



Mac News

Friday 27th October

DIARY DATES

Friday 27th October	School Fair 3pm-8pm
Friday 27th October	Swimming starts
Friday 10th November	Ballarat Show Day Holiday
Friday 17th November	Prep Dinner & 1/2 Sleepover (please note change of date)

**REMINDER :
NO ASSEMBLY
TODAY**

Dear Parents and School Community,

The job of teaching is a highly complex and evolving set of skills. Long gone are the days of *"everyone open your book at page 37 and complete exercise 2"*. Today learning experiences are carefully tailored to meet the needs of all learners. All due consideration is given to students' academic and social needs. Because of this, teachers are continually enhancing their skill sets through accessing a wide range of professional learning.

Recently Jo Reyntjes and I completed an eight day professional learning program that focussed on processes to improve teachers' abilities to analyse student learning data enabling them plan learning experiences that are highly specific to the needs of students. The professional learning also improved our practices around teacher meetings which we now refer to as Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

This week Dea attended a professional learning day that addressed the needs of children in out of home care. This will enable us to better understand the needs of children whose home environment is different to the norm. This in turn will improve our capacities to respond to their academic and social needs.

Yesterday Sharon attended a professional learning forum in St Kilda which explored the needs of children who experience high levels of stress and anxiety. It was affirming to hear from Sharon that many of the practices we undertake were highlighted at the forum. As with all of our professional learning, Sharon will report back to our PLC about her experiences and what we need to do to improve our work in this area.

Next week Andrew, Sharon and I are attending a new program called School Wide Positive Behaviours. This is a program that enables schools to really focus in on their values and embed them into all aspects of school. We look forward to this day and enacting our new learning.

The school has been an absolute hive of Halloween Fair activity peaking today in readiness for the big event. We hope to see you all this evening.

With kind regards,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



Optimism in learning tasks: Tyson Young, Rory Jones-Mullen,
Jackson Berriman, Amelia Trickey

Principals Award: - Nathan Skilbeck

NOW OPEN 2018 PREP ENROLMENTS



Now is the perfect time to enrol your child into school for 2018. If you haven't already done so, or if you know someone who is going to enrol at Macarthur Street Primary School, please call in to the office to pick up an enrolment pack to make sure you secure a spot for next year. The transition program will begin this term and tours can be made by appointment.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of unnamed items in our lost property box. There are lots of jumpers, coats and plastic containers. Please come in and have a look.



SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2018

30 January

16 April

16 July

8 October

29 March

29 June

21 September

21 December