



Mac News

Friday 10th February

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14th February
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Monday 27th February
Tuesday 28th February

Book Club due
School Council Meeting 4pm
Life Education Van
Student Free Day



BREAKFAST CLUB
Each Friday morning in the
Art Room
8.15am—8.45am

Dear Parents and School Community,

Classroom Environments

With the recent hot weather is timely to reflect on the outstanding classroom environments our students and staff have to learn and teach in. Part of our major refurbishment six years ago was the installation of split systems enabling cosy warm temperatures in winter and cool refreshing temperatures in summer. Yesterday our classrooms were operating at around 20 to 23 degrees whilst the outside temperature was close to 40. This enables teachers and students to go about their work uninhibited by hot and stuffy climates in their work spaces. Our classrooms are all around 100 square metres enabling students plenty of space to work in groups, have a large shared learning area and formal work areas as well. Each classroom has up to date technology, comfortable furniture, good lighting, plenty of storage, a dedicated teacher space, and small kitchen area – a list of features that ensure our learning environments are as conducive as possible to effective learning and teaching.

School Council Elections

Yesterday a notice regarding school council elections was sent home. Nominations for the four parent vacancies are available from the office and need to be lodged by 4pm next Thursday February 16. Being on the school council involves a commitment of eight meetings per year for a two year period. There are no specific skills or knowledge required to be on school council. The main aspect is around the notion of being involved in the school for the betterment of all students. School council oversees the financial management of the school, policy development, and management of the buildings and grounds. If you would like more information about being on school council please catch up with me next week.

Safety at School

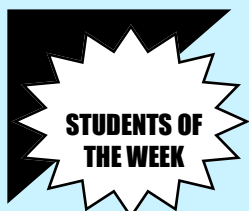
There are many aspect to managing the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and visitors in our school. Today we practised our evacuation drill with the emphasis on knowing what to do in case there is a real emergency and there is a real need to evacuate the building. The exercise went very well with all participants managing their roles efficiently and effectively. We will have a safety drill each term – next term we will introduce/remind students, staff and visitors to the school's lock down procedure.

Updating student/family details

To ensure our records are up to date, each student will bring home an envelope tonight containing the Student Enrolment Information Form. Please check this form carefully to make sure that all the information is correct and make changes if required. Please sign and return this form to school whether you have made changes or not, by Monday 20th February.

Two weeks down and the school is humming nicely. Enjoy your weekend.

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



**A great start to the school year - Olivia Roberts, Soriah Pawson-O'Brien
Campbell Fishlock, Nadia Kocis**

Principals Award: - Caitlin Bradley

TERM DATES FOR 2017

Term 1 Tuesday 31st January - Friday 31st March.

Teachers start date Monday 30th January

Foundation students start school on Thursday 2nd February

Term 2 Tuesday 18th April - Friday 30th June

Term 3 Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Monday 9th October - Friday 22nd December



SCHOOL BAGS

We now sell navy Harlequin Mighty Tuff School Bags with our logo on the front. They are the perfect school bag for students who want a single compartment bag with a fixed-zipper flap, ergonomic shoulder straps and protective base. The bags have a 15 year warranty and a lifetime warranty on the zippers. Other features include:

- PVC free
- Anatomical Back System™ protects growing spines
- Reflective piping
- Water Repellent Duragarde™ Fabric
- Padded laptop pocket
- Phone/Music pocket plus ear bud hole
- Waist strap
- Umbrella pocket with evaporation hole
- Reinforced "D" Ring
- Mesh water bottle pocket



The bags will be available to purchase from the school office for \$42.00. If you would like to order one please let Fiona know.



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Macarthur Street Primary School has a closed Facebook group and you are all welcome to join to keep in touch with what's happening at school.