

# 2019

## Mackellar Newsletter

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### Mackellar Primary School

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### Principal's Message



### Dear Mackellar Families,

An eventful and exciting week at Mackellar with the Altona Beach excursion and Smiling Mind Information Evening. Our School Values Voting Booth will remain open until the end of the week for members of our community, so please feel welcome to call in to cast your votes. Our new School Values will be announced at a whole school assembly before the end of Term 1. The process of voting has engaged our whole school community and we are thrilled with the level of interest and number of votes. The Star Weekly newspaper visited Mackellar last Monday when our local member of Parliament, Natalie Hutchins spoke at our assembly and voted for our Values.

Here is the link to the online article <http://www.starweekly.com.au/news/school-values-input/>

### Upcoming Events

### March

- **Thur 21**  
**Celebration of Harmony Day**  
**Whole School Incursion**



### Altona Beach Excursion – Buddies and Friendships

Those sandy socks and shoes that came home on Wednesday evening really were worth it! Our annual excursion to Altona Beach was filled with happiness, laughter and friendship. Building sand castles, digging tunnels, swishing bare feet in the shallows, beach volleyball, cricket, strolling along the shore, picnicking with friends, playing at the park and finishing the day with a free icy-pole with the teachers were definitely the highlights.



The whole school experience provides a special opportunity for children across the whole school to unite and strengthen their connectedness in a unique setting. It's a wonderful chance for Buddies to bond as they travel on the bus together and share an entire day creating memories.



Sincere thanks to parents and carers who attended the excursion. In case you are missing anything, a few items have been placed in the gym, such as beach towels, or you may even find an odd sock or a bucket and spade!

### 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

### 2020 School Terms

- Term 1 - Jan 29 to March 27
- Term 2 - April 14 to Jun 26
- Term 3 - July 13 to Sept 18
- Term 4 - Oct 5 to Dec 16



## NDA – National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying Day



Mackellar is proud to be a NDA school. Every year, we join thousands of Australian schools in the nationwide movement by taking action against violence and bullying. The NDA provides the chance to take action and empower students to be part of the solution when addressing bullying. The official date is Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of March, however our school has some special events planned for the next fortnight, where we will focus on bullying and how we can create and maintain a safer community for everyone.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Prep to Grade 2 students will attend a show by Performance Tours, 'Let's Stamp Out Bullying'. Specifically planned for this age group, the show combines entertainment and stories to get its simple, effective plan for dealing with bullies across. Included in the one hour show, is the following five step message about bullying:

- Step 1. **STAY AWAY** – How to avoid bullies
- Step 2. **TELL SOMEONE** – The importance of reporting bullying
- Step 3. **ALWAYS HELP** – The power of peers
- Step 4. **MAKE FRIENDS** – Including students who may feel left out
- Step 5. **PLAY NICELY** – Making sure that bullying doesn't happen



On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Grades 3 to 6 students will attend a workshop by Bully Zero, the leading and most influential anti-bullying and cyberbullying organization for children, teens and adults in Australia. Bully Zero strives to reduce and prevent all forms of bullying in schools, workplaces, online and in communities across Australia. Grade 5 and Grade 6 students will attend an incursion before recess and Grade 3 and Grade 4 students will attend the incursion after recess.

## Smiling Mind – A Mindfulness Evening for Parents and Carers

Mindfulness experts from Smiling Mind are visiting our school on **Thursday evening**. A huge thank you to everyone who attended the evening. Feedback about the evening was extremely positive.

*For anyone who didn't attend the evening and would like to know more about Mindfulness, please have a look at Mackellar's website under The Resilience Project link, as well as The Smiling Mind website <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/mindfulness>*

Kind Regards,

*Tanya Lindsay-Clark*

Student Wellbeing



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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

## 2019 Grades 5/6 Canberra Camp- "Capital Country Holiday Park". Monday 2 September to Friday 6 September

The camp is a tremendous experience for students to engage with their peers and teachers to develop individual personal responsibilities and confidence. The camp also aims to provide opportunities for self-discovery and team-work through facilitation of unique camping experiences.

The camp will cost approximately **\$650** for the 5-day experience. Payments for the camp can be made anytime during school hours. The cost includes accommodation, activities, camp instructors and bus travel. As prices in petrol, food, wages, have risen, so have the cost of camps and buses. Taking these cost rises into consideration, we have compared prices for a number of camps and made the decision that for maximum benefit and value for money.

There are still vacancies for students interested in going to the  
5/6 Canberra Camp.

## Attendance Awards

### Attendance Awards Term 1, 2019



Week 1	 4L & 4G
Week 2	 4L
Week 3	 2B
Week 4	 3M
Week 5	 2F
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	

## Transition Information For Grade 5 & 6

### Taylor's Lakes Secondary College 2019

An information evening for the 2019 LEAP Program will occur on Tuesday March 26th 2019 at 7pm in the College Library.

College Tours are available on **Wednesdays, 9.30 am – 11.00 am**. In addition, the college is also organising **special parent tours for Year 5 and Year 6 parents and students on Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**. If parents wish an alternative time, this can be arranged. Parents need to ring the college and make the arrangements. There have many parents that have already attended a college tour this year.

Our **Year 7 Expo Evening** for parents and students will be held on **Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm**.

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### Copperfield College 2019

#### DISCOVERY EVENING INVITATION

[There is more to Copperfield than you know](#)

As one of the top three VCE schools in Brimbank, this invaluable evening will inform prospective parents and students about why Copperfield also has the highest number of Year 12 VEC, VETR & VCAL students enrolled.

Lear about our:

- Exceptional VCE study scores in Maths, English, IT, Economics, VET music, and System Engineering
- Dedicated numeracy and literacy programs
- Safe and orderly learning environment
- Outstanding Performance Arts program and
- Comprehensive academic and vocational pathways

To secure a place we recommend parents and students approaching Year 7 attend.

#### Kings park Junior Campus

Wednesday March 20, 2019

Tours from 6.00pm,

Presentation from 7.00pm

Kambalda Circuit, KINGS PARK

Ph: 9365 4111

#### Sydenham Junior Campus

Wednesday March 27, 2019

Tours from 5.30pm

Presentation from 7.00pm

Community Hub, SYDENHAM

Ph: 9361 3888