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Mackellar Newsletter

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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.

Purple Buddy Day



What a wonderful Purple buzz around our school today as we celebrated our annual Purple Buddy Day. Sincere thanks to everyone who joined in the fun and donated a gold coin to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation for Buddy Bags which comfort children during times of family crisis. The total amount raised was \$347.00. The Alannah and Madeline Foundation were thrilled to receive this news and would also like to extend their gratitude to the Mackellar community for making a difference to children of families who require emergency care. This usually involves family

members having to leave their home. The change and sadness can be overwhelming and traumatic for children. The Alannah and Madeline Foundation assist in various ways, other than the Buddy Bags that we have generously raised money for. Here are some very happy students today with their purple on.



Celebrating Mackellar's Principal and Assistant Principal

Throughout the year, we acknowledge and celebrate our teachers and educational support staff for empowering students through education. This week, our community members have extended their gratitude to our Principal and Assistant Principal for their ongoing commitment to education and dedication to Mackellar Primary School.



Student Council Representative – S.R.C.

We are extremely proud to announce that our Student Leadership Team has expanded across all levels of the school with the implementation of a Student Council Representative – S.R.C. Having an S.R.C. from Prep to Grade 6 means that student leadership is not confined to a small group of individuals. A boy and girl representative from every grade will have the opportunity to represent every student in their grade about new ideas or even concerns that students may have and ways that they believe they can make a difference. This is referred to as Student Voice, which is about students not only communicating ideas and opinions but having the power to influence change.



Upcoming Events

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



Congratulations to the following students who will represent their grades through our S.R.C. The S.R.C. team will have their first meeting this week which will be run by our school captains.

6S – Tuong-Vy	1E – Nicoletta	3I – Scarlett
6S – Henry	1E – Minh	3I – Julian
6P – Emily	1T – Olivia	3K – Chelsea
6P – Kaan	1T – Erol	3I – Scarlett
6A – Michelle	1G – Jessica	4G – Angelina
6S – Tommy	1G – Ilin	4G – Zayan
6P – Mia	2B – Charlotte	4K – Sienna
6S – Amir	2B – Travon	4K – Brayden
6P – Dalila	2M – Zayma	4L – Claudia
6P – Andre	2M – Dnilson	4L – Manvir
PK – Zamaima	2F – Chloe	4G – Angelina
PK – Benjamin	3I – Scarlett	5G – Calais
PE – Maryam	3I – Julian	5G – Henry H
PE – Ryan	3K – Chelsea	5W – Violet
PP – Annabelle	3K – Dayne	5W – Rohan
PP – Aarav	3M – Quynh Vy	

Prep Learning at Werribee Zoo

Our three Prep grades enjoyed their recent excursion to the Werribee Zoo which provided rich learning around their Inquiry unit, which includes Living Things and their Habitats. Here's what some of our Prep students shared about their experience:

'My favourite animal at the zoo was the giraffe because it had a very neck and it was really tall.' – Elyse

'My favourite animal at the zoo was the zebra. I liked its black and white stripes. – Hannah

'My favourite animal at the zoo was the gorilla. I liked to hear the silver back roar. It came close to us on the other side of the glass. – Brock

'My favourite was the kangaroo because it was cute. The kangaroo was sleeping in a grassy area in the Australian habitat.' – Ryan

'My favourite animal was the koala because it was furry and sleeping on a branch.' - Nancy

'I really liked the ride in the Safari bus because it took us all around the zoo and I saw a lot of animals in their habitats.' – Mateo



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.

Attendance Awards



Term 3 Week 2 3K



Term 3 Week 3 4L

Attendance Awards Term 3, 2019

Week 1



5G

Week 2



3K

Week 3



4L

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week
10

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

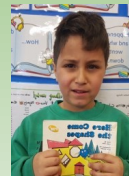
My reading goal is to decode new words.

My strategy is to look at the letters in the words carefully. What the word starts with and ends with. I also try to make sense of what the word is by the meaning of the text. **1G Wuhbet**



My reading goal is to develop fluency and expression when I read.

My strategy is to look at the punctuation when I read. I stop at the full stops and I pause at the commas. **Jacob 1G**



My reading goal is to make sense of what the text means.

My strategy is to pay attention to the illustrations as they give me clues. **Jerry-Jon 1G**

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Tanya Lindsay-Clark

Student Wellbeing

Students of the Week



Congratulations

David, Hannah, Olivia, Joshua
Jerrell, Zyanya, Austan, Salvatore, Thomas,
Zachary
Krish, Max, Star-Jesus, Brock, Faiq, Jennifer

29.7.19

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 14th of October – Friday 25th 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 30th 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 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.

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

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