



# Mac News

Friday 12th May

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 25th May	School Photos
Friday 26th May	Fun Run/Walkathon
Saturday 27th May	School open as part of Heritage Weekend
Sunday 28th May	School open as part of Heritage Weekend
Monday 12th June	Queens Birthday holiday



**BREAKFAST  
CLUB**  
**Every Friday  
morning**  
**8:15-8:45am**

Dear Parents and School Community,



On the weekend of May 27 and 28, our school will be open to the public as part of Ballarat's Heritage Week Celebrations. We have a magnificent building in which we learn and teach with spacious, climate controlled, well-equipped and up to date classrooms. At the end of this month Macarthur Street Primary School will turn 139 years old – what an amazing amount of change has happened in that time. In 1878 the newly opened Macarthur Street Primary School had open fires,

candles and lanterns, slate boards and pencils, pens with ink in which to dip, hopscotch and skipping were in vogue and the teaching and learning of the time was strict and prescribed.

Opening our doors over the Heritage Weekend enables members of the community to see what happens 139 years after the opening of the school – cutting edge teaching and learning environments in a beautiful imposing building of the 1800s. Tours will be conducted on the hour and Devonshire Tea will be available in the Art Room. A range of historical artefacts will on display in the conference room. It will be a celebration of the history of our school and the positive future directions it has.

## Fun Run / Walkathon

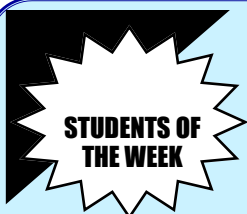
The school's Fun Run / Walkathon will be held on Friday May 26. Students will walk from the school to Lake Wendouree at 10am and walk/run in to the playground opposite the Botanical Gardens where a sausage sizzle will be provided. Sponsorship forms are attached to today's newsletter. As it is an event where there is a level of competition, there are prizes for age groups. But as it is also an event where we are encouraging students to get out there and enjoy the sights of Ballarat and get some exercise, there will also be acknowledgements for all students who participate. Prizes will be awarded back at school at the end of the day in the undercover area.

## Working Bee

At 2:15pm on Friday May 26 all students will be involved in a tidy up of the yard in readiness for the Open Days over the Heritage Weekend. All parents and community members are invited to this tidy up. At 3pm the school day will finish with a gathering in the undercover area to award the prizes and acknowledgements for the Fun Run / Walkathon. There will be no assembly on this day.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Andy Backwell ~ Principal



**Integrity:** – Eleanor Berzins, Logan Tucker, Shannon Macdonald,

Patrick McCann

**Principals Award:** - Emily Pawson-Head