Literacy block, and have been building words using the letters and sounds S, A, T, P, I, N. In Numeracy we have been grouping different items, like shapes and animals based on their attributes.



Mrs Burns

GRADE 1/2 NEWS

Congratulations to everyone on another fantastic couple of weeks in Grade 1/2. This week students have been learning about personal strengths and talents that they have.

On Tuesday, in Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships, students role-played different strength scenarios such as being brave, kind, resilient and fair. What great little actors we have in our grade!



Miss Eustice

GRADE 3/4 News

On Wednesday afternoon, two players from the Western Bulldogs attended our school and provided a short footy clinic and a Q&A session. Adam Treloar & Harvey Gallagher put the students through their paces and conducted a quick warm-up game (Snatch), taught them how to hand-ball and then finished off with a longest kick competition.

In the Q&A session, we discovered that their favourite colours are blue, Adam has played around 235 games and that they will be playing two home games again in Ballarat this year. The students were each given a Western Bulldogs stress ball and an autograph sheet.



Mr Goodson



Happy Birthday to the following students who have celebrated their birthday over the last week or will celebrate it in the coming days.

**Divina
Cruze
Evelyn
Konnah**

Student of the Week

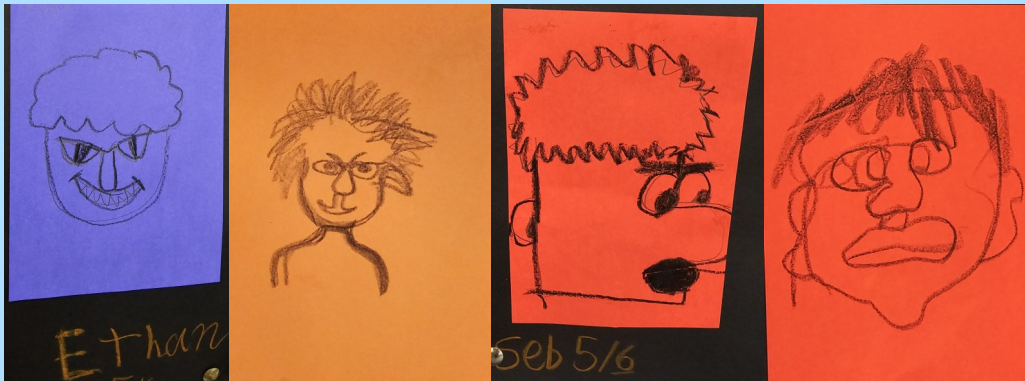
For showing the school value of 'Resilience'.

FB	Ivy
I/2E	Hugo
3/4G	Konnah
5/6S	Toby
Principal	Jaxxon



5-6 News




Grade 5/6 were thrilled to embark on their journey in Art this term. Our budding artists were diving into the captivating world of self-portrait drawing. They were learning to express their individuality through the continuous line of their pencil to complete their final piece. This technique not only challenges their artistic abilities but also encourages them to embrace imperfections.



Mrs Seff

Auslan News

The last fortnight in Auslan we have learnt...

Handshapes	Fingerspelling - Numbers	Key Signs
good, spoon, gun, c, write, eleven, round, cup	Grade 1-2 Numbers 0-15 Grades 3-6 Numbers 0-30	yes, no, thank you, please, sorry, toilet, help, tissue, question, please
		
Good	Number 16	Question (tap twice)

SCHOOL HATS

Term 1 & 4 all students must wear the school bucket hat when outside.

School hats are available to purchase for \$15 from the office.



Sidinda Health Clinic

Sidinda are an incorporated Australian not-for-profit aiming to provide essential health and educational services to rural Zimbabweans.

Sidinda are requesting any old spectacles that are no longer used. Please drop them into the office and help someone in Zimbabwe today.

MACARTHUR STREET HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thursday 28th March 2024, will be holding our House Athletics Carnival. Throughout the day Students will compete in events to obtain points for their house, and hopefully a ribbon for themselves. At the end of the day a house cup is awarded to the house with the most points. Students will finish at 2.00pm on this day.

Our school houses are **Armstrong**, **Doveton** and **Clarendon**.

You will notice that each house has a representative colour. We ask students to support their house by wearing clothing, ribbons or zinc in the appropriate colour. This gives the students a sense of belonging and teamwork, and a message that all efforts are valued and important.

If you are unsure which house your child is in please check Compass or check out one of the posters around the school. Please see your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Please remember that sensible, SunSmart clothing and running footwear is still required for the day.

If any parent/carers would like to offer their assistance in the measuring of the events, it would be greatly appreciated.

Parents/carers are more than welcome to come along and cheer on the athletes.



Getting to know our new staff...

Miss Naomi Gerrard - Education Support

Describe your perfect day?

Helping with sheep work on my family's farm and then having a picnic dinner with friends.

What's a movie you could watch every day?

I have always loved watching Miss Congeniality.

What is your favourite food?

A good mango!

If you were to have a superpower, what would it be and why?

I would live to time travel, so that I could go and reexperience my favourite memories.

What's one thing about you that you think would surprise people?

I have camped at Luna Park.



Mrs Tanya Vanderkley - Education Support

Describe your perfect day?

Going out for brekky (eggs benedict) with the family, then ditching the family and heading off for a day spa/massage experience. Then spending the rest of the day shopping with my girls!

What's a movie you could watch every day?

Grease!!

What is your favourite food?

Steak

If you were to have a superpower, what would it be and why?

It would have to be the ability to time travel. I love history, and I love to travel. I would definitely travel back in time.

What's one thing about you that you think would surprise people?

Definitely my singing ability! Hahahaha just kidding, I'm a terrible singer (although I love karaoke!) ummm I'm a bit of an open book, not a lot of surprises...ummmm, I am an avid genealogist.



MACARTHUR STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

2024 UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

All children from Foundation to Year 6 are required to wear only the official school uniform as listed below. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- Promote equality amongst all students.
- Further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- Provide a school uniform that is practical, comfortable, attractive and affordable.
- Maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

The wearing of school uniform is dependent on weather not terms.

The dress code will consist of:

- Navy blue, blue, maroon, and white check summer dress and are to be knee length.
- Navy blue, blue, maroon, and white check winter tunic with detachable bib.
- Navy blue knee length shorts or navy pants/track pants (no gym tight leggings or skintight bike shorts).
- "Cargo" pants – navy.
- Navy short sleeve sport mesh polo with contrast panels with school logo.
- Navy long sleeve polo pique top with contrast panels with school logo.
- Navy blue and sky-blue super fleece 1/2 zip jumper with school logo.
- Navy blue and sky-blue personalised fleece hoodie for grade 6 students only.
- Navy soft shell vest with school logo.
- Navy soft shell jacket with school logo.
- Black school shoes, or runners (no bright coloured shoes).
- Navy tights for under the school dress or tunic only.
- Navy adjustable bucket hat with school logo.
- School beanie with school logo (not to be worn as a hat in terms 1 and 4).
- Navy micro fibre school bag with school logo.
- Leggings are not to be worn under summer dresses.
- Shoes are to be appropriate for school activities e.g., black shoes or runners (heels, basketball shoes, sneakers, gumboots thongs or other open toed footwear are not permitted for safety reasons).
- Hair ties are to be in appropriate colours such as navy, sky blue or white.
- Socks, stockings, tights are to be appropriate colours such as black, navy, and white.
- Jewellery: Earrings are to be sleepers or studs, smart watches can be used for basic use (steps, time etc).
- No phones, tablets or cameras.
- Cosmetics (including 'play make-up') at school are not permitted. This includes mascara, lipstick, eye shadow, and make up.
- Coats (preferably navy blue) are encouraged in winter. "Hoodies" are not considered to be coats (grade 6 student are exempt with their grade 6 hoodie).
- Extreme hair colour (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Students with hair long enough to be pulled back should have this tied back in school-coloured bands or ribbons (navy blue, sky blue, burgundy, or white).
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is SunSmart hats consistent with our SunSmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- The Uniform Shop supplier is Beleza School Uniforms (22 Doveton St Sth, Ballarat).
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Assistance can be arranged to supply uniforms for families experiencing financial hardship.
- Guardians seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council.

2024 SCHOOL PAYMENTS

All payments can be made via QKR! app, cash to the office or BPAY.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom Consumables (\$15.00) Art – paint, crayons, coloured paper, pens (\$10.00) Cooking consumables – including flour, sugar, eggs, meat, fruit & vegetables(\$15.00) Printing & photocopying of worksheets & learning materials (\$5)	\$45
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria Membership (\$5)	\$5
Voluntary Contributions	Amount
Library Fund (to help purchase Library Books) \$10 or please nominate amount	\$10
School Assistance Fund (\$10 or please nominate an amount) This fund is to provide Essential Education Items or Optional Items for families at our school unable to purchase these items due to demonstrated financial hardship	\$10
Outdoor Learning Areas (\$10 or please nominate an amount)	\$10

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent/carers personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy Macarthur St PS Photograph, filming and recording policy describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent/carers consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents/carers to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using use Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Macarthur St PS Privacy policy.