

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 9th February 2024	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 13th February 2024	Home Reader Information Session 3.20pm held in 1/2 Classroom
Wednesday 14th February 2024	Foundation Students have every Wednesday off in February
Wednesday 21st February 2024	Foundation Students have every Wednesday off in February
Wednesday 28th February 2024	Foundation Students have every Wednesday off in February
Monday 4th March 2024	Grade 1/2 Incursion - Central Highlands Choose Tap Program
Thursday 28th March 2024	LAST DAY OF TERM 1! School Athletic Carnival held at school Students finish school at 2:00pm
Monday 15th April 2024	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 16th April 2024	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 Whole School Welcome to Country - Smoking Ceremony 9.00am-10.00am
Monday 22nd April 2024	School Photo Day

Principal Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the school year and a big welcome to our new staff, students, and families. The school year has begun, and our students have settled back into the rigour of school seamlessly. All students have begun with big bright smiles and an eagerness to learn. We also welcome several new families and students into the school with the current enrolment of the school at 75 students in 4 classrooms.

I would like to say a HUGE Macarthur Street welcome to our new staff:

Mrs Emily Burns – Foundation Mrs Tanya Vanderkley – Education support
 Miss Rhiannon Eustice – Grade 1/2 Miss Naomi Gerrard – Education support
 Mrs Bonnie Irving – Auslan

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BUILDING WORKS

Over the school holidays there has been plenty of work occurring in the school. We have had new cabinetry installed in our library; this has created a more open space which will assist with the running of OSHC. Our Foundation room has also had new cabinetry installed and has created a lovely space for our new students. Our basketball court is still a work in progress and will be covered with a new synthetic grass in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

We ask that all parents and carers collect students from the back of the school grounds. The gate is opened five minutes before the students make their way outside. This helps to reduce congestion in the front office and allows staff to know that students have been collected by a family member.

ATTENDANCE

In 2024, we are aiming to increase attendance rates of all students. Every moment of school counts and if your child misses school for no reason they are at risk of missing valuable learning. If your child is sick and is absent from school, please send a note to the class teacher explaining the absence or ring the office.

UNIFORM

It has been mind-blowing to see how many students are wearing our new school uniform, they look incredible. As mentioned last year, it is compulsory for our new foundation students to wear the new school uniform, but all other students have a two-year period where they can mix and match the old school uniform with the new. At the office, we are only selling beanies and hats – all other uniform is to be purchased from Beleza.

HOME READING

Our home reading will look slightly different this year. Students from Foundation to Grade 4 will have decodables sent home with them. On these texts, there will be a sticker that says, 'read to you'. This will be your student's text. There will also be another text that has a sticker on the text that says 'read to me' this is for parents and carers to demonstrate proficient reading to students. We will also be holding an information session at school in the coming weeks, during this session we will show how to model reading and what to look for when you child is reading. All students will be required to have a reader bag. Reader bags can be purchased from Beleza, but students can use their reader bag from 2023.

HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS

Our 2024 House Athletic Sports will be held on Thursday the 28th March. This will be our final day of school and students will be dismissed for the term at the completion of the events which is at 2.00pm.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is up and running for 2024 once again.
Our school doors are open from 8.00am for the students to come in and have breakfast.

OSHC

It has been wonderful to see so many families utilising our after-school hours care program. It is open in the library from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. For families that haven't made a profile yet, it does take 24 hours process.

Again, it has been a fantastic start to 2024. We are looking forward to work with you and your children this year.

Mr Anthony Cross — Principal

FOUNDATION STUDENTS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



FOUNDATION NEWS

What an interesting and jam packed 6 days of school we have had in Foundation! We have been working really hard on understanding school and classroom routines. We have learned the letters M, A and T and the sounds they make, and we have been working to identify these letters in fiction stories that are read to us. In Writing we have been learning 'crocodile grip', so that we can form our letters correctly. In Numeracy, we are focusing on knowing there are 7 days in a week and that events that take place in a day - can be described in different ways.



Mrs Burns

GRADE 1/2 NEWS

What an amazing start to 2024! In these first two weeks, Grade 1/2E has focused on establishing and maintaining positive classroom routines. The students have been working hard and trying their best in all aspects of the school day. This week students have started the knowledge unit 'All About Me'. They have been learning about members of their family, placing them on a family tree and sharing things about themselves such as their favourite animal and food. I'd also like to say a big thankyou to all the parents/carers for such a warm welcome to Macarthur Street Primary School. I am genuinely loving working with your kids and look forward to seeing where the year takes us!

Here's a photo of the best 1/2 class in the school.

Miss Eustice

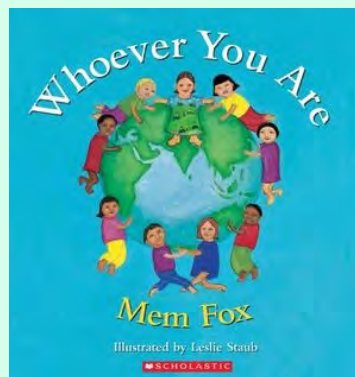


GRADE 3/4 News

This week in the 3/4 class we have been investigating more about what it looks like to live in a multicultural society.

The book we have read have been *Whoever You Are* and *All Are Welcome*. These books highlight the fact we are all human and that no matter what you look like, where you come from or what you believe, that we are all welcome and a part of a global family.

Our discussions have revolved around vocabulary and meaning of words, as well as other aspects of each text.



Mr Goodson



CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSIONS FUND

You must apply for the new school year,
this does not roll over.

Forms available at the office. To be eligible for this payment the parent/guardian must hold valid healthcare card or pension card for Term 1 2024. \$125 for primary school students – which will be allocated to the student's school account to use towards excursions, sports, camps and swimming.

**PLEASE APPLY AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

SCHOOL HATS

Term 1 & 4 all students must wear the school bucket hat when outside. **School hats are available to purchase for \$15 from the office.**



5-6 News




Grade 5/6 have enjoyed a golf clinic during P.E instructions were given on correct posture and practise in swinging the golf club. Success rates were high in launching the balls down the oval!!



Mrs Seff

Auslan News

This term our Auslan classes will be broken in to the following sections; Handshapes - The positions we hold our hands when signing, Fingerspelling and Key Signs. The last fortnight in Auslan we have learnt...

Handshapes	Fingerspelling - Numbers	Key Signs
flat, point, hook, five, hooked five, four, fist, soon	Grade 1-2 Numbers 0-10 Grades 3-6 Numbers 0-20	Yes, no, thank you, please, sorry, toilet
		
Hook	Number 9	Thank you



Happy Birthday to the following students who have celebrated their birthday over the Summer holidays or will celebrate it in the coming days.

- Leo
- Cyrus
- Abi
- Thomas
- Ajan
- Grace
- Nirvana
- Jacob
- Brooklyn
- Estela
- Macey
- Toby
- Hailie
- Gerard

Student of the Week

For beginning the school year in a positive and enthusiastic manner.

- FB** Leo
- 1/2E** Charlotte
- 3/4G** Telesha
- 5/6S** Dimmy
- Principal** Lukasz



EVERY FRIDAY IN THE ART ROOM
8:00am - 8:35am

Breakfast club is run by our lovely volunteers, due to this Breakfast Club must close at 8:35am.

***Students who arrive after 8:35am will not be able to have breakfast, so please make sure your child/ren arrive on time.*

2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM	START DATE	FINISH DATE	LENGTH
Term 1	Tuesday 30 January	Thursday 28 March	9 Weeks
Holidays	Friday 29 March	Sunday 14 April	
Term 2	Monday 15 April	Friday 28 June	11 Weeks
Holidays	Saturday 29 June	Sunday 14 July	
Term 3	Monday 15 July	Friday 20 September	10 Weeks
Holidays	Saturday 21 September	Sunday 6 October	
Term 4	Monday 7 October	Friday 20 December	11 Weeks



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Getting to know our new staff...

Miss Rhiannon Eustice - Grade 1/2 Teacher

Describe your perfect day?

Starting the day early, then going for a hike, snowboard or swim in a secluded area. Seeing unexpected wildlife in their natural habitat. Take away dinner and for desert a big tub of chocolate ice cream with a movie.

What's a movie you could watch every day?

The Internship

What is your favourite food?

The edible kind

If you were to have a superpower, what would it be and why?

To turn invisible, so I can sneak into Disneyland for free and skip the lines.

What's one thing about you that you think would surprise people?

I can make my voice sound like the character Stitch from Lilo and Stitch.



Mrs Bonnie Irving - Auslan Teacher

Describe your perfect day?

Camping with my husband Tim and 2 kids Auggie and Elsie...Even more perfect if one of the 4 sets of grandparents are with us.

What's a movie you could watch every day?

Logan Lucky or The Goonies

What is your favourite food?

I will never say no to any form of Vegemite, especially with cheese and in the shape of a scroll!

If you were to have a superpower, what would it be and why?

Teleportation so I could duck up to NSW and QLD to visit my interstate nieces and nephews whenever I want to. I could also bring them back to play with the VIC cousins more regularly.

What's one thing about you that you think would surprise people?

I am currently the Secretary for a car club and am looking forward to restoring my EL Fairmont Ghia that was once owned by the Ford Motor Company.



Mrs Emily Burns - Foundation Teacher

Describe your perfect day?

A sleep in, followed by a coffee in bed and then a gym session with a bit of retail therapy afterwards.

What's a movie you could watch every day?

Mean Girls or Bring it on!

What is your favourite food?

Donuts! And Mexican food!

If you were to have a superpower, what would it be and why?

Time travel! So I can prepare my kids for their future in this crazy world.

What's one thing about you that you think would surprise people?

My favourite genre of music is 80's/90's rock/metal.



VILLAGE OSHC IS HERE !!!

Located in the School Library

Easy and flexible bookings with
VillageOSHC.com.au



How to Enrol and Book

Visit VillageOSHC.com.au and click Book Now. This takes you to the secure, government approved VillageOSHC booking platform LookedAfter. It's free to enrol and you can manage your bookings 24 hours a day!

Ultimate Flexibility

Book online up to one minute in advance, access fees and service times, update your details, and more! Your bookings and updates are recorded instantaneously!



Operating Hours and Fees:

Programs operate Monday - Friday as detailed below:

Programs	Times	Fees*	After CCS^
After School Care	3:15 PM - 6:00 PM	\$35.00	\$3.50

Bookings

- Book up to one minute in advance online 24 hours a day.
- Access fees and service times, update your details, and more.
- You're in control of your information, and your changes, bookings and cancellations are recorded instantaneously. It couldn't be easier!
- No sign-up, membership or administration fees.

Fees*

- Fees listed are per child per session before CCS.
- Booking 24 hours or more in advance will give you access to the lowest fees!
- For a full list of fees and charges including late notice and walk-ins, see our "Terms and Conditions" page at villageoshc.com.au.

Child Care Subsidy^

- Based on a maximum possible entitlement of the Child Care Subsidy (CCS.)
- To find out what level of CCS you are entitled to, visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy or call 13 61 50.

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