



# Mac News

Friday 19th 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,

Over the past few weeks I have been showing families with Prep students for 2018 through the school and some have already enrolled. Questions parents will often ask is around the notion of children starting school with a wide variety of skill sets and how does the school cater for these different abilities. The answer is that teachers in our school teach to every child's point of need. Our students are continually assessed through the learning activities they do every day. There are formal testing times but the reality is that the majority of classroom tasks have an assessment element within them. It is the skill of the teacher to make effective use of these assessments and design the next level of learning for that particular student or group of students. In doing this, our students are far more likely to be engaged in their learning.

It is always an exciting and rewarding part of my work showing prospective parents and students through our school - it gives me the opportunity to articulate what we do and why we do it. If you have children who will be starting school next year, I encourage you to collect an enrolment package from the office at your earliest convenience. If you know of people from outside our school community with school aged children for 2018, I ask that you to suggest they contact the school for an enrolment tour.

### School photos

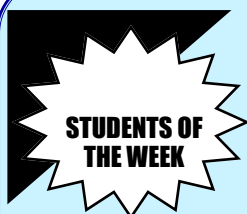
Next Thursday May 25 is School Photo Day. Envelopes were sent home last week. Spare envelopes and envelopes for family portraits are available from the office.

### Ballarat Heritage Weekend

Volunteers are needed to help with serving the Devonshire Teas next weekend. If you can help out for a couple of hours on either day please let Andy or Fiona know. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

With kind regards,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



**Integrity:** – Monty Perrin, Audrey Peake, Maddie Couzens, Maddy Berriman

**Principals Award:** - Shanae Lang

**Art Awards** - Milly Berzins, Ipsita Sen, Jacki Vanderheyden, Jed Hazell, Ruby Vanderheyden, Caleb Fort, Olivia Ferguson, Seth Hazell, Lola Nichols

## Ballarat Heritage Weekend

Next weekend, May 27 and 28, our school will be open to the public as part of Ballarat's Heritage Week Celebrations. Opening our doors over this 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 be on display in the conference room. It will be a celebration of the history of our school and the positive future directions it has.



# Yo Ho, Me Harties! HELP WANTED

This year our school musical is Treasure Island. The teachers and students will be working hard to put together the performance on stage. However, there is also a lot of work to be done behind the scenes. We are looking for handy parents and helpers who are willing and able to lend their skills.

We are looking for:

Sewers

Costume assistants locating costume items

Set and props builders

Prop assistants locating prop items



If you are willing to lend a hand in some way please see Mrs Seff or Mrs Cheyne and let us know what skills you have to offer.

## HOME READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS

We are in the process of doing a stocktake on our home readers and Library books. Do you have any readers or Library books at home, under the bed, in a cupboard? Please have a look on the weekend and if you find any return them to school. Thank you.

