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Mackellar Newsletter

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Mackellar Primary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Mackellar Families,

As Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the effort and enthusiasm of our wonderful Mackellar students. To hear students speaking about having a positive mindset and persevering to achieve their personal best, is extremely encouraging. Conversations about learning goals, personal challenges and discovering new strategies, reflects the significant growth students have made in their learning this semester. Various student initiatives have also been a highlight at Mackellar, such as the eSmart Ambassador's Circle Time, Sports Integrity Awards, Homework Club and more recently, a Mackellar's Got Talent Contest. The Composting Program is thriving, thanks to our passionate Grade 4 students leading one of our environmental, school-wide improvement initiatives. Lunchtime activities, such as Zumba and Board Games at The Hive, have been a huge success. Student Attendance levels are high and we are noticing that 'arrival to school on time' has improved. During Term 3, we are looking forward to many new and exciting events, such as launching our new school values that our community voted for: Learning, Respect, Team Work and Resilience. Students will be directly involved in the process of deciding how we will display and promote our values within the community.

Best wishes to all students, families and staff for an enjoyable and safe term break. Sincere thanks for your support throughout another highly productive term.



Upcoming Events

June

- Fri Jun 28
Last Day Term 2 School Dismissed at 2.30pm

July

- Jul 24 & 25
Parent / Teacher Interview

- Tues July 30
Prep Melbourne Zoo Exc

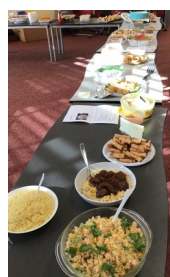
August

- Mon Aug 12
Curriculum Day—School Closed

September

- Sept 2 to 6
Gr 5 & 6 Camp
- Sept 17 to 19
Gr 3 & 4 Camp

Cultural Celebration



Tuesday's lunch for our Prep grades was an irresistible festival of food from many cultures. Our Prep grades celebrated their Term 2 Cultural Inquiry with parents and carers who generously prepared food for the event. Providing authentic, real-life experiences is an exciting style of learning that we embrace at Mackellar. The Cultural Lunch was lunch was meaningful and engaging as students were able to see, smell and taste new food from different cultures that they'd learnt about during the term. Thank you to all families who contributed to this event by sending a plate to school or attending the luncheon. Our Prep teachers are extremely grateful for the beautiful, inspiring buffet of delicious dishes. Your involvement is always greatly appreciated.

Grade 2s at Werribee Zoo

To celebrate their Term 2 Inquiry unit, 'Our World', Grade 2 students spent an entire day at the Werribee Open Range Zoo. The excursion provided an opportunity for students to transfer their knowledge and understandings about habitats to observing a variety of wildlife in settings created by the Werribee Zoo.

I really liked the Safari Tour because we saw a wild horse and that's my favourite animal. The wild horse was near the antelopes and it was jumping and kicking at the same time. The horse looked happy because we were all watching it.

McKenzie. 2B

I liked seeing the lions. They were golden yellow with long mains and sharp claws. Their habitat was an enclosure with long dry, brown and golden grass.

Kaeleb 2B



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



I liked going to the zoo with the whole class. My favourite animal was the giraffe. Their habitat was one that had a lot of wide open grassland. The land was flat. Their giraffes followed us near the bus and they didn't even seem to be worried that we were there.

Isabella 2B

I liked seeing the rhinos. They were sleeping in their habitat. Their habitat had a lot of brown and gold grassland. They had water to drink. The safari bus was a lot of fun. It rained on the day so we got all wet!

Lendl 2B

Curriculum Day Monday August 12, 2019

Mackellar Primary School will be conducting a Curriculum day in Term 3. The Curriculum Day will be Monday August 12, 2019. The school will be closed to allow the staff to undertake professional development. Full day out of school hours care will be available on these days if there are sufficient bookings. Bookings can be made by contacting the Out of School Care program coordinator, Wendy Feeley, on 0447 302 473.

Kind Regards,
Tanya Lindsay-Clark
Student Wellbeing

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Dates and Times

Wednesday July 24 – 3:40pm – 6:30pm

Thursday July 25 – 3:40pm – 6:30pm

Conferences will run for 10 minutes

Interpreter

If you require an interpreter, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Information

The purpose of this meeting with your child's teacher is to:

- update each other regarding your child's needs and their learning during the first six months of the school year
- continue to build a positive collaborative relationship to support your child's learning
- share information about your child's interests and learning goals
- talk more in-depth about your child's student report

Parent-teacher conferences are valuable. They can help our teachers understand more about how to support your child. You can also learn more about where you can support your child in their learning.

Before the conference

- Read through your child's report and think about what you want to discuss.
- Write a list of questions you want to ask the teacher.
- Ask your child if there are any questions they would like you to ask, or if there is anything they would like you to tell the teacher.
- Ask your child what they think the teacher is going to tell you. Think about anything you'd like to tell the teacher. For example, if there's been changes that have had an impact on your child.
- If you need a translator, ask the school to organise this before the conference.

During the conference

- If you want to ask about something specific, let the teacher know at the start of the conference.
- Let the teacher know any information you think they need about your child.
- You and the teacher may create a plan with next steps.
- If you're unsure about anything, ask the teacher to explain further.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be booked through XUNO. If you need support accessing the XUNO portal, please contact the office as soon as possible.

How to Book

1. Click on the **School** menu and then click on the **Parent Teacher Interviews** item. If you are using a mobile device, you'll need to tap on the menu icon in the top right, before you can tap on the **School** menu.
2. If you have any current bookings, these will be shown at the top of the page in the 'Confirmed Bookings' table. You can remove a booking at any time by clicking on its corresponding delete button. Only parents are able to make and remove bookings.
3. To make a booking, first select a specific child by clicking on the button labelled with your child's name. A list of available teachers and classes will appear below.
4. Choose a teacher and class, and a time from the corresponding drop-down list. Once you select a time your booking will be moved to the 'Confirmed Bookings' table at the top of the page. Bookings and available times are instant and work on a first-booked basis.
5. Repeat steps 3-4 for all of your bookings.

Attendance Awards



**Term 2 Week 9
Prep E**

Attendance Awards

Term 2, 2019

Week 1	 6A & 6P
Week 2	 Gr 5G
Week 3	 Gr 5G
Week 4	 Gr 5G Gr 4G
Week 5	 Gr 3I
Week 6	 5W
Week 7	
Week 8	 3M
Week 9	 Prep E
Week 10	 4G



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Alex, Ryan, Madison, Kiara, Leah
 Christopher, Robert, Scarlett, Phoenix, Andy
 Charlotte, Sienna, Jeriel
 Mourad, Muhammad, Dakota, Nathan, Mohid

24.6.19





Learn Keyboard or Guitar here at your Primary School

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2019 Grades 3 & 4 Camp PGL Campaspe Downs

Tuesday September 17 to Thursday 19, 2019

PGL Camps aim to provide unique camping experiences in the great outdoors that inspires all people to be healthier, happier and more connected to their community. Learning Experiences at PGL Campaspe Downs aim to build resilience, reinforce a positive outlook, develop new physical activity skills, set goals, make healthy choices, develop independence and provide leadership opportunities. PGL Campaspe Downs also encourages students to solve problems in a team setting while appreciating the natural world around them.

This year's camp will cost **\$295** for the 3-day experience. 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, the camp at Campaspe Downs is the best option.

A **non-refundable deposit of \$60** is payable by **Friday 28th June** to secure your child a place on the camp. A payment plan will commence there after so that the financial demands will not be too taxing for families.

Final payment is due no later than Friday 30th August

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 teamwork through facilitation of unique camping experiences.

The camp will cost approximately **\$650** for the 5 day experience. 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.

Final Payment is due Friday August 16, 2019

Payments for the camp can be made anytime during school hours.

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

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MACKELLAR PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEN MENU

Please ensure all lunch orders are placed in class boxes by 9.30am
All lunch orders are to be in bags suitable to hold food and drinks otherwise 10c will be charged per bag
Please use correct change or as close to correct change as possible, as large amounts of change may not be given until it is available.

MONDAY SPECIAL

BAKED

POTATOES

\$5.00

Baked Potatoes include

grated cheese and sour cream

ONLY AVAILABLE MONDAYS

SANDWICHES AND ROLLS

(white and wholegrain available)

Vegemite	\$3.20	Cheese	\$3.70
Egg	\$4.20	Egg and Lettuce	\$4.70
Chicken	\$4.50	Chicken and Cheese	\$4.80
Ham	\$4.50	Ham and Cheese	\$4.80
Salad	\$5.00	Salad – add meat	\$5.50
(lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot, cheese)			

any extras add 50c each

Roll add \$1.00

HOT FOOD – add sauce 50c each

Large Pie	\$4.50
Large Sausage roll	\$4.30
Party Pies	\$1.50 each
Party Sausage Rolls	\$1.50 each
Hot Dog in Roll	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.80c each
Dim Sims	\$1.00 each
Cup Noodles	\$3.00
(chicken, beef, oriental)	
Crumbed Chicken Tenders	\$2.50 each
Plain Hamburger	\$5.50 add cheese \$6.00
Grilled Chicken	\$5.50 add cheese \$6.00
Chicken Tender Roll	\$5.50 add cheese \$6.00

SALAD TUBS

Garden Salad	\$5.00
(lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot)	
add cheese	\$5.50
add ham or chicken	\$6.00

TOASTED SANDWICHES

Ham	\$4.50
Cheese	\$4.50
Ham and Cheese	\$4.80
Cheese and Tomato	\$4.80
Ham, cheese and tomato	\$5.00

HEALTHY HOT FOOD

Plain Pasta	\$2.50 add cheese	\$3.00
Napoleatana Pasta	\$3.00 add cheese	\$3.50
Beef Lasagne		\$5.00
Macaroni Cheese		\$5.00
Pizza Slice	\$4.50 (hawaiian or margarita)	

WINTER ONLY –

chicken noodle soup

\$1.00

DRINKS

Nippys Choc or Strawberry Milk	\$3.00
Orange juice	\$2.50
Water	\$2.00

THURSDAY SPECIAL

CHICKEN BURRITO

\$5.00

Burritos contain chicken, capsicum, spices, grated cheese and sour cream

ONLY AVAILABLE THURSDAYS