



Mac News

Friday 3rd March

DIARY DATES

Sunday 5th March	Working Bee 10am-12noon
Friday 10th March	School Sports Day
Friday 10th March	NO SCHOOL BREAKFAST TODAY
Monday 13th March	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 14th March	School Council Meeting 4pm
Tuesday 14th March	Book Club orders due
Monday 20th March	Chocolate Drive money due
Friday 31st March	Last day Term 2 2:30pm finish

**REMINDER:
WORKING BEE ON SUNDAY
10AM—12 NOON**



Dear Parents and School Community,

Curriculum Day Last Tuesday

Last Tuesday our teaching staff were involved in a day of Professional Learning furthering our knowledge and understandings of the teaching of writing through a method known as VCOP which followed on from an introductory day last year. VCOP stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation – all essential elements of writing but not, by any means, the limits of the method. Intertwined with these elements are writing sessions known as “Cold Writes” and “BIG Writes”. Essentially Cold Writes are a bit like writing tests; pieces of writing that are time limited and not supported in the way a normal writing session would. The Cold Write allows us to accurately pinpoint students skills and allow us to measure the growth from the last Cold Write. It also informs our teaching for the next phase of our students’ learning. The BIG Write, on the other hand, is fully supported and is an opportunity to showcase children’s creativity and skills in writing. The BIG Write includes support from home and shortly we will be letting you now about how we would like you to be involved through a process called *Talk Homework*.

A very important day to enhance the our teachers’ capacities to deliver the best writing program possible thus supporting one of the school’s strategic intents: improving our students’ writing outcomes.

A great thought from a great writer:

“Don’t cry because it’s over, Smile because it happened.”

Dr Seuss

Sports Day next Friday

Next Friday all students will be involved in the School Sports held on the school oval from 9:30am. Students have been informed as to which house they are in – these lists are displayed outside each classroom. We run our sports in three house groups: Armstrong (Green), Clarendon (Red) and Doveton (Blue). On Sports Day students are able to wear their house colours – coloured t-shirts, hair ties, coloured zinc cream are all fine and add to the spectacle of the day but are by no means compulsory.

A healthy lunch option is being offered in the form of salad rolls. An order form has been sent home today with every student. Orders and payment are due in on Wednesday March 8. If you are choosing to order and pay through Qkr! please place your orders by midday on that day. The rolls will be made up according to what the students want; they can choose from ham, lettuce, cheese, tomato, beetroot and pineapple.

For the sports to be successful, the help of parents is required in the form of helping at events to measure, record and assist with tasks such as raking the long jump pit and re-positioning hurdles. Parent help does not include running an event or supervising students. We also require parent helpers to prepare the items for the salad rolls. This can be done first thing in the morning. if you are able to help please see me or a teacher and we can allocate you a job.

Working Bee this Sunday

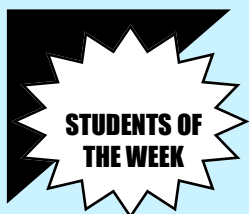
A working bee will be held at school this Sunday March 5 from 10am—12 noon to freshen up the school yard , mark the lines for the sports, replace the shade cloth on the sand pit area and clean up around the tanks. A sausage sizzle is on offer after the working bee if you would like to join us.

Chocolate Drive

This year our Term 1 Fundraiser is a Chocolate Drive. Next Thursday the Fundraising Committee will send home chocolates for you to sell for the school. **Please let us know if you would like a box of 50 to sell or if you do not want any chocolates to be sent home.** If we do not hear from you we will send home a bag of 25 chocolates to sell at \$1.00 each. Please return money and/or unsold chocolates to the office by Monday 20th March.

Have a pleasant weekend,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal



Respect is one of our school's guiding values. Being respectful is an attitude of caring and treating each other with dignity. It is speaking to and dealing with others in a courteous manner.

Respect - Catani Fishlock, Rory Jones-Mullen, Kira Barbary, Wanida Namsri

Principals Award: - Zahara Kalisperis ~ for growing in confidence

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS

INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 14th March, 2017

Campus Expo and tours from 5.30pm
Information Briefing from 7pm

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening.

The evening begins with an Expo and tour of the Sebastopol Campus from 5.30pm followed by discussion with Campus Leaders and Teaching Staff in the Learning Resource Centre.

A comprehensive Information Package with details about our Academic Achievers SEAL Program, Academic Curriculum, Community Scholarship Opportunities, Performing Arts and our Sports Program will be provided.



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The College Principal Team or School Leaders would be pleased to conduct a personalised tour of the College at any time. Bookings can be made by contacting the General Office on 03 5329 3293.

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