



Macleod P - 12 College

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IMPORTANT JANUARY 2019 DATES

Monday 21st
General Office Reopens

Friday 25th
9am - 12pm Primary & Secondary Book Pick up - Hall
9am - 12pm Uniform Shop Open

Wednesday 30th Year 1 - 12 Students Resume
9am Years 1 - 10 students 10am Years 11 & 12

Thursday 31st January
Preps & IELC Students Begin
Uniform Shop Open 3.15pm - 5pm

December

Wednesday 5 th	6pm Meeting 7pm Dinner	College Council Meeting & Dinner
Friday 14 th	11.30am 5pm	Parent Helper's Morning Tea Year 6 Celebration Evening
Monday 17 th		Year Prep - 5 Movie Day @ Hoyts Greensborough Year 6 End of Year Excursion
Tuesday 18 th	6pm 7.30pm	Year Prep - 6 Awards Night - IMPACT Theatre Year 7 - 12 Awards Night & Year 12 Graduation - Macleod College Theatre/Hall
Friday 21 st		LAST DAY 2018 11am FINISH

P - 6 Leader's Report

As we roll into the end of year there is much to be done. The children are finishing learning tasks and taking final assessments for the year and teachers are doing their best to keep order and focus in their classrooms as we creep towards the final day of the year. We are also very busy making plans and arrangements for the coming year as it fast approaches.



Our Valuable Partnership with Parents

I would like to begin this report by acknowledging the valuable contributions that you our parents make to our school. Whether it be covering books for our literacy programs, cutting up fruit for tastings, hearing children read, helping out on excursions, however seemingly small the gesture may be, we really appreciate your input and value your efforts.

We would like to show our appreciation by inviting you to our annual **Parent Helper's Morning Tea on Friday 14th December**. We will be sending out invitations this week, so look out for these with your child.

Parent Participation – Ways you can be involved

We offer many opportunities for you to contribute to the Macleod College community and we encourage as many parents as possible to become active members. You are welcome to put your hand up for any of the following:

Parents & Friends Association - This is primarily a group of enthusiastic parents who do some amazing work raising funds to enable us to purchase valuable resources to enrich the children's learning. They also get involved in some projects to improve our facilities as well as running Mother's and Father's Day stalls for the children to purchase gifts.

School Council - This forum gives parents an opportunity to have a voice in the decisions that are made for improving our school. It also gives you a glimpse into the inner workings of the school and hear firsthand what is happening throughout the school.

Parent Helpers - We offer a 2-hour training course which gives you skills and strategies to help children with their literacy skills in the classroom. These strategies also enable you to better support your own child with their reading and literacy tasks at home. I can highly recommend this course to you.

Prep Transition Program

Wednesday 28th November was the last of our prep transition sessions for 2018. The children are showing signs of being a wonderful, focussed group. The children met their buddies for next year and played with them outside at recess. The year 5 students wrote letters to their younger buddy introducing themselves and 'Santa' even popped in to give them a show bag of school themed goodies.

Mrs Hillman will be teaching the prep class next year and she is taking on the role with gusto. I think it has given her a new lease on her teaching outlook, so I know that the children are in excellent hands with her expertise and guidance. She is talking to me daily about the exciting things she has planned for next year. We are really fortunate to have such passionate people like Anne here at Macleod.

Booklists and Resources for 2019

By now your children would have brought home their 2019 booklists to you. You may have noticed that we have changed our provider over to North of the Yarra Booksellers which means that all families can conveniently purchase their school resources from this local business.

You have the following options available this year: return your list to school and pick up your books on book pick up day on 25th January at school, call in to North of the Yarra to have your list filled, or order online and pick up your list on pick up day.

Year 5 students will also have received with their booklists the requirements and information for purchasing a device for school use.

Please read the information thoroughly and if you have any queries, contact Simone Hale through Compass email or call her at school on 9459 0222. She is the best person to talk to as she manages all of our ICT through the school.

Preparations for 2019

The primary staff are working hard to ensure that we have everything organised for a smooth start to 2019. While we are in winding down mode in our classrooms, we are also turning our attention to what needs to be done looking forward.

The children have been asked to select the friends they would like to be with in 2019, grade groupings are being put together, thoughts about which classroom will house classes, which staff will be doing roles etc, etc...

We will all be together in the Early Years building next year, so it will really bring us back together as a team, geographically speaking, of course. I will be sending out further communication in the next week or so to explain what is happening in more detail to you.

Awards Night @ Macleod College this year

Normally, we would be heading down to The Centre, Ivanhoe for our Awards night, but this year there will be renovations going on at this venue at this time. So we are adapting our format this year by holding our ceremonies at Macleod College.

We will be holding two ceremonies one for primary students and one for secondary students as we would not be able to house everyone together in our school's theatre at once.

The Primary Awards Ceremony will take place in our Impact theatre from 6:00pm, with a light supper being on offer after this. The Secondary ceremony will then commence in the Theatre in the Thompson Carter wing from 7:30pm. Families of those students who have been nominated for awards, will receive a letter to inform them, inviting them along to this special event.

The students will receive their awards from the School Council, President – Mr Wayne Richards and/or Mr Panaccio, our Principal. This event is a wonderful tradition for our school and a lovely way to celebrate the excellent work of our students.

P- 5 Movie Day

Please ensure that you give consent and make payment for your children to be able to attend our Movie Day on Monday 17th December. This is our day to celebrate the end of another year of hard work and learning success and will be a real treat for us all to get out and enjoy a fun experience together.

I have already had a handful of parents offering to come along with us to help with supervision and I welcome any more of you who can spare the time to join us. I'm sure it will be an enjoyable and relaxing day for everyone. We will be leaving school approximately 9:15am to catch the train to Greensborough.

The movie starts at 10:30am and we will have a cinema to ourselves. We will enjoy a picnic in the park after the show and catch the train back to school in time for end of day by 3:00pm.

Year 6 Celebration Day

On this day, the Year 6 students will be heading off in the opposite direction to the city, to enjoy a day of fun at Kingpin @ Crown. They will enjoy time in the arcade games area, do some bowling and enjoy a special lunch.

I know our grade 6 students last year had an awesome time, so I'm sure this year will be no different for our current students. I know that Mrs Hillman and Mr Cameron would be grateful for 1 or 2 parent helpers to tag along if you have the time.

Hang in there we're nearly there!!

Karen Butterworth

P - 6 Leader

Join us at
the last Breakfast Club for 2018
We welcome all students & staff
to a



Thursday 6th December at 8:00am
In G Block

Prep - 2 Dinosaur Toolbox



Sustainable Macleod & the
Macleod Organic
Community Garden



This week's offer

Real Time Events: Christmas Party

We will have a Christmas party at the Macleod Organic Community Garden on Friday 14 December from 7 pm to celebrate. The pizza oven will be fired up so bring some salads or some savory or sweet festive food to share, and whatever you want to drink.

Tip of the Week

"I have been cooking broad bean leaves and they make a great veggie - all my beans have been harvested, but the plants still have leaves - the newer leaves on the top half of the plant are tender and fine to eat. Am so sad my broad beans have finished though, but have a leaf legacy to remind me of them... I will plant more next year and they are so good for the soil. I chop the tops off and leave the roots to rot in place." (MOCG member)

In the Community Garden

The Sustainable Macleod Christmas Gift this year was \$250 for the "3081 Angels" who support vulnerable mothers by supplying them with baby clothes, prams, furniture and



infant formula.

Our gift will cover the infant formula budget for the Angels for one week. The Angels are all volunteers, working out of

the Rosanna Baptist Church Hall. Donations of baby and toddler clothes, furniture or cash are very welcome. We also donated 3 teddy bears not sold in our auction.

To make donations or general enquiries
3081angels@bchs.org.au

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



**GIRLS FOOTY
- JOIN THE FUN!
WE WANT YOU in 2019!**



Register your interest for 2019 NOW

EXPANDING IN 2019 – Auskick to Under 18's!

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