



Primary Bulletin 15th June 2018

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PUPIL FREE DAYS
FRIDAY 22nd JUNE - REPORTS
MONDAY 16th JULY - CURRICULUM DAY

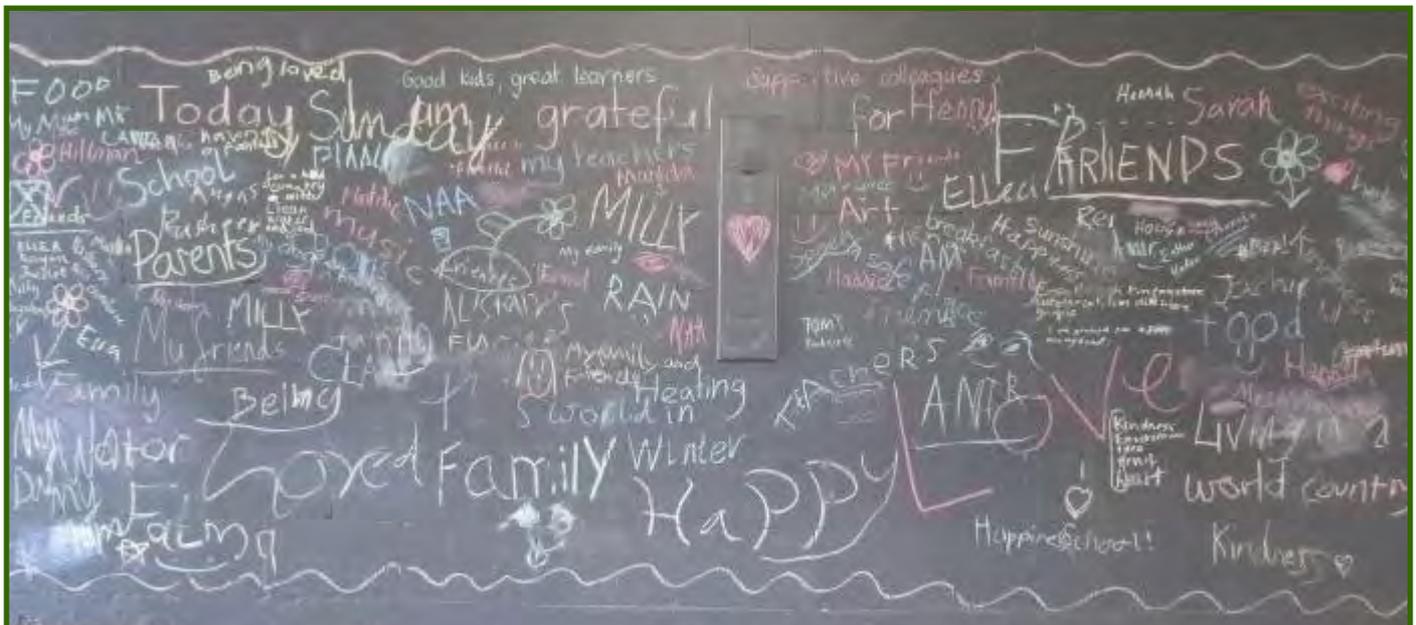
June

Tuesday 19th		Out of Uniform Day - World Cup Day
Wednesday 20 th	6.15pm	College Council
Friday 22 nd		REPORT DAY - PUPIL FREE
Thursday 28 th		2018 CSEF Applications close
Friday 29 th		Science Day Last day Term 2 - 2.20pm finish

July

Monday 16 th		CURRICULUM DAY - PUPIL FREE
Tuesday 17 th		4/5/6 Interschool Sport
Friday 27 th	5pm - 8pm	German Xmas Market
Tue 31/7 - Fri 3/8		Music Camp

Grade 5/6 Thankful Wall



P - 6 Leader's Report

How welcome the Queen's Birthday Holiday was this week. I'm sure we all enjoyed the opportunity to have a sleep in or to take an extra day to relax with the family.



I made a start on my very long list of jobs around the house taking a couple of hours to clean out the plastics cupboard. I think I almost filled a recycling bin, but now I can close the cupboard and actually find containers and their matching lids!

Early Years Renewal

We are on a mission at the moment in the Early Years building with lots of projects being identified to be done. We have been shuffling the classes around to free up classrooms for painting. Dino, our new maintenance man is doing a fantastic job. What a difference a coat of paint can make.

The teachers and I are planning a working bee over the holidays to sort through our resources. We will be taking stock of what we have and making decisions about what is still useful for our children and their learning and what we no longer have a use for. We will be updating our storage of maths equipment and generally decluttering the storage and office spaces to make them more efficient and accessible.

Meeting with Sustainable Macleod Group

Yesterday, Mario, Simone and I met with Paul from the Sustainable Macleod Group who manage the Community Garden at the back of the school.

We started discussions about some terrific garden projects that we could do with our primary students including establishing some large garden plots along the Carwarp St boundary, the children learning about plant propagation and raising seedlings, as well as teaching them the important messages of sustainability and the joy of growing our own food to reduce our carbon footprint.

Reigniting our connection with Macleod Kinder

I took the opportunity to meet with Dani Beran, one of the kinder teachers from Macleod Kinder last week to see what sorts of shared experiences we could organise between our students and theirs. We will be starting with some library visits by the kinder children next term, so that they can see our school and enjoy some of the wonderful books we have in our picture story section.

We will also be arranging some visits with our students to the kinder to do some fun cross age activities and a group of our Year 5/6 students will be taking some of our beebots to the kinder to introduce them to what we do in our STEAM program here at Macleod.

Parent Helpers

I would like to thank Beverley, Fiona and Jenny for coming along to the Parent Helper's course this week. I hope that you all learnt some handy tips for helping both your own children and others here at Macleod.

We look forward to having your help in the classrooms, which I know you will find both rewarding and interesting. The teachers welcome the support parents can offer at school to strengthen the school/home partnership.

On Demand Testing

Further to the sorts of assessments we are doing with the children at the moment, the students from Year 3 – Year 10 have been involved in On Demand Testing in the areas of Reading, Spelling, Language Skills, Number and Measurement.

These tests adapt to the children's skill level as they work through them and give a level against the Victorian Curriculum Standards. This in turn informs the teachers as to how they are progressing and where they are up to in the curriculum continuum.

School Tours

I am really encouraged by the level of interest I have had from people attending our school tours of late. As you are aware, we are working hard to increase our enrolments in the primary area and the feedback from people coming to see us is very positive.

I am proud of the work we do here with our children and it is such a pleasure to share this with our visitors. To our current families, I urge you to enrol your Prep children for next year, as we are already starting to plan new elements in our program for 2019.

Curriculum Day

Next Friday 22nd June is a pupil free day and will see the staff preparing, proof reading and finalising Semester 1 reports.

These will be available to parents in the last week of term on Compass. As always, we are happy to help if you are having difficulties accessing Compass. We will not be issuing printed copies of reports, but you will be able to print them from Compass if you wish yourself.

Swimming Program for 2018

This year we will be offering our swimming program from Prep to Year 6 at Yarra Swim School. The Year 3-6 students attended this program last year and we were most impressed with the high quality of the pool, swimming teachers and service we received from Yarra Swim School.

The Prep-Year 2 children will attend 6 x 45minute lessons and the Year 3- Year 6 students will attend 5 x 60 minute lessons in the last 6 weeks of term 3. We welcome the help of parents particularly for the Prep-Year 2 students.

The pricing structure of this swimming program is more reasonable for parents also and I encourage all of our students to attend as this program is considered part of our Physical Education program. This event will appear on Compass early in term 3 and payment plans are available.

CSEF

A reminder to parents that 2018 CSEF applications close on Thursday 28th June.

Karen Butterworth
P - 6 Leader

Naa's Natter

Hi everyone, today I am going to be going to be talking about how I recently got into Miss Fashion Week Australia.

Miss Fashion Week (MFW) is an international model contest for all models. Miss Fashion Week is a global organisation which promotes positive self-image, self-love, and self-confidence and diversity.

Miss Fashion Week helps support the education of youth in Africa. MFW believe that we need to help empower the youth with the right knowledge and tools to help them have a better education. This aspect of MFW is really important to me as I also represent African youth. I know how lucky I am to have an education in Australia compared to how it would be if I was still in Africa.

A few weeks ago I was in the Victorian final where I had to walk the runway in casual wear followed by party wear. I felt nervous but I love modelling so much that I just focused on that. I had to wait a whole day to find out how I went. I was on school camp and my mum text me the exciting news that I had come first in my age group, which granted me definite entry in the Nationals which will be held in Melbourne later this year in September.

I am super excited as it is a great opportunity for me to become more confident and better my skills as a runway model plus make friends and be a positive role model to my little sister Marley who is also an established model.

I also now have a chance to win a trip to the USA for the International Miss Fashion Week event and although for me it isn't about winning, a trip to the USA would be AMAZING to win!

My mum is a great support and together we will work hard to promote my position in the nationals final and also find some sponsorships to help me with this incredible journey. I will enjoy the next few months of preparations and practising.

Family and friends are encouraged to come and watch the event to support all the finalists.

Tickets will be on sale soon so check out www.missfashionweekaustralia.com for more information.

Thanks for reading and I will keep you all updated along the way.



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World Cup Day

Macleod College will be celebrating **World Cup day on Tuesday 19th June**. It is an Out of Uniform Day so wear your **country colours**, whether it is a soccer top or just the colours / flag of your country. **A gold coin donation to be out of uniform.**

Prep to year 9 will take part in a **house soccer tournament** during one lesson in the day. Year 11 and 12 students are encouraged to get involved in a lunchtime soccer game against teachers.

The SRC students will hold a **BBQ** outside the stadium at lunch time. **Sausages and veggie burgers will be sold for \$2.00.**



Ally Kalifatidis - SRC

Sustainable Macleod & the

**Macleod Organic
Community Garden**



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This week's offer

Tip of the Week

The autumn break signals the ideal time to plant winter vegetables, and seedlings take off like rockets, catching up to where you would have hoped they would be had you planted them earlier. Winter vegetables need consistent cold to grow and develop good hearts and heads.

Real Time Events: Macleod Veggie Swap

June 16, 2018 @ 11:00 – 12:00

Where: Rotunda in Macleod Park
Aberdeen Road, Macleod VIC 3085

In the Community Garden

We are now tweaking projects. Conduit was buried in preparation for installing a weather station in polytunnel 2 and plans were started for a mushroom cave and a mudbrick seed raising cupboard in polytunnel 2. Chris and Sandra are working with the Men's Shed on the design and construction of a rotating herb garden tower!



The **Macleod Organic Community Garden** is open

Wednesdays, 1 – 3pm and Saturdays, 1 – 5pm

Entrance Somers Ave (Rear of Macleod College)

New members welcome!

For more information, contact

sustainablemacleod@gmail.com

Shapes are everywhere!

Students in Grade 1 and 2 have been learning about shapes in artworks. Artists use shapes to create common objects and figures in our everyday lives. The students used shape stamps and combined them to create objects and figures in their artworks. Can you see what is in the artworks?



Grade 4/5/6 Fruit & Vegetables



P1 Learning Activities

