



Mac News No. 4 Friday 22nd March 2024

2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 25th March	Foundation - Grade 2 Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) Incursion Session 2 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 26th March	F-2 Victoria Police Visit 2:15pm - 3.15pm 1st Camp Instalment Due for Grade 3-6 who are attending \$50 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 28th March	LAST DAY OF TERM 1! House Athletic Carnival held at school Students finish school at 2:00pm
Monday 15th April	STUDENT FREE DAY - STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday 16th April	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 Whole School Welcome to Country - Smoking Ceremony 9.00am-10.00am
Monday 22nd April	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC DAY—NO SCHOOL
Friday 26th April	2nd Camp Instalment Due for Grade 3-6 who are attending \$50
Monday 29th April & Tuesday 30th April	Dental Visit for all students
Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June	F - 6 Swimming Program

Principal Report

Dear Parents, Carers, and school community,

Although this has been a somewhat shorter fortnight, we have still squeezed in so much learning and fun here at Mac Street.

ATHLETICS

Practice for our athletics carnival is in full swing. Students have been practicing all field and track events in PE. We have been reminding students that they are to be wearing appropriate (SunSmart) clothing on Athletics Day as well as appropriate footwear. Students can dress up in their house colours, but we want what they are wearing to be functional to move in.

NAPLAN

During this fortnight, our Grade 3 and 5 students have completed NAPLAN. I would like to commend each and every student on how they have handled this. We don't believe in placing any pressure on our students for NAPLAN and they have all made us very proud.

BASKETBALL COURT

Our new basketball court is finally complete! It has been wonderful to see so many students using the space during play and before school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL & AGM

On Monday I was able to allocate all our nominated parents and staff members to positions on the School Council. The School Council plays a part in shaping the direction taken by our school. Below is a list of the members of the 2024 Macarthur Street PS School Council: Anthony Cross, BJ Overstead, Jo Edwards, Rhiannon Eustice, Ky Lord, Jordan Vaka, Nadia Sim, Sheri Van Egmond, Kelly Bon, Billi-Rose Arnott, Sarah Dzuinka, and Melissa Jessiman.

On Tuesday 16 April, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and be tabling the Annual Report for 2023 in the School Staffroom at 4.00pm. The AGM will detail the achievements for 2023 and include department data to support this document. If you wish to attend the AGM and you are not on the School Council, please let us know as you are most welcome to attend.

Principal Report continued.....

LIBRARY

Tamara has officially begun Library lessons with our students. Students will now be able to borrow books and bring them home to read. We don't want these books to take the place of the decodable, the decodable text takes precedence each night.

HOLIDAY CARE

Term One holidays we will not be operating OSHC at our school. Our students can enrol at Ballarat North Primary School Village OSHC holiday care program. We will look to have holiday care at MSPS in Term 2 and beyond, if sufficient numbers are met.

PTIs

Next Monday and Tuesday night, we will have parent/carer interviews. Each student has been allocated one time slot and the interview will go for 10 minutes. Students have had a questionnaire sent home for parents to return, this gives families time to think about what they would like to ask staff, so each minute is used effectively. If families are late getting to the interview, this will cut the time you get to spend with your child's teacher.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and a safe two weeks off.
I look forward to seeing fresh and rejuvenated students after the holiday break.

Mr Anthony Cross — Principal

BALLARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL – THE KIDS AND WORRY WORKSHOP

Our kids have been through some challenging times over the last few years. In some cases, this has hugely impacted levels of worry and anxiety. We want all students to be happy, healthy and resilient and so we have decided to be proactive and offer a variety of opportunities this year to learn from the experts.

On Monday 22 April at 5.00pm - 6.30pm, Ballarat North Primary School will be holding 'The Kids and Worry Workshop' in the Ballarat North school library. This workshop is free and informative for all parent/carers. The workshop is presented by Kim O'Neill from Catholic Care.

During this workshop, Kim O'Neill will look at:

- The difference between worry and anxiety.
 - Common worries kid's experience.
 - Where do worries come from?
 - When is further help needed?
- Strategies to help kids cope with worries.

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.*

FOUNDATION NEWS

It's coming close to the end of term for our little foundation friends, and that is a huge milestone for them! We have been pushing through with full weeks of school now for the last two weeks, and it's been wonderful to see some of the things we struggled with in week 1, being consolidated now. This week we have been completing some learning from Fire Rescue Victoria, including an in-class colouring competition which has added some fun into our learning while working on our fine motor skills.



Mrs Burns

GRADE 1/2 NEWS

If you had an emergency at home would your kids know what to do? In Grade 1/2E the answer is yes! Students have been learning all about safety. They know to call 000 (triple zero) in an emergency, to ask for police, fire or ambulance and give important details that operators need to send help their way. Last week we had a special visit from local firefighters who will be coming back to school for their final visit on Monday. Students will learn to stop, drop and roll, as well as having a tour of the fire truck. What a great end to our knowledge unit on safety.



Miss Eustice

GRADE 3/4 News

Over the past two weeks, we have continued to look into all things parliament, government and democracy. The book that we have been reading has shed some light into what happens in Parliament House in Canberra. This includes The House of Representatives and the Senate, the role of the Prime Minister and how laws are made. Additionally, we have been completing an information report on a given Prime Minister including facts related to their lives, careers, achievements and legacy.



Mr Goodson



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

**Arnold
Ivy
Charlotte
Steven
Kenzie
Ethan
Astrid**

Student of the Week

For showing the school value of 'Responsibility'.

FB	Daisy
1/2E	Dawn
3/4G	Serenity
5/6S	Ruby
Principal	Estela



5-6 News

Grade 5/6S were involved in a classroom debate with Mr Goodson and his class observing.

Debate Topic: Everyone should be an Australian citizen?
Great arguments from both teams emerged.

One of the arguments from the affirming team included: Australia is a land of opportunity and equality, and extending citizenship to everyone who resides within our borders is a testament to these values. By granting citizenship to all, we ensure that every individual enjoys the same rights and privileges as their fellow Australians.

The Negative team focused on the idea of a growing population causing limited resources, and increasing strains on infrastructure, granting citizenship to all could exacerbate existing problems and lead to further social and economic challenges.

Because both teams performed so well, a winner could not be chosen!

Congratulations Grade 5/6S!



Mrs Seff

Auslan News

The last fortnight in Auslan, our Grade 1-6 students have continued to build their knowledge of the Auslan alphabet with a particular focus on vowel letters.

Our Foundation students have now completed their third week of Auslan and have been focusing on the numbers 1-5.

Well done to all of our Mac St students who have completed a great first term in Auslan.



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MACARTHUR STREET HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Next Thursday 28th March 2024, is our House Athletics Carnival.

Throughout the day Students will compete in events to obtain points for their house, and hopefully a ribbon for themselves. At the end of the day a house cup is awarded to the house with the most points.

STUDENTS WILL FINISH AT 2.00PM ON THIS DAY.

Our school houses are **Armstrong**, **Doveton** and **Clarendon**.

We ask students to support their house by wearing clothing, ribbons or zinc in the appropriate colour. This gives the students a sense of belonging and teamwork, and a message that all efforts are valued and important.

Please remember that sensible, SunSmart clothing and running footwear is still required for the day.

Parents/carers are more than welcome to come along and cheer on the athletes.


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**PHOTO DAY IS
COMING**

**Monday
22nd April 2024**

**MSP Photography will be visiting our school on
the above day.**

- ❑ Read all the relevant instructions carefully before making your package choice.
- ❑ Order via the Compass App.
- ❑ Sibling photos can be ordered online via the Compass Portal.
- ❑ Please note that sibling photo orders must be placed by Midnight on Sunday 21st April 2024.
- ❑ The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however any orders placed more than 7 days after photo day will no longer be at the bulk discounted price, and will revert to the standard pricing cost.

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