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Macleod P - 12 College

## School Council of Macleod College Notice of Ballot

An election for three representatives of the Parent Category for the March 2017 – March 2019 Macleod College School Council was conducted between Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 and 4pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. As at 4pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 the number of nominations was more than the number of vacancies, therefore a ballot is required. Ballot papers have been distributed to all families by mail.

Ballot papers must be lodged at the General Office by 4.00pm on Tuesday March 21st 2017.

## March

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 1pm	LABOUR DAY WORKING BEE - EARLY YEARS				
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Primary Movie Night (Movie starts at 7pm sharp)				
Tuesday 21st	3.30pm	PRIMARY TOUR				
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Prep - 4 ATHLETICS PROGRAM at school Year 5 - 12 ATHLETICS DAY at Meadowglen				
Friday 31st	2.20pm finish	OUT OF UNIFORM DAY - END OF TERM 1				

## **April**

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>		PUPIL FREE		
Wednesday 19th	6pm - 8pm	Students resume for term 2 Macleod College EXPO Evening		
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>		P - 6 Life Education		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	ANZAC Ceremony		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>		ANZAC DAY		

## Pupil of the Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> March

Prep/1 COJ	1/2 PIL/AUC	3/4 PET/AUC	4/5 BUT	5/6 HIL	5/6 CAM
Paul-Andre J-O	Meghna T	Angus S	Jake F	Hamish S	
Caitlyn P		Kao-Klong C	Lucas S	Preeti T	

## P - 6 Leader's Report

I would like to start by welcoming Nick Cameron back to school and thanking Katja Kankaanpaa for taking care of his class during his absence.

Katja will now assume a part time role, sharing responsibility for Anne Hillman and my classes to enable us to carry out our other roles in the school.



We will now be able to settle into a normal routine with our classes, as this arrangement will remain for the rest of the year.

### **Primary Assembly**

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March we will be conducting our assemblies in the hall. This will enable the primary orchestra to set up more easily and we will have access to microphones without having to disturb the Year 7 classes.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Last Monday, we enjoyed a fantastic day at Northcote Swimming Pools for our Swimming Carnival. We were fortunate to have perfect weather on the day and attendance at the event was excellent with the students participating enthusiastically in the events on offer. I would like to thank those parents, grandparents and carers who came along on the day to help and support students and staff.

### **Pancake Day Activities**

The Prep-Year 4/5 students enjoyed pancakes on Tuesday morning made by chefs, Sylvia Petrovska and myself. They chose from toppings of lemon and sugar, maple syrup and jam. The children participated in fun literacy activities related to Pancake Day while they waited for their pancakes to cook. Judging from the empty plates and no complaints they were appreciated by the students.

### **Deadlines for Payments and Permission Notes**

This year we will be tightening up our processes around excursions, incursions and camps. It is essential for parents and carers to understand the importance of returning payments and permission forms by the due dates. It causes a number of issues for the school, if these dates are not adhered to: such as having to cancel events due to a lack of numbers attending, not being able to cover the cost of buses and disappointing those students who have returned their payments and permissions on time.

Therefore, we insist that you ensure payments and permission forms are returned by the due dates in future to avoid disappointing your child from not being able to attend an excursion, incursion or camp. For those families who are eligible for CSEF funding, you need to notify us that you will be using these funds which are available for these purposes.

### **School Nurse Visits**

I would like to remind the Prep parents about the importance of returning the School Nurse Health Check forms to school as soon as possible. These checks are free to students and can be very helpful in picking up health issues that can affect your child's learning such as vision and hearing which may warrant further investigation.

## **Baseball Clinics for Year 5/6 Students**

We have been offered some free baseball clinics for our students by Greensborough Baseball Club. The club are keen to teach the children some baseball skills with the view to stimulating their interest in the game.

They are also keen to recruit interested children at the club to play baseball on weekends.

The students really enjoyed the softball clinics offered to them in term 4, last year and we see these clinics as a great opportunity for them to learn the skills of different sports and to see what sorts of sports options are on offer to play both in and out of school hours.

#### OSHC

OSHC families please remember to cancel your booking and notify OSHC of any changes, we cannot stress this enough. Any cancellation made after 10am (on the day of the booking) will be noted as a late cancellation and you will be charged for the session.

Please keep us updated. You must notify the program of any changes to bookings, early pick-ups, playdates, absences or illnesses. If your child is absent from school and will not be attending the program please text or call 0401 991 093.

We recommend that our primary parents enrol their children in the OSHC Program. Even if you don't intend using the program, it is a great back up option if you are running late or have to attend to an emergency and can't get to school at pick up time. If your child is not enrolled, in these situations, they will not be able to attend the program.

For your information also, the costs of the OSHC Program are as follows: 1 child for the morning session is \$13.00 and 1 child for the afternoon session is \$16.00. These costs are without the government childcare rebate which means many families would pay less than these amounts.

### Playgroup @ Macleod 2017

This week our very successful playgroup resumed for 2017. This year it will take place in the Prep room on Tuesdays between 10 – 11:30 am. If you know of any local Mums looking for a friendly playgroup for their 3-4 year olds, please let them know about us. They can phone the school for more information if they choose.

Rebecca Jara, who completed Year 12 at Macleod College last year, is running the sessions this year. She is very excited about the role and we appreciate her willingness to volunteer for the job. We began with 6 little people and their mums and dad this week, we welcome them to our school.

### **ICAS Testing for 2017**

Our school is taking part in ICAS in 2017. This assessment can help benchmark and track learning progress. It can help identify the true capabilities of students so that we can work together to help your child to reach their full potential.

Your investment in education is valuable and we want to help your child to be the best they can be. More information and forms will be sent home this coming week.

## Life Education Visit in term 2

The Life Education Van will be visiting us in the first week of next term.

These primary school curriculum based modules focus on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cybersafety, safety with medicine and legal drugs; tobacco, alcohol and caffeine. By taking a comprehensive approach to drug and health education these modules help children to develop relationship skills, positive communication (both face to face and online), problem solving and decision making skills.

They provide students the opportunity to develop strategies, and practice the skills required to avoid the harms associated with an unhealthy lifestyle.

Each module presents an issue or issues with memorable and engaging activities. Specially trained educators ensure that all messages are age-appropriate, relevant and enhance and support the messages taught in Australian schools. There will also be a parent session for those of you who wish to have more information about the Life Education program. An invitation will be sent home in the near future.

### **STEAM Program**

To finish this week, I would like to remind you to visit our STEAM program blog to get updates of what's happening in the STEAM Program share lessons and the children's work <a href="http://stammc.global2.vic.edu.au">http://stammc.global2.vic.edu.au</a> please feel free to visit any time!

# Karen Butterworth P - 6 Leader

### **FREE BREAKFAST CLUB**

FOR ALL STUDENTS (PREP TO YEAR 12) – Provided by the Wellbeing Team. EVERY THURSDAY 8am to 8.45am in G BLOCK

## Parents & Friends of Macleod (PaFM)

Parents & Friends would like to welcome all new & old members for 2017.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ICY POLES**

Term 1 - Thursdays after school \$1 each sold in 2 locations Primary area- near the playground and High School area - outside D19 Music rehearsal room Thank you to all the parents so far who have helped out each Thursday after school, especially Jo Kilpatrick,

# TERM 1 ACTIVITY —FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT 17<sup>th</sup> March (next Friday)

Sarah Allen, Ramon Araujo & Linda Voykovic.

Easter theme movie \$5 entry per family - payable on the night.

Macleod College Theatre 6pm arrival for 7pm (sharp) movie start time

Sausage Sizzle \$2 & Drinks \$1.50 (available at 6pm) Includes an Easter Egg Hunt too!

### **WORKING BEE – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

(Labour Day Public Holiday)

10am - 1pm

Primary area tidy and freshen up

Your help is kindly appreciated

### **CONTACT US:**

Please add us on Facebook search for: *Macleod College Parents and Friends* 

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

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

PARENTS & FRIENDS FROM PRIMARY <u>AND</u> SECONDARY ARE *ALL WELCOME*.

### Learn to Swim Intensives

5 day intensive

at

Olympic Leisure Centre

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April — Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Cost \$55.00

Concession \$49.50

Includes pool entry
Bookings essential on 9490 7111



Starting in Term 2, 2017 at Macleod College

The CASEA (CAMHS and Schools Early Action) program is part of Austin Health and is partnering with our school this year. CASEA has been developed to help children understand and express emotions, and to be better at problem solving and getting along with others. Development of these skills has been shown to enhance student capacity to achieve academically. The CASEA team will be working at the school and classroom levels, as well as at the small group level.

The program is free for your family and also for the school.

The small group part of the program has been designed for children in Grade Prep to Grade 3. Parents from these year levels will be asked to complete a short questionnaire that will help us identify families who might benefit from the program. Invitations to participate in the group programs will follow.

We are looking forward to our partnership with CASEA commencing.

If you would like more information please contact:

Name: Rosalin Shafik-Eid Contact telephone: 9496 2822 Website: www.austin.org.au/casea

## Child myki now available for all public transport users aged 18 years and under

From 30 January 2017, all public transport users aged between 5 and 18 years (under 19) can purchase a **Child myki** and pay a concession fare. The Child myki is different from the Student myki as the Child myki applies to anyone aged 18 years and under, including non-students, international students and tourists provided that they can demonstrate they are aged 18 years or under.

Customers aged 17 and 18 must carry government issued proof of age identification (such as a Drivers Licence, Learners Permit, Proof of Age card, Keypass or Passport), or proof of another concession entitlement (such as a PTV School Student ID or Healthcare card) at all times when travelling on public transport. Failure to do so may result in a fine.

Please note that <u>a school issued student card is not considered an appropriate form of identification in this instance.</u>

No proof of age is required for **children aged 16 and under.** For further information see; <u>PTV 2017 Fare Change</u> and <u>PTV Concession Fares Children</u>

#### Program dates and details:

## Tuesday 4th April Arts and Craft

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm Cost: \$25 or \$20 (HCC)\*

## Wednesday 5th April

Melbourne Zoo Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Cost: \$25 or \$20 (HCC)\*

Drop off and pick up at Open House, Macleod

Limited to 10 children

## Tuesday 11th April Movie Day

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm Cost: \$25 or \$20 (HCC)\*

## Wednesday 12th April

Laser Tag

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm Cost: Standard price of \$30

Drop off and pick up at Open House, Macleod

Limited to 10 children

## Thursday 13th April Park outing

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm Cost: \$25 or \$20 (HCC)\*

Drop off and pick up at Open House, Macleod

Limited to 10 children

#### PLEASE NOTE:

\*Discount only applies for health care card holders (HCC).

Children are required to bring their own lunch each day of the program. Healthy snacks will be provided.

For further information or to make a booking, please contact Tim or Bec on 9450 7600 or email:

twomersley@openhousecic.org.au bcole@openhousecic.org.au



## TERM 1 HOLIDAY PROGRAM APRIL 2017

Fun activities include:

Melbourne Zoo

Arts and Craft

Loser Tag

Park Outing

Movie Day



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