Weekly Newsletter — 20th October, 2016

Principal’s Message

Working Bee

Thank you to all the families and individuals who attended our working bee last Saturday. We had beautiful weather and an amazing turn out of over sixty parents, staff and students. The school grounds look absolutely fantastic! The sense of community on the day was so warming to be part of with parents, staff and students working side by side to improve our outdoor learning environments.

There was so much work done during the morning such as weeding garden beds, spreading of crushed rock in our staff carpark, filling of our new kitchen garden beds, pressure washing of the 3/4 and Janice Szmal building, signage installation, installation of our administration TV and the general clean up of the school. Our orchard also received a few more fruit trees.

Again, on behalf of our entire Mackellar community, I thank each and every volunteer on the day. It just demonstrates what can be achieved when our community works together.

Art Show

Yesterday afternoon we held our Inaugural Art Show in the Gym and from the amount of families that attended, it seemed to be a big hit. All of our talented students and Ms Judy Tanner, our Art Teacher, had worked very hard to display their artistic efforts. More to come next week!

Upcoming Events

October

Tuesday 25th
Gr4 Science Works Excursion

Monday 31st
Curriculum Day
School closed

November

Tuesday 1st
Public Holiday
Melbourne Cup Day
School closed

Wednesday 2nd
 Prep Science Works Excursion

Prep to Gr4 Swimming Program
14th to 25th Nov

Tuesday 15th—The Resilience project Information Night
7pm—8.30pm

Term Dates, 2016
Term 1 - Jan 28 – March 24
Term 2 - April 11 – Jun 24
Term 3 - July 11 – Sept 16
Term 4 – Oct 3 – Dec 20
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 this Term as we immerse students into the program and also offer a Resilience Project Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 15th November. The session will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Please visit The Resilience Project website for further information.


Prep Scienceworks Excursion

Wednesday 2 November 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As part of our Term 4 Inquiry unit on Science, the Prep teachers have organised an excursion to Scienceworks. Students will be using toys to develop imagination and physical skills as well as an insight into a wide range of science concepts.

Date: Wednesday 2 November 2016
Cost: $15.00 – Only if you have not paid the ‘School Activity Levy.’

Payment Due no later than: Friday 28 October 2016

Grade 5 Interschool Sport

During Term 4 your child will be involved in Summer Interschool sport. (Basketball, Tee ball, European Handball, Speedball and Volleystars).

Matches will be played in the morning from 9.30am until 11.00am.

DRAW

Friday 14 / 10 / 16 MMKD VS MACK @ Mary Mackillop
AWAY

Friday 21 / 10 / 16 MACK VS OVEK @ Mackellar
HOME

Friday 28 / 10 / 16 MACK VS TLPS @ Mackellar
HOME

Friday 04 / 11 / 16 MACK VS KEIL @ Mackellar
HOME

Friday 11 / 11 / 16 OVTL VS MACK @ Overnewton T/Lakes
AWAY

Grade 3 Planetarium at Scienceworks Excursion

Tuesday, 8 November, 2016

As a major component of our Term 4 Inquiry unit titled ‘Night and Day’, the Grade 3 teachers have organised an excursion to The Planetarium at Scienceworks.

Whilst at Scienceworks, the students will view a Planetarium show called ‘Tilt’ which explains how the four seasons are caused by the tilt of the Earth’s axis combined with the Earth’s orbit around the Sun and how the seasons and length of day vary across the Earth, from the poles to the equator.

These understandings will then be applied back at school through a series of tasks to expand their knowledge of Day and Night. Students will be required to bring their lunch in a labelled plastic bag.

Date: Tuesday, 8 November 2016
Cost: $20.00 – Only if you have not paid the ‘School Activity Levy.’

Payment Due By: Friday 28 October 2016.

Canteen helpers wanted

Please enquire at Admin office. Thank you
Students of the Week

Dania Malu, Lisa Vo, Aaron Lay, Isabella Nguyen, Jonathan Vung, Zarah Islam, Alyce Meaney-Agius, Alannah Maybery, Wyatt Sladden, Vanessa Le, Musa Azadzoii, Zac Amoroso Scarlett Cameron, Vanessa Nguyen, Marcus Scarfo & Jacob Sam

Congratulations to the Students of the Week!
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

STUDENTS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016 IS FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 2016
FINISHING TIME FOR THIS DAY IS 3.30PM
MONDAY 19TH AND TUESDAY 20TH OF DECEMBER, 2016 ARE CURRICULUM DAYS
THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THESE 2 DAYS.

2016 SWIMMING PROGRAM GRADES PREP – 4
Monday 14 November to Friday 25 November

WE HAVE NOW REACHED OUR CAPACITY OF 100 STUDENTS.
PLEASE SEE OFFICE STAFF IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOUR
CHILD ON THE WAITING LIST.

THANK YOU

Gr 4 Scienceworks Excursion
Tuesday 25 October 2016
Dear Parents / Guardians,
As part of our learning the students in Grade 4 will be travelling by bus to Scienceworks this term to watch the show ‘Simple Machines’. Students will discover how simple machines such as, inclined planes, wheel and axle machines, wedges, screws, levers and pulleys make it easier to do work. They will find out how everyday examples of simple machines are used to transfer forces, change the size and direction of forces, transform energy and change speeds.

Date: Tuesday 25 October 2016
Cost: $20.00 – Only if you have not paid the ‘School Activity Levy.’
Payment Due no later than: Friday 14 October 2016

Curriculum Day—Monday 31st October, 2016
Due to insufficient numbers, the Out of School Care program will not be running on this day.

School Holiday Program Dates
Week 1 Monday 19th December to Friday 23rd December
Week 2 Monday 2nd January (Public Holiday) Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 6th January
Week 3 Monday 9th January to Friday 13th January
Week 4 Monday 16th January to Friday 20th January
Week 5 Monday 23rd January to Friday 27th January (Thursday 26th Jan Public Holiday)
Week 6 Monday 30th January Holiday Program
Tuesday 31st January - Out of School Hours Care resumes as normal