



Mac News

Friday 16th February

DIARY DATES

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| Friday 9th March | Scienceworks Excursion –Whole School |
| Monday 12th March | Labour Day holiday |
| Friday 16th March | School sports day |
| Thursday 29th March | School photos |

SCHOOL BANKING—EVERY MONDAY
BREAKFAST CLUB—EVERY FRIDAY 8.15AM

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Dear Parents and School Community,

Tuesdays are timetabled for Sport with Mrs Edwards. This term there is a focus on athletics which has been complemented this year with the inclusion of a guest athletics coach, Will. Will has taught all class groups over the past two weeks. This has been of great benefit to not only our students, but also to our teaching techniques in a range of the athletics disciplines. Funding through the Sports in Schools program has enabled us to have Will in the school. We have received grants in the past for soccer and basketball coaches.

Later this term the athletics focus culminates our own school sports held on the school's oval. All students are allocated to house groups, Clarendon (red), Armstrong (green) and Doveton (blue), and compete for the House Cup. If your child is new to the school since our last sports, we will let them know which house they are in shortly. Parents are welcome to come along for the day and watch their children participate. We need a number of helpers to assist the staff to run each event with tasks such as measuring, time keeping and recording. If you are able to give us a hand on the day, please see any of the staff and we will put you on a roster. The school sports are held on Friday March 16 from around 9:30am.

On Wednesday March 28 a school team will compete in the Norman District interschool athletics sports which is held at the Llanberris Athletics Reserve over near Sovereign Hill. This is a great opportunity for some of our students to experience the next level of competition as well as representing their school. Will was so impressed with the effort and attitude of our students during his clinics that he has offered to return prior to the district sports to provide some individual coaching in specific disciplines.

Whilst we are talking about sport, the school's swimming program will be in term two this year. After a review of the 2017 program and investigation of our options, it has been decided to run our swimming program with the Ballarat Aquatic Centre in Gillies Street. Our program will run over seven weeks with 45 minute sessions. The cost is covered by the excursion levy and full details and permission forms will be sent out later in the term.

With kind regards,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



Respect – with a focus on polite positive language -

Aiden Cross, Ipsita Sen, Eddie Beaston, Ruby Clifton

Principals Award: - Preston Bunce

What happened at School Council?

School Council had its first meeting for 2018 on Tuesday afternoon.

Fundraising: Thanks to fundraising efforts we have raised \$15,500 over the past three years towards the purchase of a shade structure for the new playground (Doveton St end). School Council approved this purchase on Tuesday night and we are now in the process of getting quotes. School Council welcomes any or all ideas for our next fundraising effort, big or small for the school. Please feel free to let Andy Backwell or any member of School Council know of your ideas.

School Council is seeking parent volunteers from each classroom group to help out at our Breakfast Club on Friday mornings from 8am – 8.45am. This is a free program for students but we need your help to keep it sustainable. Please see Fiona in the office to book in a time or just pop in when you drop your child off to see if you can lend a hand. Please note that all volunteers at school must have a valid Working With Children's Check.

School Council is a great way to get involved at the School! Thanks to outgoing member Mick Podger who is not re-nominating this year. Mick is responsible for mowing the oval and many of the minor works around the grounds of the school. His contribution on the School Council and Finance Committee has been greatly appreciated.

Please contact me for any questions about School Council

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Stationery Packs, Computer Resources & 2018 Excursion Levy

Just a reminder to return forms and make payment for stationery packs, computer resources and the excursion levy. Payment due date has been extended to Friday 2nd March. Payments can be made by Qkr!, BPay or cash/cheque. If you would like to set up a payment plan or start using Centrepay please come in and see Fiona.



Stationery Packs

The cost to provide these items varies depending on year levels and is as follows:

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| Foundation | \$85.00 |
| Grade 1 | \$79.00 |
| Grade 2 | \$85.00 |
| Grade 3 | \$85.00 |
| Grade 4 | \$85.00 |
| Grade 5 | \$100.00 |
| Grade 6 | \$72.00 |

Computer Resources - \$25 per student

Including Mathletics & Maths Seeds, Reading Eggs & Reading Eggspress Student Subscriptions

Excursion Levy - \$150 per student

The Excursion Levy covers the cost of: 2 major excursions @ \$25.00 each

4 minor excursions @ \$5.00 each

Swimming Program \$80.00 per child

Please note all excursion costs are approximate.