



Macleod P - 12 College

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May

Tuesday 31 st		ICAS Science Test
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June

Wednesday 1 st		Family Life Year 3 - 6 students
Wednesday 8 th	7pm	Prep - 2 Market Fresh Visit SRC Meeting - Lunchtime D5 SAFEMinds Parent Information Evening
Friday 10 th		CANTEEN CLOSED - PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LUNCH
Monday 13 th		QUEENS BIRTHDAY
Tuesday 14 th		REPORT WRITING DAY - PUPIL FREE OSHC available - please book
Wednesday 15 th		ICAS Spelling Test SRC Meeting - Lunchtime D5
Thurs 16 th or Fri 17 th		ICAS Writing Test
Monday 20 th		First Aid Prep - 6
Thursday 23 rd		Semester 1 Student Reports available on COMPASS 9am
Friday 24 th	2.20PM finish	OUT OF UNIFORM Prep - 6 Dance Around the World 10am - 2pm END OF TERM 2

July

MONDAY 11 th		CURRICULUM DAY - PUPIL FREE
TUESDAY 12 th		TERM 3 BEGINS

Family Life Victoria School Program

3/4	Wednesday June 1	9.20am - 11.20am
5/6	Wednesday June 1 (Unit 3)	9.20am - 11.20am

Pupil of the Week Ending 20th May

Prep/1 COJ	1/2 HIL	3/4 BUT	3/4 CAM	5/6 PET/PAS	5/6 PIP/PAS
Daniel T	Eden M		Rohan R	Umayma Y	Elvis P
Chelsea B	Mary P		Elli K		

Assistant Principal's Report

Sovereign Hill Camp

There has been great excitement in the Grade 5/6 area as the Sovereign Hill Camp that everyone has been looking forward to is underway.



My thanks to Maria Pastro, Sylvia Petrovska, Bruna Pipolo and Geoff Spink for making it possible.

Camps require a huge amount of organisation so on behalf of everyone, staff, parents and students I know I express our appreciation for creating this opportunity for the students in 5/6 to have this memorable experience. I am delighted to be attending and look forward to providing you with reports and photos in the next edition.

Kinder Visits

Thanks to the teachers and students from the following classes:- 5/6 Pipolo, 3/4 Butterworth and 3/4 Cameron for the visits to the Macleod Kinder over the last two weeks. I know our students and the kinder students really enjoyed the experience.

We greatly look forward to the Macleod Kinder Groups visiting us here at the school next term. Thanks also to Ms Holl for accompanying one of the groups.

Family Life Sessions

The Family Life sessions which began last week have continued again this week with the final session next Wednesday June 1st.

Cross Country

Wednesday June 1st is also the Cross Country day with the events being held from 9.30am to 11.30am at Banyule Flats. Parents of all participants are welcome to attend to support our team. Students have been out there training hard so 'best of luck' from all of us.

ICAS UNSW Science Competition

The ICAS UNSW Science Competition is being held next Tuesday for all of those who have entered from Grades 2– 6.

Chicken Pox

There has been a case of chicken pox reported in one of the primary grades.

The following are symptoms of chicken pox:-

- low-grade fever
- general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)
- intensely itchy skin rash - appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin known as 'dew drop on a rose petal' (blisters first form on the body and later on the head and limbs and the blisters usually burst and develop crusts after about five days)

Grade 6 Rugby Tops

Thanks to all students who have ordered the Grade 6 rugby tops, **THEY HAVE ARRIVED TODAY.**

Georgina Convery

Assistant Principal

OSHC

The children at OSHC have been cooking lots of new healthy afternoon teas from traffic light sandwiches to healthy apple pies. We are starting a recipe book of all the new recipes to share with all the OSHC families. If you have any ideas or recipes that you would like to share with us please feel free to email or bring them in next time you are in. We have also been able to enjoy outside play which will end soon as it gets colder in the afternoons.

An OSHC program on the Report Writing Day/ Pupil Free Day Tuesday 14th June will be available if we have enough interest. The day session will run from 7:00am – 6:30pm for a charge of \$40 per child. If you wish to book a place, please do so by Monday 6th June.

Accounts

It is also vital we remind you that accounts are required to be paid in full on a FORTNIGHTLY basis and they can be paid directly to us by cash or cheque or at the office which also has credit card and EFTPOS facilities. You can also pay over the telephone to the office if this is more convenient (if you make a payment at the office please have your invoice with you). Everyone using the program should be receiving weekly emails of the account. If you haven't yet received your account, please let me know.

OSHC Committee

OSHC is looking for a parent representative for the school subcommittee. The OSHC committee meets twice a term on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. Any OSHC parents available and keen please contact Julie. The next meeting will be on the 15th June, all welcome.

Please remember to keep us updated of any booking changes, early pick-ups, playdates, absences, illnesses etc.... It is vital that we are notified. Please call or text anytime. **If we are not notified, you will be charged the cost of the session.**

Are you cleaning around your place and looking for a new place for all the old toys that your children are too old for or just don't play with, but are too good to throw away. After care may be able to put them to good use e.g. board games, craft things, soft toys, etc

Julie & Moataza

5/6
PIP/PAS
TERM 2

Macleod Kinder Visit

Our visit to Macleod Kinder on Thursday 19th May was met with a warm welcome and smiling faces. Filled with excitement, the children were eager to meet our grade 5 and 6 students. They enjoyed working together to complete a task based on the book "Tricky Little Hippo" and are looking forward to catching up with them, here at Macleod, in the near future.



Year 5/6 Kindergarten Visit

On Thursday 19th May the grade 5/6 went to visit Macleod Kindergarten. Mrs Pipolo read the 'Tricky Little Hippo' and gave us an activity to do. We wrote on a piece of paper something I'm good at is.....and the kindergarten children drew a picture of what they are good at and shared their pictures at the end.

Sabrina Dal Maso

On Thursday 19th May the grade 5/6's visited the kinder children. We had all lot of fun communicating with them. We did an activity with them and learned what they like to do. The kids were very interesting to listen to. We also read a book and thought about ideas.

Maddy Briggs

Parents & Friends of Macleod - PaFM Fairy Garden

Do you or anyone you know run a gardening business that could offer their assistance to help beautify our fairy garden??

The Parents & Friends Committee are planning on beautifying the lovely fairy garden. It is such a beautiful play area to allow the students to explore their imaginative play and we want to make sure the magic of a fairy garden continues to sparkle especially for our younger years. We are calling out for any donations from parents, friends and families that may be of good use with the beautification. If you have anything to donate (including your time) or have some ideas please email us first so we can determine whether the item(s) will be suitable. parentsandfriends@macleod.vic.edu.au Many thanks.

Mid Year Disco

PaFM presents MID-YEAR DISCO which will take place FRIDAY JUNE 10th 2016 The disco will be during the school day for all prep through to Grade 6 to enjoy.

Entry will be \$5 per student and will include a glow bracelet and a drink. Payment forms will be distributed to each class in the coming week.

Playgroup

Playgroup members enjoyed a session out at the Macleod Park last week spreading the word. There was lots of positive interaction with the community and we hope to see some new faces in the coming weeks.

Fridays in the prep room 10.30am - 11.30am for 3 & 4 year olds (however younger siblings welcome too). Please continue to spread the word throughout the community and come along for an hour of free fun and play. New families are always welcome and do not need to have siblings enrolled in the school to attend.

For more info check out the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/macleodplaygroup/?fref=ts>

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for MONDAY 6th JUNE at 9.30am (after assembly) in the staff room behind Mrs Convery's office - New members are always welcome.

If you can't make the meetings but would like to have input please join us via facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/macleodpfc/>

Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group Donations to the Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Program are Tax Deductible!

Did you know that you can donate money to the Chaplaincy and Wellbeing program of the school and that it is tax deductible?

You can give directly to the office or you can donate online via the dedicated website for all school chaplains: inspirechaplaincy.org.au. Macleod College is listed and the site then links to the ACCESS Ministries website who co-ordinate and oversee Ann-Marie's position at the school. The money will go directly to support Ann-Marie.

A tax deductible receipt will be emailed to you straight away. As all the funds for Ann-Marie's position need to be raised by the school, any donation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

Chocolate Drive

Boxes of chocolates have been sent home today to all those who returned the permission forms, except the Grade 5/6s as they have just returned from camp (unless the parents came to the office to collect); those students will receive them next Monday.

If you have returned a form but the chocolates have not come home, please let the office know. If you haven't returned a form but would like to take a box to sell, please see the office staff, or give me a call; we have extra boxes. Thanks to everyone for your efforts to support the school.

Election Day BBQ

We will be holding a sausage sizzle BBQ on the Federal Election day, July 2nd, probably from 8am until 4pm. It would be great to have as many helpers as possible to cover the day. It is a good opportunity to seek support from the local community so please consider if you have some time that you could give. A form will be in the next newsletter, or give me a ring or text to tell me your available times.

Cathie Clarke - Ph: 0411 883 904

Makerspace: Characters Are People Too



**Watsonia Library
Thursday 9 June
6.00pm – 8.00pm**

Write about your characters in a way that makes readers feel as though they know them.
Tess Evans, author of *The Book of Lost Threads*, *The Memory Tree* and *Mercy Street* will conduct a workshop for writers who want to develop their skills in character development.

Bookings required: www.yprf.vic.gov.au

Chaplaincy

Weekly Activities

Free breakfast program on every Thursday from 8am to 8.50am in G block for all students. Come and join us for cereal, toast, fruit, and hot milo.

Please encourage your child to attend and enjoy a healthy free breakfast with their friends.

Wednesday lunch time games for all primary school students with Geoff Spink and myself. All students are welcome to join in, a great way for students to make more friends.

Open House

Open House Macleod organise fun low cost programs for primary school students. Please see me for further information.

Chaplaincy and Wellbeing Support Group

The Chaplaincy program at Macleod College is supported by a committee of volunteers including parents and people from the community. This group supports the Chaplain and organises fundraising events to raise awareness and finances for the Chaplain's position.

The group which is seeking more parents to join us meet twice a term, so if you are able to assist, please let me know or come to the next meeting on Tuesday July 12th at 5.30pm in the social staff room. All welcome.

Chaplaincy Program

The Chaplaincy program at Macleod College is a program provided by Access Ministries for Prep to Year 12 students.

The Chaplain works with the wellbeing team at Macleod College and provides:

- Pastoral care support to the whole school community.
- Programs for students within the classroom to enhance wellbeing, and encourage positive relationships.
- Lunch time activities.
- Build connections with the wider community to provide programs and support for students and their families.
- Intervention and trauma support in crises and emergencies.

ACCESS Ministries' Chaplains represent local Christian churches and the school within the school and wider community. Chaplains and Wellbeing Workers help schools to build connections and relationships in a range of government and community organisations.

Please contact me via the office if you have any concerns, or would like further information.

Ann-marie Fife - Chaplain

Primary Vegetable Garden



Grade 1/2 Hillman Brain Break



What I discovered about Macleod

In 1978, Macleod College was just a small high school down on the football oval. There was a petrol station where there are now tennis courts.

A fact that I like is that no one lived in Macleod 50,000 years ago. Not even aboriginals. They are the world's oldest culture. They have been alive for over 65,000 years.

There were two Supermarkets, two Green Grocers and two Butchers. They had a lot less cars in the area than they have now. They now have units and most of the weather wood houses have been demolished.

In 1978 Macleod they had a lot more trees than they do now. Trees are now used to build the structures of houses.

Aboriginals lived in the area until European settlers moved in.

By Hamish Sellick

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT MACLEOD

I learned that there were 2 Butchers, 2 Supermarket and two Grocers. I also found out that there were very few houses in Macleod. This week we are going to try and find if the house we looked in a picture is still in its original location.

Did you know that there was a petrol station on the site of the current tennis courts? Yes there was! Nowadays there are way more cars in the streets of Macleod. No people lived in the area 50,000 years ago.

In 1978 there was only one High School in Macleod. There were also more trees. The old people liked having trees and natural things in their gardens. Nowadays there are way more units, people are destroying single houses to make units.

By Rohan Ramjutton

Library Week - 2016





OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Report Writing Day/Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 14th June 2016 7.00AM – 6.30PM

CHILDREN NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH

BREAKFAST & AFTERNOON TEA
INCLUDING FRESH FRUIT WILL BE PROVIDED
FEE: \$40.00 PER CHILD

Julie 9457 0234 or 0401 991 093

CHILD CARE BENEFIT (CCB) IS AVAILABLE TO ALL FAMILIES AS
FEE REDUCTION BOOKINGS FOR THIS DAY ARE ESSENTIAL
AND MUST BE MADE BY **NO LATER THAN 6th JUNE.**

A cancellation fee WILL be charged for bookings
cancelled without 24 hours notice.

Students are better prepared for learning and achieve positive outcomes when they are healthy, safe and happy.

Join us to hear from experts in youth mental health who can assist parents with an understanding of, and tools to help support, young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Parent Evening: Wednesday June 8.
Presentation: 7 :00- 8:00pm, Panel discussion/Q&A: 8:00 - 8:30pm.
Venue: Macleod College IMPACT Centre. Bookings 9459 0222

SAFEMinds.

SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES ENHANCING MINDS

"A sense of connectedness to families and schools is the most significant protective factor for young people."

(Resnick et al. *Protecting Adolescents From Harm*, 1997)

SAFEMINDS: AT HOME

SAFEMinds is a partnership between:



headspace
National Youth Mental Health Foundation



SAFEMinds combines a range of targeted training and a comprehensive toolkit of resources, to support whole school communities apply the NIP *it in the bud!* early intervention approach.

SAFEMinds Online

SAFEMinds: In Practice SAFEMinds: At Home

SAFEMinds. AIMS TO:

- enhance early intervention mental health support for children and young people in schools; specifically regarding mild mood disorders (anxiety and depression) and self harm
- increase engagement of parents and carers with schools to more effectively support their child's mental health; and
- develop clear and effective referral pathways between schools and community youth and mental health services.

To access more information about **SAFEMinds**
go to deecd.tech-savvy.com.au

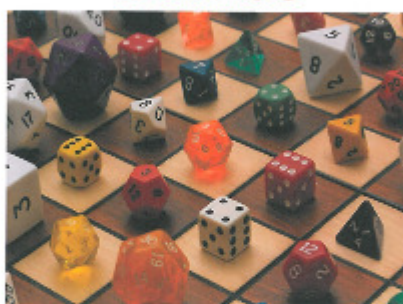


ROMIX
HAIR & BEAUTY
Welcome all models

Hair & Makeup students are excited to be applying their skills on *all models* requiring their formal, debutant, or evening hair and makeup looks

Come in or call us on
9457 0229
Lets discuss your look

Geek the Library: Freakishly Fun Games



Watsonia Library
Saturday 28 May
1.00pm – 4.00pm

Join us in the library for an afternoon board-game extravaganza. There will be experienced gamers on hand to show you how to play a range of well known board games such as Settlers of Catan, Carcassonne, Ticket to Ride and Pandemic.

Odyssey Writers Memoir writing Group



Watsonia Library
Third Wednesday of the month
10.00am – 12.00noon

If you are in the process of writing your memoir or interested in starting and would like to workshop your writing and share ideas with a supportive group of fellow memoir writers, come along and join in on the third Wednesday of the month.

Worldwide Knit in Public Day



Watsonia Library
Saturday 18 June
2.00pm – 4.00pm

To celebrate Worldwide Knit in Public Day Banyule Council is hosting a special Devonshire tea in the library. This years' theme is *Autumn Leaves, Foliage and Animals*. If you can't knit but would like to learn, come along and be shown how.
Bookings required: www.yprl.vic.gov.au

Environment: The Birds of Your Backyard



Watsonia Library
Wednesday 8 June
7.00pm – 8.00pm

Dr Kerry Herman from BirdLife Australia will speak about all things birdy in an urban environment. She will explore the birds you can expect to see in and around the Watsonia area including unusual and noteworthy species and how you can report these.