# Mackellar Newsletter

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## Mackellar Primary School

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### Dear Mackellar Families,

### Curriculum Day Monday August 12, 2019—School Closed

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.

### **Student Representative Council**

Congratulations to our Student Leadership Team for their excellent facilitation of Mackellar's very first S.R.C. meeting last Thursday. School captains, Tuong-Vy and Henry, carefully planned their meeting, with a 'getting to know each other' game, following the initial S.R.C. formalities. Meetings begin with an Acknowledgement of Country, a Student Voice statement and a roll call. Students from all grade levels returned to their classes with the important task of generating a class brainstorm about what students would like at our Carnevale in Term 4. The information was collated by Grade 6 leaders and delivered to Italian Language teacher and Carnevale Coordinator, Renata Cugliari on Wednesday. Renata will join Friday's S.R.C. meeting to provide feedback about the many suggestions from Prep to Grade 6 students.



Renata expressed how thrilled she is to have received so many suggestions for Carnevale.

'I feel positive about being able to deliver many of the requests, however I am not sure about the rollercoaster ride!' smiled Renata. Renata is looking forward to speaking with the students. Mackellar's Carnevale will be held in Term 4 on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

An abundance of wonderful Carnevale suggestions.

School Captains Tuong-Vy and Henry facilitating Mackellar's S.R.C. meeting.

## Costume Parade for Mackellar's Book Week Celebration

On **Wednesday August 21**, Mackellar will once again celebrate The Children's Book Council of Australia **Book Week**. We are looking forward to a **whole school costume parade**. The theme this year is Reading Is My Secret Power. It's always an exciting celebration, with teachers also dressing up in their favourite book characters. All parents and carers are welcome to come along to see the parade. It'll be a very entertaining start to your week!

## Mackellar's Got Talent

Another student initiative has excited many students from all year levels. Mackellar's Got Talent started this week with quite a few performances lined up. Congratulations to Grade 6 leaders, Mia and Dalila, for their excellent planning and perseverance in finally turning their idea into a reality. Supported by the entire Grade 6, S.R.C. and showing strong leadership skills, Mia confidently announced the time and venue during the lunch-eating time. Mia and Dalila were surprised to see so many students lined up at the gym much earlier than the 2pm start, because they wanted front row seats, apparently! The connectedness of our community was evident as Mackellar's students positively supported their peers during the performances. Thank you to all of the talented students who have entertained us



## Upcoming Events

<u>August</u>

• Mon Aug 12 Curriculum Day—School Closed

• Wed Aug 21 Costume Parade—Book Week

• Fri Aug 30 Gr 3-6 Book Week Incursion September

• Sept 2 to 6 Gr 5 & 6 Camp

• Sept 13 Gr 1 Dinner & Gr 2 Dinner & Sleepover

• Sept 17 to 19 Gr 3 & 4 Camp October

• Oct 14 to 25 Prep to 3 Swimming Program

## 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 with their singing, acting, dancing and comedy. Students have clearly devoted considerable time to rehearsing their performances. Mia, Dalila and the leadership team will continue to run Mackellar's Got Talent this term.



## **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 sourced 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 learn more about character traits.

My strategy is to pay attention to the text clues about the main character. I also record what I know about the character and what they make me think of in my own life. I make connections. Simran 4L

My reading goal is to respond to text during and after reading.

- My strategy is to make sure that I fill out my 'Reading is Thinking' book each day. I also use
- poster notes as I read, ask questions when in doubt and add a new page for extra information when summarising. Connor 4L



My reading goal is to decode new words.

My strategies are to read across the whole word to see if it makes sense, look closely at the letters within the word and re-read the text before and after the word. Salwa 4L

My reading goal is to decode new words.

My strategies are to decide if the word makes sense, check the letters at the beginning, middle and end of words, and re-read the text before and after the word.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Sincerely, Tanya Lindsay-Clark





Mackellar Primary School is holding a FATHER'S DAY Stall.

When: Wednesday 28 August 2019

Price: <u>\$5.00 Per Gift</u> (Dad, Grandfather and Generic Gifts available) Gifts will be individually wrapped with many to choose from!

To avoid disappointment please ensure your payment and order form are in by Friday 23 August 2019. An abundance of wonderful Carnevale suggestions. No late payment will be accepted. ORDER FORMS DUE BACK FRIDAY 23 August 2019

## Attendance Awards

Awards Term 3, 2019

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week

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## RESPECT LEARNING TEAMWORK RESILIENCE



Student Acknowledgements This week, we are celebrating the value of TEAMWORK Teamwork is collaborating with others to achieve shared goals.

## Congratulations to the following students:

		· · ·		
Prep K	Harvir	For showing great teamwork skills by taking turns and sharing resources when working in small groups.		
Prep E	Elyse	For demonstrating teamwork skills by helping others in the classroom. Elyse is always the first one to help her classmates.		
Prep P	Johnson	For working in a team to explore what living things need to survive and sharing his learning with his peers.		
1G	Junior	For working cooperatively with others, sharing his ideas and opinions, and supporting his peers.		
1T	Olivia	For always working collaboratively with others.		
1E	Summer	For being a caring and supportive team player by encouraging her friends during their class presentations.		
2B	Macken- zie	For working collaboratively with her peers during small group work by sharing resources and listening to others.		
2M	Aiden	For showing great persistence and teamwork in running relays and encouraging his team.		
2F	Samuel	For being a kind and considerate team member.		
31	Jarrell	For actively taking part in reading groups and sharing his thoughts and ideas.		
3M	Tiana	For displaying collaboration during reading and actively contributing during classroom discussions.		
ЗК	Nhu	For being supportive and demonstrating that assisting each other when faced with a challenge is a valuable thing to do.		
4L	Monaylier	For working extremely well with her peers by being responsible when collaborating in teams.		
4G	Jacob	For collaborating well with his peers when completing class work and collaborating in teams.		
4K	Cash	For being a responsible student who works extremely well with his peers when working in teams.		
5W	Lincoln	For the cooperative way he worked with his group to research the Gold Rush and share his learning with others.		
5G	Taylan	For coaching his peers to improve his team's success.		
6A	Antonio	For adapting to the changes in classroom routines, also displaying resilience.		
6S	Christian	For always giving maximum effort into learning by following instructions and using his voice to share his successes.		
6P	Itai	For demonstrating the value of teamwork by sharing ideas in writing and supporting others with I.C.T. applications at the Hive.		

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## What's Happening at Mackellar

## 2019 Swimming Program (160 places only)

**Grades Prep - 3** 

 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.

Refund Policy: Refund applications must be in writing and accompanied by a medical certificate.

### Grade 3-6 Book Week Incursion Friday 30 August 2019

This incursion celebrates the 2019 CBCA Book Week theme 'Reading is my Secret Power'. Filled with humour, suspense and featuring student interaction throughout, this educational musical adventure encourages your students to pursue their ambitions. If you're going to dream, let them be Big Dreams!

Cost: \$7.00

#### Grade 1 Dinner. Friday, September 13, 2019 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

As part of our excursion and camping program at Mackellar Primary School, Grade 1 students are invited to take part in a dinner in the Janice Szmal Building. Activities will include:

- Dinner
- Magician
- Dancing and Games.

Students will be dismissed as normal at 3.30pm and will need to be back at school, dressed in casual clothes at 5.30pm. Students should then be picked up at the end of the dinner at 8:00pm.

All Grade 1 students are encouraged to attend this special event. Students will be supervised by their classroom teachers and support staff throughout the duration of the night.

The total cost of the dinner and entertainment is \$20.00 The amount of \$20.00 is non-refundable as the food and entertainment are pre-booked and this payment will still be incurred by the school if your child is unable to attend on the night of the dinner.

Please return the money in an envelope, ensuring that you have signed the permission form and filled out the dinner order **by Friday August 30, 2019** 

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

The camp will cost approximately <u>\$650</u> 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.

### Grade 2 Dinner and Sleepover. Friday, September 13, 2019

### 5:30pm to 8:30am.

As part of our excursion and camping program at Mackellar Primary School, Grade 2 students are invited to take part in a dinner and sleepover in the Janice Szmal Building.

Activities will include:

- Dinner
- Magician
- Dancing and Games
- Movie
- Breakfast.

Each child will need to bring the following items for their overnight stay: Sleeping Mat: camping mattress or lilo (please ensure the lilo is pumped up)

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Toilet Bag (toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, face washer)
- Pyjamas, Dressing Gown and Slippers.

Students will be dismissed as normal at 3.30pm and will need to be back at school, dressed in casual clothes at 5.30pm. Students will then need to be picked up on Saturday, September 14 at 8:30am.

All Grade 2 students are encouraged to attend this special event. Students will be supervised by their classroom teachers and support staff throughout the duration of the event.

The total cost of the dinner, entertainment and sleepover is \$25.00 The amount of \$25.00 is non-refundable as the food and entertainment are pre-booked and this payment will still be incurred by the school if your child is unable to attend on the night of the dinner and sleepover.

Please return the money in an envelope, ensuring that you have signed the permission form, completed the medical form and filled out the dinner order by **Friday August 30, 2019.** 

### 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. A **non-refundable deposit** of <u>\$60</u> 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

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THURSDAY SPECIAL THURSDAY SPECIAL CHICKEN BURRITO \$5.00	Burritos contain chicken, capsicum, spices, grated cheese and sour cream ONLY AVAILABLE THURSDAYS	HEALTHY HOT FOOD Plain Pasta \$2.50 add cheese Napoletana Pasta \$3.00 add cheese Beef Lasagne Macaroni Cheese Pizza Slice \$4.50 (hawaiian or margarita)	winter onLY – chicken noodle soup <u>DRINKS</u> Nippys Choc or Strawberry Milk Orange juice Water
MENU ad per bag may not be giv	\$3.70 \$4.80 \$5.50 \$5.50		
Please ensure all lunch orders are placed in class boxes by 9.30ar         Please use correct change as possible, as large amounts of change may not be given until it is available.	SANDWICHES AND ROLLS (white and wholegrain available)         (white and wholegrain available)         Vegemite \$3.20       Cheese         Egg       \$4.20       Cheese         Egg       \$4.50       Chicken and Cheese         Ham       \$4.50       Chicken and Cheese         Salad       \$5.00       Salad - add meat         Intuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot, cheese       Boll add \$1.00	SALAD TU alad mato, cucu e or chicken	TOASTED SANDWICHESHam\$4.50Ham\$4.50Cheese\$4.50Ham and Cheese\$4.80Cheese and Tomato\$4.80Ham, cheese and tomato\$5.00
All lunch or Please use correct		\$4.50 \$4.50 \$1.50 each \$1.50 each \$4.00	\$1.00 each \$3.00 \$2.50 each 0.00 \$6.00
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