

Mackellar Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter —February 15 2019 — Issue 2

Principal's Message



Upcoming Events

February

- **Wed 20**
Whole School Photos

March

- **Wed 13**
Whole School Beach Excursion
- **Thur 14**
Smiling Mind Parent Information Evening-7.00pm-8.00pm

Dear Mackellar Families, School Photographs

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 20th February. All students should have received their personalized photo envelope on Tuesday. School Photo orders and money can be sent to the office on or prior to photo day. **Orders placed after photo day will incur a \$30.00 surcharge. Include postage and Handling.**

Whole School Beach Excursion Wednesday March 13

As part of our Better Buddies Program, we have organised our annual whole school excursion to Altona beach.

Whilst at the beach, students will interact with their buddies and explore the beach and park environments. This will include sand play on the shore and paddling only in ankle deep water under teacher supervision. Students will not be permitted to swim but as we are at the beach, students are advised to bring a spare change of clothes.

Parents are most welcome to join us on the day, but you must make your own way to Altona Beach.

Students are required to wear school uniform (green top & wide brim hat).

Students are permitted to wear board shorts in place of black shorts.

Students are required to bring their snack, lunch, a drink and also a towel.

Please apply sunscreen on your child in the morning and clearly label all belongings

Cost \$10.00 Payments can be made by Credit Card online at : makckellarps.xuno.com.au.

Alternatively please include cash when returning the permission form to the office.

Student Wellbeing

Student Leadership Team



Student Leadership is an important part of our school culture at Mackellar. We believe that student leadership is inherent within all learners and we encourage and nurture these qualities in all year levels, from Foundation to Grade 6. Our formalized Student Leadership Program is expanding and we are extremely impressed with our 2019 team. The student elected team collaborate every week at the Student Wellbeing office.

Here they are at this week's meeting, discussing how to represent students from all levels at our school. They are also planning a Student Newsletter, for MPS Students by MPS Students, which will appear as part of this weekly newsletter from next week.



Henry Truong - School Captain
Emily Natoli - Vice School Captain
Tommy Tran - School Monitor
Michelle Sem - School Monitor
Andre Medina - Sports Captain

Tuong-Vy Ho - School Captain
Kaan Kalinkara - Vice School Captain
Mia Templeton - School Monitor
Amir Koubar - School Monitor
Dalila Koteska - Sports Captain

2019 School Terms

Term 1 - Jan 30 to April 5

Term 2 - April 23 to Jun 28

Term 3 - July 15 to Sept 20

Term 4 - Oct 7 to Dec 18

Making Attendance a Priority

Regular school attendance is always encouraged and celebrated at Mackellar Primary School. Making attendance a priority is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success, both in school and in life. School attendance impacts academic outcomes as well as the success of students socially and developmentally. Students who attend school regularly feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships and develop healthy life habits.

Congratulations to 4G and 4L for achieving the highest attendance at Mackellar last week. Here are two very proud students from both grades with the Mackellar Attendance Cup.



Grade 4G & 4L

Sun Smart

Mackellar is a Sun Smart school. Teachers have been extremely pleased to see students wearing the correct, safe, sun smart hats. It is important that students wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears whenever they are outside. Our school hats are broad-brimmed. Peak caps and visors are not considered an alternative so students wearing these hats will be asked to play in our shade sheltered areas where they are protected.

Please Click on this link to read our Sun Smart Policy...

<https://mackellarps.vic.edu.au/school-policies/sunsmart-policy/>

Smiling Mind for Parents and Carers. Please Save the Date!

Personal and social capabilities are developed and fostered through various programs at Mackellar. A fundamental component of The Resilience Project is **Mindfulness** and we are extremely proud to announce that we have a Mindfulness evening planned for our parents and carers.

Mindfulness experts from Smiling Mind are visiting our school on **Thursday 14th March at 7pm to 8pm**. Please save this date and come along. More information about the evening will be provided in the coming weeks.

Breakfast Club

If your child isn't eating breakfast at home, he/she is very welcome to come along to Mackellar's Breakfast Club, where he/she will be happily served with a smile. Our Breakfast Club program is an initiative of the Victorian Government in partnership with Foodbank Victoria. The program delivers healthy breakfast foods to many primary schools across Victoria and our school is one of them. Breakfast Club enables children to:

- enjoy a nutritious breakfast
- engage and participate fully in all the educational and social opportunities throughout the day
- get a kick-start to the day by being refueled with energy and nutrients (the previous meal is typically 8 to

10 hours before waking)

WHEN: Monday to Friday (every morning)

TIME: 8.45am to 8.55am **LOCATION:** At the Before & After School Program building

Kind Regards,

Tanya Lindsay-Clark

Student Wellbeing

Grade Six Hoodie & Polo Shirts

This year we are offering students the opportunity to purchase a grade 6 Hoodie; grade 6 polo; or both to commemorate their last year at primary school.

The cost of the grade 6 Hoodie is \$32.00 The cost of the grade 6 polo is \$29.00

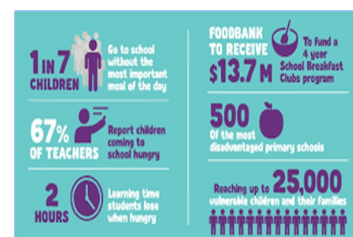
Various sizes are available – Teachers have sized your child at school.

To avoid disappointment please ensure your payment and order form are in by the due date. No late payments will be accepted after this date.

The final day for ordering is: **Monday 25 February, 2019 All orders must be paid for in full by this date.**

No order will be processed unless payment is made by the due date.

There will be no refund or exchange after the final payment date.



Gr 5 & 6 Interschool Sport Season 1

Interschool sports will actively promote school sport for all Victorian school students as a means of developing their students' health and wellbeing. It will do this by:

- providing strategic leadership for Victorian School Sport;
 - providing regular sporting competition that embraces an educational approach in developing students' appreciation and carriage of respected community values;
 - maximising participation opportunities for all school students in competition that is commensurate with their age and ability;
- promoting school and community partnerships through sport.

Students are required to bring drink bottle, sports uniform (football boots, mouth guard if needed etc.)

Cost \$45.00 Payments can be made by Credit Card online at : makckellarps.xuno.com.au. Alternatively please include cash when returning the permission form to the office.



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School Photos

Wednesday 20 February, 2019

How to order online (on or before Photo Day)

1. Go to www.mps.com.au and click on **ORDER ONLINE**.
2. Enter your personalised Reference Number on your envelope
3. On Photo Day- Each child must present their own photo envelope to the office on photo day.

How to order with Cash

1. Select - Choose the package that you wish to purchase.
2. Payment—Place **CASH** in envelope. Please enclose **CORRECT** money, as no change will be available.
3. Please check that your child's name is spelt correctly on the envelope. Children are to present their own photo envelope to the office.

What to remember

Orders placed after photo day will incur a \$30.00 surcharge. Include postage and Handling.

We are here to help— simply phone us on 5222 6747



Facebook Page for Mackellar Primary School

Mackellar is excited to announce the start of an official Facebook page. This will be used to promote and communicate news, announcements, information, important dates, questions and answers and celebrations.

This page will not tolerate any bullying, unsafe behaviour and negativity towards the school or community. It is under admin control and supervision.

Please like our official page.

<https://m.facebook.com/MackellarPrimarySchool/>

We are on the web
www.mackellarps.vic.edu.au

Congratulations

Students of the Week



3K 4/02/2019



2F 4/02/2019



Connor Renata, Ceara Blomeley, Violet Leiu,
Matteo Gravagna

Marko Momcilovic, Lala Okesene,
Thiago Ibanez-Malik

Jacob Gebru, Jaxon Black, Sarah Medforth

4/02/2019



Dorothy Bouzinis, James Stevens, Alyce
Meaney-Agius, Iyush Naidu, Aydin Kemal

Angelina Truong, Foni Tjia, Lucia Vu, Yen Ta

Vince Huynh, Hannah Kumar, Noah March,
Jacob Darcy, Apollo Sayamonga, Jasin Lay,

Riley Sigmund

11/02/2019



Want to learn Keyboard, Guitar, Trumpet, Flute, Clarinet or Sax??? YES PLEASE!!

ABC Music offers music lessons **during school hours** every Tuesday during the school term at Mackellar Primary!!

ENROL NOW ONLINE & Receive FREE Books (\$44)

www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enrol-now/

Group Keyboard or Guitar lessons from \$139 per term

Group Trumpet, Flute, Clarinet, Sax lessons from \$185 per term

Private lessons \$350 per term For more information please contact the ABC office via email:

info@abcmusicgroup.com.au or call 9427 8049

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Attendance
Awards

Term 1, 2019



Week 1



4L & 4G

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

