



# Mac News

Friday 17th February

## DIARY DATES

Monday 27th February

Tuesday 28th February

Monday 13th March

Tuesday 14th March

Life Education Van

Curriculum Day

Labour Day Holiday

School Council Meeting 4pm



## BREAKFAST CLUB

Each Friday morning in the  
Art Room

8.15am—8.45am

Dear Parents and School Community,

### Life Education Visit February 27

The Life Ed Van will be visiting our school on Monday February 27. This important incursion strongly supports our health and wellbeing curriculum and is a very engaging learning experience for all students. Some information is attached to the newsletter as well as a permission form. The cost of this activity is \$9.00 which will come out of the Excursion Levy. If you have chosen the pay as you go option for excursions, please send your \$9.00 in with your completed permission slip. There is an information session for parents at 8:30am which will be held in the van which will be located next to the Canteen near the basketball court. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to attend the parent session.

### Curriculum Day February 28

On Tuesday February 28 staff will be involved in Professional Learning about the teaching of writing. This day builds on learning from last year in which teachers were introduced to VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation), Cold Writes and the Big Write – processes and supports that enhance our students' writing skills. Schools are allocated four curriculum days per year in which school is closed for the day and professional learning and planning take place. This year the first day of school was the first curriculum day, February 28 will be the second, a planning day in December will be the third and the fourth day is yet to be determined. We will always try to give you plenty of notice regarding these pupil free days so that you can make arrangements for your children. So please note **there will be no school on Tuesday February 28 2017.**

### School Sports

The school athletic sports will be conducted on Friday March 10 on the oval at school. Students should arrive at the normal time. The sports commence at 9:30am with 6 rotations of field events over the course of the morning including a rest/play break. Lunch consists of the choice of a healthy salad roll or the students may bring their lunch. Following lunch, sprint, distance and relay races take place with the day culminating in the presentation of the House Cup to the winning house. Students compete in their age groups and represent their sport house (Doveton (blue) Clarendon (red) Armstrong (green)). Many students like to wear their house colours on sports day – this may be in the form of coloured shirts, hair ties, zinc cream and the like. Information about lunch and which house your child is in will be sent home shortly.

### Interschool Sports

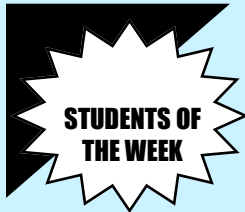
On Tuesday March 21 the Norman District Interschool Sports will be held at Llanberris Athletics complex located in York Street Ballarat East near Sovereign Hill. Students are selected for the school athletics team depending on their results and performance at our own sports. Travel to and from Llanberris will be by bus and will be accompanied by Mr Goodson, Mrs Edwards, Ms Ganosis and myself. Students will be informed of their selection on Wednesday March 15 and will be provided with permission forms and information regarding the approximate time of their event/s. As this level of competition is for students in age groups of nine years and above, generally students from grades three upwards are eligible for selection. The Norman District schools include Black Hill, Ballarat North, Ballarat Grammar, Wendouree, Yuille Park and Macarthur Street Primary Schools. Over the past few years our school has won these sports twice with a third placing last year. Parents are welcome to attend with many taking the option to visit Llanberris for their child's event and then heading back to work or elsewhere for the day whilst other parent stay for the day. Students may then qualify for the next level of competition which is held later in the year. Students who qualify for this level will be informed as soon as we are and parents will be notified and provided with specific details relating to this event.

### Reminder - Updating student/family details

Last week we sent home Student Enrolment Information Forms to be checked and updated if necessary. 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.

We continue to enjoy a very positive start to the year and appreciate your support  
With kind regards,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



A Positive Start to 2017 School Year - Tyler Lord, Max Dorsett,  
Lola Nichols, Blake Heffernan  
Principals Award: - Koby Myers

**BDSA's Women's Soccer Working Group**

**GIRLS ONLY**

**COME & TRY SOCCER**

**ALL WELCOME**

**SATURDAY, 25 February**

**FREE** Registrations from 9am.  
Kick off 10am to 2pm

U11, U16 & Open 7-a-side Mini Tournament  
Team or individuals welcome

FREE sausage and drink for participants

**MORSHEAD PARK**

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BDSA FACEBOOK EVENT

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