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Mackellar Newsletter

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Mackellar Primary School

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Principal's Message

Dear Mackellar Families,

Welcome to Term 3. I hope that you have had a lovely break with your children, or just a change of routine can sometimes be as good as a holiday. Seeing how exceptionally well our students have settled into their learning shows us that they are engaged in school life and learning at Mackellar.

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.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

The Parent Teacher interviews that will be held next Wednesday and Thursday provide an excellent opportunity to gain further insight into your child's development.

Dates and Times

Wednesday July 24 – 3:40pm – 6:30pm

Thursday July 25 – 3:40pm – 6:30pm

Interviews will run for 10 minutes

Interpreter

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

Parent Teacher Interviews 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.



Upcoming Events July

- Jul 24 & 25
Parent / Teacher Interview

- Tues July 30
Prep Werribee Zoo Exc

August

- Tue Aug 6
Gr 4 Captains and Convicts Incur-sion

- Mon Aug 12
Curriculum Day—School Closed

September

- Sept 2 to 6
Gr 5 & 6 Camp

- Sept 17 to 19
Gr 3 & 4 Camp

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



At the end of a school day, children are often tired and can sometimes respond with only 'yes' or 'no' or 'I don't know.' Sound familiar? If these are the responses that you often hear, it may help to know that this is not uncommon. Open-ended questions are recommended for provoking more detailed responses, by stimulating thinking and developing language skills. At the end of a school day, you could ask questions (or questions that begin with), such as:

- Tell me about your day.
- What did you learn about today?
- What was the most interesting thing your teacher said today?
- What was the best thing you did at school today?
- Who did you play with at school today?
- What did you do during recess and lunchtime today?
- How did you enjoy.....
- Why do you enjoy.....

Goal Setting at MPS

Goal Setting is a fundamental part of learning that makes learning visible and relevant for students. Having clear learning goals helps students to understand their success criteria and provide the appropriate mix of success and challenge. Our students develop confidence in setting their own reading and writing goals during teacher conferences. They are taught how to self-monitor their progress and provide evidence that they believe demonstrates they have achieved their goal.

Some of our Grade 3 and 5 students have volunteered to share their reading goals that they recently set during their teacher conference.

My reading goal is to identify how characters change in the story. My strategies are to think about the character's feelings and look/read closely about what they say and do.
Izzy 5W



My reading goal is to infer relationships between characters. My strategies are to pay close attention to the dialogue and try to infer the emotions and actions of the characters.
Eh Eh



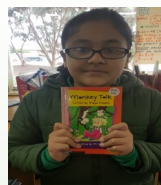
My reading goals are to clarify the meaning of unknown words and to learn how to break words up into parts to help me to solve them. My strategies are to break up words and look for smaller words to help me to solve the whole word. I also use my word detective book to record tricky words to help me to investigate their meaning.

Paige – 3I



My reading goal is to clarify words that I am unsure about and to find out their meaning. My strategies are to re-read and read on after the word, sound the words out and use illustrations to understand.

Lateeka – 3I



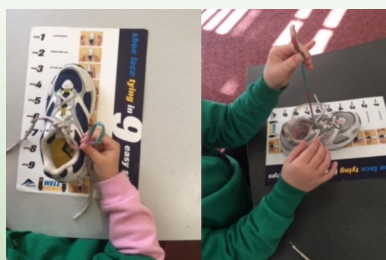
Preps - Learning How to Tie Shoes

Our Foundation students had a lot of fun learning how to tie shoe laces today. Mastering the skill of tying laces may seem fairly simple however it involves a few developmental skills that most children acquire within these early years of Primary school:

- Hand and finger manipulation and dexterity
- Visual motor skills
- Visual perception
- Bilateral coordination
- Hand strength

Whilst some parents and carers understandably opt for velcro for safety, we recommend teaching children on a spare pair of laced shoes at home.

Here are some little hands persevering today.



Car Parking

The school car parks are only for use by staff as authorised by the Department of Education and Training.

THEY MUST NOT BE USED FOR THE DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP STUDENTS.

Please observe all parking restrictions in the streets surrounding the school.

The school appreciates the difficulties concerned with parking but has no control over Brimbank Council by-laws. Parking Inspectors and Traffic Police regularly patrol the streets around the school. Fines are over \$150.00 per infringement. Double parking is prohibited. If parents are able to walk their children to and from school it will be a good way to keep fit and this will also reduce the traffic around the school.

Kind Regards,
Tanya Lindsay-Clark
Student Wellbeing

Attendance Awards

Term 3 Week

Attendance Awards

Term 3, 2019

Week 1	
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	

What's Happening at Mackellar

Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion Tuesday July 30, 2019

Students will be learning about living things and what they require to survive. Students will be introduced to various animals in the zoo school where they will get to view and handle the wildlife.

Students are required to wear their full school uniform on the excursion. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately according to the weather.

Students are required to provide their own lunch, snack and water bottle in small backpack. Students should bring a coat in case of cold weather.

Cost: \$35.00

Gr 4 Captains and Convicts Incursion

Tuesday Aug 6



This term the Year 4 students Inquiry learning is centred on Australian History, with a particular focus on The First Fleet and what life was like for people in Australian history during the late 1700's.

To support this learning the students will be participating in an Incursion called 'Captains and Convicts' where they will dress in character and adventure through the path of the First Fleet ships.

Cost \$11.00

2019 Grades 3 & 4 Camp PGL Campaspe Downs Tuesday September 17 to Thursday 19, 2019

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 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 will cost approximately **\$650** for the 5 day experience. The cost includes accommodation, activities, camp Instructors and bus travel.

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
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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