

Mackellar Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter — March 1 2019 — Issue 4

Principal's Message



Upcoming Events

March

- **Mon 4**
Family Information Night
- **Mon 11**
Public Holiday- School Closed
- **Wed 13**
Whole School Beach Excursion
- **Thur 14**
Smiling Mind Parent Information Evening-7.00pm-8.00pm
- **Thur 21**
Celebration of Harmony Day Whole School Incursion

Public holiday Monday March 11, 2019

School Closed

Dear Mackellar Families,

Term 1 is an exciting time for our school community as we embrace opportunities to welcome the new year, gain information, connect and establish positive relationships. There are a few important events in March that you may have noticed on our whole school ZUNO calendar. We have planned two evenings for parents and carers. If you need any assistance accessing ZUNO, please don't hesitate to contact our office for assistance.

Family Information Night

All families are welcome to Mackellar's 2019 Parent Information Session which will be held on **Monday the 4th of March** with a 20 minute time slot allocated to each grade level in the Hive. The 20 minute time slot includes a presentation and question and answer time.

A BBQ will be provided during the evening where you can meet teachers and families in a relaxed, community setting. Staff are really looking forward to meeting parents and carers at this event. It's a great opportunity to gain important information about the 2019 school year.

The presentations will be as follows:

Grade 1 and Grade 2: 5:00-5:20pm

Grade 3 and Grade 4: 5:30-5:50pm

Grade 5 and Grade 6: 6:00- 6:20pm

PREP families are invited to come along to the community BBQ, however will not have an information session as this was done at the end of last year.

MINDFULNESS EVENING for Parents and Carers

You are invited to a **Smiling Mind evening at Mackellar Primary School**. Smiling Mind offers a free Mindfulness and Meditation app and website. Free resources will be provided on the evening to everyone who attends.

Date: Thursday 14th March

Time: 7pm to 8pm

Location: Mackellar's Hive

The Information provided at this session will be around the benefits of Mindfulness and bringing balance to the often hectic lives of children and families.

Mindfulness Topics will include:

- ◆ Improving mental health and wellbeing
- ◆ Improving attention and focus
- ◆ Developing student's ability to manage emotions
- ◆ Building resilience
- ◆ Improving sleep quality
- ◆ Improving student engagement with learning
- ◆ The impact of mindfulness on student behaviour

The evening is a wonderful opportunity for our parents, carers and staff. Please come along; it'd be great to see you there!



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

BETTER BUDDY BEACH EXCURSION

Our annual Better Buddy Altona Beach excursion is in two weeks.

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.



Thursday 21st March Please wear ORANGE

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. To celebrate Harmony Day at Mackellar Primary School, it would be appreciated if children are encouraged to wear ORANGE, the Harmony Day colour, on

Thursday the 21st of March.

To celebrate Harmony Day this year, students will also experience a colourful performance that includes dances from all around the world with a story that promotes values and illustrates and embraces diversity.

The cost of this excursion is \$5.00.

Payments can be made of Credit Card online at: mackellarps.xuno.com.au

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

Kind Regards,

Tanya Lindsay-Clark

Student Wellbeing

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.

Congratulations

Students of the Week



Natasha Fong, Jason Tran, Michelle Sem, Mia Templeton, Claudia Tran, Abbey Hamilton, Sandra Lay

Elina Duraku, Prabhas Divvala, Dayne Blomeley, Yasmin Azadzo, Shinae Mu

Mamasan Sanyon, Victor Darmanin, Sherine Lay, Jennissa Vong

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Grade 1T

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Attendance Awards



Grade 28- Week 3

Attendance Awards

Term 1, 2019



Week 1



4L & 4G

Week 2



4L

Week 3



2B

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

Congratulations

Mackellar Sports Award



Congratulations to:

Ilagan 6A

Jessykah 6A

Jay 6P

Dennis 5G

Jayden 6A

STUDENT ARTICLES

Interschool Sport

Hi Everyone,

Our names are Dalila and Andre and we are excited to be your Sports Captains for 2019. Every week, we will announce the winners of Mackellar's Sports Award. We have introduced this award because we realise that winning is not the most important part of playing sport. How you play the game is much more important. We hope you like this new certificate that we have created with the help of Mia, one of our student leaders.

Congratulations to the following students for winning this award for the very first time at our school:

Jessykah, Jayden, Jay, Ilagan (Eli) and Dennis.

Article Written By:



Dalila Andre



Teacher of the Week

Dear Mackellar Newsletter Readers,

Each week, members of our Student Leadership Team will interview a teacher for our Teacher of the Week article. This week, Emily, Michelle and Tuong-Vy interviewed Dash, our Physical Education teacher. We will ask teachers to give brief answers for our newsletter.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

One day, back in Year 12, I taught some classes with the P.E. teacher. The experience was really interesting and inspired me to become a P.E. teacher.

What is your main goal for this year?

To make sure that everyone who comes to P.E. has a lot of fun learning new skills.

What's your most awesome teaching moment this year?

Getting involved in the games with the older students.

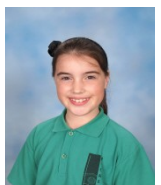
What is the most important message you would like to give students?

Make sure that you listen attentively to your teachers because they will give you important life lessons.

Here is Dash with one of his classes.



Article Written By



Emily, Michelle and Tuong-Vy

Next Week Teacher of the Week

.....Ms Gemma Matias