



Mac News

Friday 20th October

DIARY DATES

Monday 23rd October	School Fair Meeting 9.10am
Tuesday 24th October	Book Club orders due
Tuesday 24th October	School Council Meeting 4pm
Friday 27th October	School Fair 3pm-8pm
Friday 27th October	Swimming starts
Friday 10th November	Ballarat Show Day Holiday

**REMINDER:
NO BREAKFAST CLUB
FRIDAY 27TH
OCTOBER**

Dear Parents and School Community,

“How quickly the time goes” – this common phrase was made most apparent yesterday as we welcomed our new Prep students to our school for their first school experience. Our 2018 Preps quickly became engaged in their new learning environment with the help of their transition guides.

A great spin off our transition program provides is the mentorship our grade five students experience. It certainly does not feel like twelve months ago that we were preparing this year’s Preps for their transition to school. Our 2018 Preps will experience seven transition experiences in the lead up to their first year of school. Other preparations for 2018 are well underway including staffing and class structures. These important processes do take time and I expect to be able to inform you of the 2018 profiles in the middle of November.

Our 2017 swimming program starts next Friday. Held at Federation University, this important aspect of our Sport program will run for seven weeks with each session running for 45 minutes. Parents are able to come along to watch their children working in the pool. The two junior grades will swim at 12:30pm and the two senior grades at 1:15pm. We encourage students to bring their swimming things in a large cloth supermarket bag.

Next Friday is the big day of our Halloween Fair. There has been a lot of work done in preparation for this major fundraising event. We have organised a Working Bee on Thursday to tidy the school grounds, if you are able to help please let me know. We are still asking for donations of books, plants, cakes and biscuits. Volunteers for school stalls are also required. There is a roster at the office if you are able to assist. Please refer to the attached Fair information.

Please make note of the following dates on the school calendar which you may need to make plans for. Ballarat Show Day is on Friday November 10 and there is no school on this day. Swimming and assembly will be on Thursday November 9 as a result. Friday December 11 is a School Planning day and students do not attend school on this day. The last day of the school year is Friday December 22 and this is our cleaning day. All students and staff are involved in cleaning and preparing the school for 2018 on this day. A term 4 calendar is attached for your information.

With kind regards,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



**A great start to term 4 - Ethan Walters, Logan Tucker, Baily Booker
Nadia Kocis**

Principals Award: - Lisa Owen