Weekly Newsletter — 15th September, 2016

Principal’s Message

Wow! Time certainly flies when you are having fun! What a fantastic Term, and what a great way to end the term with our annual Celebrating Learning at Mackellar (CLAM) day last Tuesday. Thank you to all the families who braved the wet weather to attend our open rooms and activities after school.

I had the absolute pleasure of spending the last session of the day with our Grade Ones, who opened up their rooms to parents, grandparents and carers to share the outstanding learning they have achieved during their mini-beast unit of inquiry.

I had some amazing conversations with our year one students about their very own mini-beast which they created. The vocabulary that the students demonstrated relating to bugs and insects was very impressive. Thank you to all the families who supported our students and staff during this event.

Sunsmart

A reminder to all of term 4 is a ‘SunSmart’ Term and all students are required to wear their school hat while outdoors. Students who do not have a hat will be required to play in a shady area. Also don’t forget to apply some broad spectrum sunscreen on the days with a high UV rating. Check out the school’s website at http://mackellarps.vic.edu.au on the bottom of the page, there is a SunSmart Button with all the latest weather and UV observations.

Safe and Relaxing Break

Finally, I would like to wish our community a safe and relaxing term break and remind all our students to take some time out from technology and get outside and enjoy the Spring air. Turn the TV or iPad off and go explore your backyard or get out and enjoy the local parks with your family.

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2.30pm tomorrow for the last day of Term.
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.

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**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.

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**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
OSHCo Coordinator

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Congratulations to our Girls Basketball Team. The girls came 2nd throughout the winter inter school sports season. They gave their best efforts throughout the season and unfortunately just fell short in the final.

WELL DONE GIRLS
The Resilience Project – An exciting new program for Mackellar Primary School.

Schools play a pivotal role in providing students with opportunities to gain greater social and emotional awareness and interpersonal skills as they learn and grow. Social and Emotional Learning programs also give students opportunities to build resilience, an essential skill for positive mental health. The Resilience Project is a social and emotional learning program that we are currently implementing at Mackellar Primary School. You may have noticed The Resilience Project sign at our school’s entrance.

We are looking forward to sharing more information about The Resilience Project, especially during Term 4, when we will begin to immerse students into the program and also offer a Resilience Project Parent Information Evening.

Please visit The Resilience Project website for further information.


Grade 6 Interschool Sports Season 2

During Term 2 & 3, Grade 6 students will be involved in Inter-school sport Season 2. Matches will be played in the morning from 9.30am until 11.00am.

Cost: $25.00 – Only if you have not paid the ‘School Activity Levy.’

Payment Due no later than: Friday 10 June 2016

DRAW

Friday 10 / 06 / 16 BYE

Friday 17 / 06 / 16 HILL VS MACK @ HILL AWAY
Friday 24 / 06 / 16 MONM VS MACK @ MONM AWAY

Term 2 Holidays

Friday 15 / 07 / 16 MACK VS SYDS @ Mackellar HOME
Friday 22 / 07 / 16 NO ROUND

Friday 29 / 07 / 16 EMMA VS MACK @ EMMA AWAY
Friday 05 / 08 / 16 MACK VS TAYL @ Mackellar HOME
Friday 12 / 08 / 16 MMKD VS MACK @ MMKD AWAY
Friday 19 / 08 / 16 MACK VS CANA @ Mackellar HOME
Friday 26/08/16 KEIL VS MACK @ KEILOR AWAY
Friday 02/9/ 16 MACK VS OVTL @ Mackellar HOME

Mackellar’s breakfast club is supported by Foodbank Victoria and the Department of Education. Breakfast Club at Mackellar provides students with a healthy breakfast, a positive start to the day and energy that allows students to engage fully in educational and social opportunities throughout the day.

WHEN: Monday to Friday (every morning)
TIME: 8.45am to 8.55am
WHERE: At the Before & After School Program building.

Kind Regards, Tanya O’Brien

Download the Tiqbiz App and receive regular updates in regards to what’s happening at Mackellar Primary School

We are on the web
www.mackellerps.vic.edu.au
Dear Parents and Carers,
Please put this event in your diary.

**Date:** Saturday 15th 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!**