



Mac News

Friday 19th October

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 24th October	Questacon Presenters visiting
Friday 26th October	Halloween Fair
Friday 9th November	Ballarat Show Day
Friday 16th November	Prep Dinner & Gr 1&2 Sleepover
Monday 10th December	Student Free Day



Dear Parents and School Community,

Parent Opinion Survey: the results of this year's Parent Opinion Survey have been received and are pleasing in that all of the 18 variables have shown improvement. Many of the aspects of the survey demonstrated positive responses well above 90%. These topics included: *Physical Environment, School Pride, High Expectation for Success, Student Motivation and Support, Stimulating Environment, Effective Teaching, School Connectedness and General Satisfaction.* The school will analyse the results and continue to strive for improvement into the future. Thank you to the parents who completed the survey – we appreciate your views and input.

Strategic Intent: we continue to implement the goals of our school according to the school's Strategic Plan. The two areas of focus are Writing and Student Engagement and Wellbeing. We have been very pleased with the development of the students' writing as a result of the school wide implementation of our VCOP and Big Write programs. We are seeing improvement in both the quality and quantity of writing across the school. We see this not only in our Cold Writes (which are basically writing tests), but also in our NAPLAN results which showed that 67% of students taking the NAPLAN test demonstrated high growth. Our School Wide Positive Behavior (SWPB) program is one of the main strategies in supporting our student wellbeing and engagement focus. Through this program we have firmed up our student management strategies to be consistent across the school. The focus of the program is acknowledging the behaviors we want to see. We are in the third year of our Strategic Plan. In 2019 we will be in a review year in which we will complete the current plan and develop a new plan for the years 2020-2023.

Staffing: We welcome Pauline to the office and Georgia to the classroom support staff as Fiona and Lisa enjoy their Long Service Leave.

School Halloween Fair: we are in top gear in the lead up to next Friday's School Halloween Fair. Attached to today's newsletter is a whole lot of information about next week's event including how you can be involved.

With kind regards, Andy Backwell ~ Principal



A smooth and Positive Start to Term 4: Zach Duffy, Savvy Minhas, Madison Thompson, Amelia Trickey

Principals Award – Oscar Clifton

HALLOWEEN FAIR UPDATE



MYSTERY BOTTLE STALL

Grades 2,3,4R are having a mystery bottle stall at our school fete on 26th October.

We are asking for donations of bottles or jars to help with our stall. If you have any spare jars or bottles, full, non-alcoholic, non-toxic, unopened and still in date please pop them into the basket in room 2,3,4R.

Some ideas include: sauces, drinks, cleaning products, toiletries, spreads...
Thank you for your support.

REMINDERS:

We are still looking for donations of fun size packs of chocolate bars/ blocks of chocolate to be used in some of the games on the night.

Children's Costume Parade - Have your children got their costumes organised yet? The parade will be at 5pm in the undercover area.

BIG WRITE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Name	What worked well
Avril Fort	Reached several goals: Putting letters the right way round Using capital letters and full stops Writing more
Patrick McCann	Creativity Use of paragraphs Wide and accurate use of punctuation Spelling
Eleanor Berzins,	Deeper level of though Excellent WOW words Wonderful expressions
Taylah Wilson	Using WOW words Experimenting with punctuation Good explanation