

# 2019

# Mackellar Newsletter

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## Mackellar Primary School

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### Principal's Message

Dear Mackellar Families,

#### 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.

#### Hey 'EveryBuddy'.... Purple Buddy Day is Thursday 1st August!

August will start with a spectacular splash of purple at Mackellar. Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> marks our annual Purple Buddy Day fundraiser, where members of our community wear something purple to school. Please join in the fun! Buddy lunches will also take place to celebrate the day. A gold coin is requested, and the money is donated to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation for Buddy Bags which comfort children during times of crisis. The contents of the bags include items such as a teddy, a pair of pyjamas, a tooth brush and a book.

Mackellar is proudly recognised by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation as a Better Buddies school due to our successful integration of the Better Buddies program. The program delivers positive anti-bullying and anti-violence messages and assists our school in maintaining a caring culture where older students look after younger students. Better Buddies promotes pro-social skills, positive student relationships and community connectedness. Better Buddies reflects our school values, as well as our commitment to Respectful Relationships Education, The Resilience Project and being an eSmart School.

*'Better Buddies enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and respected.'* Alannah & Madeline Foundation

#### 100 Days of Learning at School

Monday welcomed an important milestone celebrated every year at Mackellar; 100 Days of Learning at School. What a wonderful celebration shared by our Preps, Grade 1s and Grade 2s! Reading, Writing and Numeracy activities all revolved around 100. Grade 6 Buddy Grades also became involved, adding value to the celebration. It's endearing to see how positive and caring our Grade 6 students interact with their Prep buddies.



### Upcoming Events July

- 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



## Head Lice

We have had an increase in the incidence of head lice recently. The only way to combat them is to be vigilant by treating the hair immediately and regularly checking the hair after that. For further information, pamphlets are at the office.

Further information may also be found at <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits>.

## Goal Setting

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 goals during teacher conferences. They are taught how to self-monitor their progress and provide evidence that they believe demonstrates the achievement of their goal.

**Reading goals are set during reading conferences**, which are scheduled between teachers and individual students. The focus of the conference is based around a text independently selected by the student. Texts are sources from a range of 'just right' books which have been tailored to the interests and learning needs of each student. Reading conferences usually follow independent reading and offer students the opportunity to:



- Share their thoughts about what they have read
- Receive feedback from the teacher, and
- Set goals for future reading.

**The following students have proudly volunteered to proudly share their current reading goals and the strategies they will use to achieve the goals.**



**My reading goal** is to find out the real mood and feelings within a text.

**My strategies** are looking at specific words, read a whole chapter to work out the inferred meaning, and explore the literal meaning and layers of meaning within text. **6A Michelle**



**My reading goal** is to recognise how characters feel and change throughout a story.

**My strategies** are to stop reading and reflect after each chapter. I then reflect on what seems positive and negative. I will also write any feelings that have been expressed or inferred as evidence from the text. **Calvin 6A**



**My reading goal** is to use punctuation to help me to understand what I am reading.

**My strategies** are to slow down when reading and make sure that I stop at the full stops and pause at the commas. **Marco 3I**

**My reading goal** is to clarify unknown words.

**My strategies** are to use the clues from the sentence or paragraph (I may need to read the text again), illustrations or diagrams as clues to what the word means, record unknown words on sticky notes, search for the meaning in a class dictionary. **Yen 3I**



**My reading goal** is to clarify unknown words

**My strategies** are to use my Word Detective book in my iPad, break the words up into parts, find smaller words within words. **Nikki 3I**

Best wishes for a wonderful week. Looking forward to Thursday's Purple Day!

Sincerely,

*Tanya Lindsay-Clark*

Student Wellbeing

## Attendance Awards



### Term 3 Week 1

## Attendance Awards

### Term 3, 2019

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

# What's Happening at Mackellar

## 2019 Swimming Program (160 places only) Grades Prep - 3

A ten day intensive Swimming and Water Safety Program has been organised for students in grades Prep – 3 during Term 4 at St Albans Leisure Centre. Learning to swim is an essential skill in any child's life and is an integral component of the Physical Education program at Mackellar Primary School. The students will be taught by trained AUSWIM staff and will be fully supervised at all times. Students will travel to and from St Albans Leisure Centre by bus.

Dates: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2019  
Times: 10:15–11.00 or 11.00–11:45 or 11:45-12:30 or 12:40-1:15  
Venue: St Albans Leisure Centre - 90 Taylors Rd, Keilor Downs  
Cost: **\$90.00**  
Payment: **Final day for payment is 30<sup>th</sup> August unless spots are exhausted**  
Transport: Bus  
What to bring: Bathers, Towel, Change of clothes, Water Bottle, Bag for wet items

**Please note places are limited. Students will be enrolled in a first come, first served basis. To ensure you secure a place for your child, please return the attached permission slip to the office with full payment of \$90 as soon as possible.**

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Students of the Week



Jacob, Charity, Angelina Robel  
Mele, Salwa, Helena,  
Jayden, Shahira, Emily, Noah, Tracey, Maliyah  
Ocean, William, Alexander, Dylan, Cooper

22.7.19

## MUSIC SCHOOL

EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL HOURS  
From 5:00 PM To 6:00 PM starting from second Semester

Providing Music Theory/Practice And A Performing Concert At The End Of This Year.

A MUSIC SCHOOL FOR EASY LEARNING

**Rock, Jazz Bands And Greek Music Make Bookings Now**

GITAR, BASS GITAR, KEYBOARDS, BOUZOUKI, PERCUSSION, WOODWIND AND  
BRASS INSTRUMENTS.

Nikolas Fostiras - Composer, Educator, Performer And Orchestrator  
Mobile Phone: 0477 022 298

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10:00AM To 1:00 PM Weekdays

"Our Target Is To Provide a Pleasant, Fun, Enjoyable, Environment"

# 2019

## 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

### 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
<b>DRINKS</b>	
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**