



Macleod P - 12 College

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PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY MAKE BOOKINGS ON COMPASS NOW

April

Monday 24th	10.15am	ANZAC Ceremony - NETS Stadium
Tuesday 25th		ANZAC DAY

May

Monday 1st	11.30am 2.10pm - 3.10pm	Primary Tour 3/4 Gymnastics
Wednesday 3rd	1pm - 5pm & 6pm - 7.50pm	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thursday 4th	2.10pm	Prep - 2 Market Fresh Incursion
Friday 5th		Interschool Sport
Monday 8th	11.30am 2.10pm - 3.10pm	Primary Tour 3/4 Gymnastics
Tues 9th - Thurs 11th		Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN
Friday 12th		Interschool Sport
Monday 15th	2.10pm - 3.10pm	3/4 Gymnastics
Tuesday 16th	3.30pm	Primary - 'Got Talent' Auditions Primary Tour
Thursday 18th		Primary - 'Got Talent' Final
Friday 19th		Interschool Sport
Monday 22nd	2.10pm - 3.10pm	3/4 Gymnastics
Friday 26th		Interschool Sport
Monday 29th	2.10pm - 3.10pm	3/4 Gymnastics

P - 6 Leader's Report

End of Term 1 Reflection

Welcome back for what promises to be a very busy and interesting term for us all. I have been thinking back over our short but busy first term feeling quite pleased with the small but positive changes we have begun to make to our program at Macleod. As a school, we are embracing the future with a real sense of purpose and passion for learning. I think we could count the following events among our early successes for this year:

- School Athletics Day
- School Swimming Carnival
- Meet and Greet Interviews
- Picnic in the Park
- New STEAM Program
- Baseball Clinics for 5/6s
- Student led Assemblies

Athletics Day

The feedback received regarding the new arrangements for the School Athletics Day has been overwhelmingly positive. The Year Prep – 4 students had a really enjoyable day with everyone participating with such enthusiasm. They supported each other happily during the events, such as sprints, hurdles and relays, cheering loudly for their classmates. This generated a wonderful atmosphere over the day.

The track events were followed by a rotation of novelty events including: bean bag throw, obstacle relays, quoits and handball targets. The children gained points for their houses as they scored in each event and these contributed to the overall house cup winners for the day.

We were treated to a yummy sausage sizzle lunch by the fantastic parents from the PFA and it was lovely to watch the children gather around the Early Years playground munching their sausages and apples chatting together. I wish to thank those parents, grandparents and carers who supported us so well on this most successful and enjoyable day. We could not do what we do without your help.

The Year 5/6 students also returned from their day at Meadow Glen Athletics Track, enthusiastically sharing their enjoyment of the day with us. They too got caught up in the enthusiastic cheering, chants and competition between the houses.

Life Education Van Visit

This week we welcomed back the Life Education Van to Macleod College. Here is a short overview of each program attended by our students at each level. The teachers will follow up these sessions with more discussions and activities to engage the children further with the content.

The Year Prep program: My Body Matters

This module focuses on things children can do to keep themselves healthy including: the importance of personal hygiene, choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet, benefits of physical activity and sleep and ways to keep safe at home, school and in the community.



The Year 1/2 program: Ready, Steady Go

Harold and his friends are ready for their big race at the school athletics carnival. Or are they? When one member of their relay team doesn't show up, what will they do? This fun, engaging narrative provides opportunities to discover: benefits of physical activity, safety strategies in different environments, how our body reacts in new situations and what our body needs to be healthy including a nutritious diet, water and sleep

The Year 3/4 program: Mind Your Medicine

Using a friendly game show format Mind Your Medicine develops students' understanding of medicines and their safe use, positive communication, strategies for managing conflict, stress, and bullying and explores how feelings influence the choices that we make. Factors that influence someone's sense of self-worth, techniques for effective communication, identifying the impact of different factors on health and wellbeing, strategies for managing stressful situations, medicines as drugs and the consequences of their misuse

The Year 4/5/6 program: B Cyberwise

This module focuses on cyber safety, cyber ethics and building positive relationships with friends online and offline. The students explore a range of issues such as password security, risks of sharing personal information, how to communicate respectfully both online and offline, and strategies to handle bullying. Including cyberbullying, responsible and respectful behaviour when using communication technology, skills for building positive relationships with friends, keeping personal information safe online, strategies to deal with bullying and cyberbullying as well as exploring the role of bystanders.

Reminder about Forms and Notices to be returned to school

In case you may have missed our last newsletter, we have reviewed our policy this year about permission forms and notices and I wish to be very clear that we will not be receiving these communications after their due back date. This is due to the difficulties we have had meeting costs and quotas to run events, when we do not have sufficient numbers of students attending. We wish to avoid disappointing the children if lack of permissions and payments prevent us from running an event. The staff consider very carefully the excursions, incursions, camps and events we offer to our students, keeping in mind the costs to parents, so as to keep these manageable and affordable for everyone. These are the current permission forms and their due dates:

Event	Permission forms and Payment due by
Year 3/4/5 Gymnastics	Friday 28 th April

NAPLAN Preparations

As this will be the first time for Year 3 students, in preparation for NAPLAN testing, we will be conducting some practice testing so that the children become familiar with the format of the tests. This will ensure that they are more relaxed for the actual tests and be able to focus on the content of them. The Year 5 students will also do some practice testing in the lead up. These will occur in week 4. Please refer to the letter attached to this newsletter which explains the circumstances and processes of this program.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be held on Wednesday 3rd May, commencing at 1:30pm through to 7:30pm. This will be a pupil free day, however, students are expected to attend interviews with their parents so that they may be part of the discussions about their progress. Times for these interviews will be available via Compass in the coming week and you are encouraged to book early to secure the time you prefer.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

We will be attending our annual ANZAC Day commemoration service in the stadium on Monday 24th April. I have been so impressed and deeply moved by this service each year since I arrived at Macleod College and feel honoured that our students can be part of such an important historical event to mark our nation's proud history.

I know that the younger children are enthralled by the service and have lots of questions after it each year eager to learn about the significance of the ANZACs.

Karen Butterworth

P - 6 Leader

Visit our **STEAM** program blog to get updates of what's happening in the **STEAM** Program share lessons and the children's work
<http://stammc.global2.vic.edu.au>
Please feel free to visit any time!



OSHC @ Macleod

Before & After School Program

Cost before Childcare Rebate:

\$13 – Before Care from 7am

\$16 –After Care till 6:30pm

Breakfast, Afternoon Tea, Craft activities, Sports, ICT, Movies and much, much more.

To book call Julie on

0401 991 093



Parents & Friends Macleod

*Parents & Friends would like to welcome
all new & old members*

THANK YOU!!

A HUGE THANKS To all who helped out this week after school to tidy the primary play area which included sweeping and raking and spreading out the soft fall mulch. Once again a job well done and much appreciated by all.

THANKS to all those parents & friends who assisted with the prep to Grade 4 Athletics Day sausage sizzle last term.

WHATS COMING UP IN TERM 2:

MOTHERS DAY STALL – May 9th & 10th

The mother's day stall will be available to all primary students and this year will also be available to Year 7 & 8 students. Gifts will range from approximately \$2 to \$10 per item.

TERM 2 ACTIVITY – IN SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 28th June

– Details will be available closer to the date.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEEDS YOU!

If you are able to be a part of the Parents & Friends Committee please do come along to our next meeting (details below). While we have a great bunch of committed parents and friends we really would love some more fresh faces on the committee to help fulfil all we hope to. *'Many hands make light work'* ~John Heywood J

CONTACT US:

Please add us on Facebook search for:

Macleod College Parents and Friends

Email us: parentsandfriends@macleod.vic.edu.au

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 1st MAY – at 9.30am (after school assembly in the staff room behind Mrs Butterworths office)

PARENTS & FRIENDS FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ARE ALL WELCOME.



Baseball

The grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes enjoyed two Baseball clinics run by Matt Whyte from Greensborough Baseball club. Students played a variety of modified fun games to introduce them to the game of Baseball. It was a lot of fun and plenty of home runs were made. For anyone interested in playing Baseball (for both boys and girls!) the Greensborough Baseball club is a successful club supported by nationally accredited coaches. If you are interested you can contact Sharon 0403354276 or through the website www.greensborough.baseball.com.au.

Sharyn Moussa - Physical Education

