Weekly Newsletter — 8th September, 2016

Principal’s Message

Donate a fruit tree
Spring is definitely in the air with the warmer weather finally here and our trees around the school in bloom.

Our Student leadership team are asking members of our community to donate a tree to our Mackellar Orchard that will be situated outside the OSH building. See below for the trees that we are after if you and your family would like to donate a tree. A tag will be placed on the tree acknowledging your family’s generous donation. Your family can watch the tree grow and hopefully see fruit being produced. Please see the office for more information.

Full STEM ahead
Mackellar Primary School is heading in an exciting direction with myself and Dean Darmanin attending robotics learning with Lego Education at Docklands. This is to help the implementation of the STEM program at Mackellar Primary School throughout 2017 and beyond.

What is STEM?
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) covers a wide range of knowledge and skills. These skills will increase in demand in a knowledge-based economy and a rapidly changing world. Quality learning opportunities in STEM disciplines will ensure Victoria has a strong supply of world-class professionals with the specialised skills necessary to compete in the global knowledge economy.

Matthew Borg
Principal
Grade 6 Money and Financial Mathematics Presentations

This term the Grade 6 students have been Inquiring into ways we can have a more positive impact on our environment.

As a part of their learning, the students worked in groups to design a proposal for a fundraising event to raise money for an environmental charity of their choice.

Today the finalists presented their proposals. Each member of the audience was required to evaluate the group presentation via an online poll.

Winners will be announced at the end of this week. The winning team will hold their fundraising event in Term 4.

Congratulations to all groups for their collaborative work and the mature way they all approached the task.

CELEBRATING LEARNING AT MACKELLAR (CLAM)

We will be Celebrating Learning at Mackellar (CLAM) on Tuesday September 13 (the last week of this term). For this day, year level teams will hold open classrooms for parents to view some of the learning their child/ren are involved in. Teachers will be asking students to write invitations to their parents/guardians inviting them to this event.

This invitation will provide parents with the specific times available to visit individual classrooms. Look out for your personal invitation.

We are also looking at holding some activities for parents and students to be involved in from 3:45pm - 4:45pm on Tuesday September 13.

More information regarding this event will be sent home with your child in the next few weeks.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY AND SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER

Friday 16th September, 2016

Students are welcome to wear their favourite footy/sports team colours.

Special lunch order $4.50: Sausage Sizzle includes:

- 1 sausage in bread
- Fruit juice drink
- A chocolate surprise

- Please return lunch order and money by Tuesday 13th September.
- NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Curriculum Day—Monday 31st October, 2016

If parents/guardians would like to book their children in Out of School Care on the 31st October (Curriculum Day) they must inform either the office or Wendy. If we don’t have sufficient numbers we will not be running a program.

If you book your child/ren in and they don’t attend they will still be charged for the day.

Wendy Feeley
OSHC Coordinator
Students of the Week

Ali Mourad, Peter Khuu, Harry Nguyen, Liam Kilpatrick,
Isabella Zavila, Jordan Logogalu, Tamara Dimitrijevska,
Priyanka Kaler, Orlando Vella, Hannah Carthew, Zac Amoroso

Christian Badry, Nayan Pothireddy, Phillip Stevoski
&
Rami Bakri
Dear Parents and Carers,
Please put this event in your diary.

**Date:** Saturday 15\textsuperscript{th} October  
**Time:** 8.30am—11.30am

Our working bee will be a terrific community event and a productive way to contribute to your child’s school.

Please bring along some tools which are clearly labeled (e.g. brooms, shovels, rakes, paint brushes and gloves). If anyone can bring a bobcat or ride-on mower, please let us know!

**Sausage sizzle to follow!**

Children who attend will receive a free raffle ticket to win a **SPHERO**! Parents will also receive a free raffle ticket to win a **prize**.

*Children must be accompanied by an adult on the day.*

THANK YOU!