



# Mac News

Friday 10th March

## **DIARY DATES**

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Monday 13th March

Tuesday 14th March

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Monday 20th March

Friday 31st March

School Sports Day

**NO SCHOOL BREAKFAST TODAY**

Labour Day Holiday

School Council Meeting 4pm

Book Club orders due

Chocolate Drive money due

Last day Term 2 2:30pm finish



**REMINDERS: NO  
BREAKFAST TOMORROW  
MORNING**

**DON'T FORGET TO  
COME IN YOUR  
HOUSE COLOURS  
FOR SPORTS DAY**



Dear Parents and School Community,

## Our Amazing Arts Program

Tuesdays are our Specialist days on which students visit specialist teachers for Art, Music and Sport taken by Karen, myself, and Mrs Edwards. Today I would like to highlight the Arts Programs in our school; I will expand on our Sport program in the near future.

The Arts fall into two basic categories: Visual Arts and Performing Arts. Our Visual Arts program has been greatly enhanced this year with the return of Karen Wray who has whipped the Art Room into a frenzy of creativity, skill acquisition and quality output of artwork. Not only do we have a great art teacher but we also have a dedicated art room (now complete with new drying rack) in which students can really get stuck into their artistic experiences.

Howard Gardener, a Professor of Cognition and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education at Harvard University is well known for his theory of multiple intelligences. He identifies spatial intelligence as being one of the nine forms of intelligence that deals with the core capacities of mental imagery, spatial reasoning, image manipulation, graphic and artistic skills and an active imagination. Sailors, pilots, sculptors, painters and architects all exhibit spatial intelligence. It is great to think how our students' spatial intelligence is being supported and nurtured by our Visual Arts Program.

Another of Gardener's forms of intelligence is Musical Intelligence. Musical intelligence is the capacity to discern pitch, rhythm, timbre, and tone. This intelligence enables us to recognise, create, reproduce, and reflect on music, as demonstrated by composers, conductors, musicians, vocalist, and sensitive listeners. Interestingly, there is often an affective connection between music and the emotions; and mathematical and musical intelligences may share common thinking processes. We are most fortunate to have a dedicated Music Room which is very well resourced with instruments and resources specifically selected for primary school music education. Last century(!) I spent a full year at university, several years after my initial teacher training, learning about primary school music education. I have kept and refined these skills to now deliver a quality, developmental music program in our school with an emphasis on singing in tune, developing sound beat and rhythm knowledge, introducing a number of instrumental skills all on a platform of fun and games and participation. All of my work in Music is based on the pedagogy of Zoltan Kodaly and Karl Orff.

So there you have it – a snapshot of our Arts Program with reference to the nine forms of intelligence. If you are wondering about the other forms, they are: Naturalist, Logical-Mathematical, Existential, Interpersonal, Bodily-Kinesthetic, Linguistic, and Intra-personal.

## Working Bee Last Sunday

We had a great turn out last Sunday for the school's working bee. 36 people were able to join in and make a big impact on the school yard. It is looking great! Many thanks for your help.

Have a great long weekend

Andy Backwell - Principal



**STUDENTS OF  
THE WEEK**

Respect encompasses honoring the rules of your family and school. This helps to create a more peaceful and pleasant environment to be in.

**Respect** - Candice Miller, Isaiah Broad, Edward Berzins, Amelia Trickey

**Principals Award:** - Josh Broad



## FOUNDATION - GRADE 2 LITERACY INFORMATION SESSION



When - Wednesday 22nd March

Where - F/1 Classroom

Time—3:30pm

Mrs Jeff and Mrs Cheyne will run an information session all about strategies to help your child at home with reading. It will be a short session, about 20mins, full of ideas to engage your child to read and strategies you can use to help them.



The Fundraising Team have sent home chocolates & freddo frogs tonight for our Chocolate Drive. All bags and boxes have 25 chocolates in them to be sold for \$1.00 each. Please return money and/or unsold chocolates to school by Monday 20th March. Thank you for your support.

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.

*"In Knowledge there is Opportunity"*