



# Macleod P - 12 College

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**DON'T FORGET**  
**MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - 2018 PLANNING DAY**  
**PUPIL FREE**

## November

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am - 12pm	2018 Prep Transition
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## December

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.30pm - 3.10pm	Prep - 2 Swimming Program
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.15pm	College Council Meeting & Dinner
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm - 3.10pm	Prep - 2 Swimming Program
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>		PUPIL FREE - 2018 PLANNING DAY
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am - 3pm	2018 Year 7 Orientation
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am - 3pm	2018 Year 7 Orientation
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>		Grade 6 End of Year Excursion - Crown Kingpin
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Grade 6 Celebration Evening
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Year 12 Graduation & College Awards Night
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Primary Helpers' Morning Tea
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		LAST DAY FOR 2017 - 11am FINISH

## January 2018

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Staff return - General Office
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> SCHOOL RESUMES	9am 10am 9.30am - 2pm	Year 1 - 10 students Year 11 & 12 students Primary Book Pick up - B9

## February

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9am	Preps start
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Pupil of the Week Ending 17<sup>th</sup> November

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## P - 6 Leader's Report

Well here we are, in the final 4 weeks of the school year. We are in preparations for 2018 with grades to be finalised, booklists to be ordered and a myriad of other tasks to do before we look forward to the summer break.



### Transition

The third and final Prep transition session will happen this Wednesday. We have seen a very settled and cohesive group already at the sessions as well as a very enthusiastic group of parents attending the accompanying information sessions.

They have heard talks from Sue Hodges, our school nurse and Joy Kwok our speech pathologist and this week we have our CASEA visit from Rosalin Shafik Eid, who will speak about emotional coaching and learning for children.

New enrolments at other grade levels through the school will pay us a visit on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December for their transition to meet other students and teachers they will be working with next year.

### Movie Night

Our Movie Night last week was a great success. Judging from the audience reactions to the movies, they were well received by everyone who attended. The children really enjoyed being involved in the whole process of making these and learnt a lot about how a movie is put together.

You will be receiving a copy of the class movies on DVD in the next couple of weeks. However if you have not paid for your child's participation in this program you will not receive one. You still have the opportunity to pay for the program at the office.

### Swimming Programs

This week is the final swimming session for Year 3 - 6 students. We have been most impressed with the quality of the program and the facilities at Yarra Swim School this term. We will be using this service next year for all of our swimming classes P-6, as it has proven to be more convenient and efficient for our school.

I can highly recommend Yarra Swim School if you are looking for swimming lessons out of school time for your children. The P - 2 swimming program will continue for 3 more weeks.

I apologise for the delay in them getting back to school a bit later on Fridays but we could only get a later session for our classes this year. We will ensure this does not happen next year.

### Booklists Reminder

You will have received your child's booklist for 2018 last week. Please attend to these as soon as possible as it is important that they are returned to school or submitted online by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are submitting your order online please return the slip at the bottom of the cover letter so that we know not to chase you.

If you choose to purchase your child's supplies from somewhere else, please take the list with you and ensure that you are getting the correct rulings in exercise books as this is important for the different stages of learning.

### Headphones

I have also requested that the children bring a set of headphones to school next year. I have noticed that they are some very reasonably priced ones around at the moment. These will ensure that the children can focus on what they are doing on the computer if they require sound in games or tasks without disturbing others around them.

I would recommend the ones that sit over the ear for comfort, rather than earbuds, but it is up to you and your child as to which style they prefer.

### Leader for Playgroup 2018

You may or may not be aware but our playgroup was only running for term 1 and 2 this year. This was due to the fact that we were unable to find a leader to take up the role when our previous leader, Rebecca left to take up a university offer in Queensland. If you or someone you know of may be interested in running our playgroup in 2018, I would be very keen to talk to them. It could be a mum with a child who is keen to be part of a playgroup, a young school graduate who is keen to do childcare or early childhood teaching.

There is no formal qualification needed, just a Working with Children Check and a keen attitude to work with young preschool children leading play and activities in a small group. Please contact the school if you are able to help us find our next playgroup leader on 9459 0222.

### Ins and Outs for 2018

As we are sorting out grade arrangements for next year we need to know who will be staying with us next year and who will be leaving the school. Please contact the office to let us know.

You will be required to sign forms before your exit in order to be able to enrol in another school. Also, if you know of anyone who has not yet enrolled their child and would like to come to Macleod College next year, please ask them to contact the school.

### Edendale Farm Incursion

The year 3/4/5s had a visit from Edendale Farm educators yesterday to learn about such sustainability topics as composting, worm farming and learning about the impact of their food footprint.

The sessions were very engaging and interactive with the children planting their own vegetable seeds to bring home to grow in the garden.

We will be harvesting some of the produce we have been growing in the planter boxes here at school very soon and enjoying some healthy dishes prepared with them.

I hope you continue to enjoy our unseasonably warm weather over the weekend,

**Karen Butterworth**  
**P - 6 Leader**



## Remembrance Day - Watsonia RSL Awards - Umayma Yusuf and Sabrina Dal Maso





## Children's Writing

### Macleod College is the Best School

by Daniel Year 2

I think Macleod College is the best school. Firstly, Macleod College is the best school because there are a lot of sports to play. There are a lot of sports to play. There are a lot of areas to play like the oval and soccer field. We even have our own stadium. We can have P.E. We can play basketball, soccer and tennis.

Secondly, we have special activities like the German Christmas Market, Science Day and movie making.

Thirdly, our school is very friendly and the teachers are very nice. Our school is very respectful. Everyone makes each others' day and if you're sad we'll make you glad. We're bucket fillers as well. For these reasons this is why I think Macleod is the best school.

### Macleod College is Incredible

By Dea Year 2

Reason 1: We have our own special theatre to watch our own cool movies. No other school has their own theatre. We can have our own movie nights without travelling to the cinema.

Reason 2: We have special activities such as Halloween Night, Movie Night, Science day and the Disco. We can make our own movies and watch them during movie making and learn science facts on Science Day.

Reason 3: We have our own stadium to have P.E. and assembly sometimes. No other school in the area has their own special stadium. We don't have to use another building's stadium.

For these reasons and special buildings, our school is the odd one out. (In a good way!!!)

Macleod College invites you to  
the 'Parent Helpers' Morning Tea



The P - 6 staff cordially invite you to join us for a 'Thank You Morning Tea'  
to celebrate the many ways all our parent helpers  
have generously assisted throughout 2017.

Date: Wednesday 20th December at 11.30am

Place: 'B' Block Staff Room (meet at the General Office)

RSVP: 7th December

# CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

FREE



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm**

**Bring the family along  
for a great night of fun**

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in-store
- Light refreshments will be provided



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# Christmas fair

IN MACLEOD PARK



**Saturday 2nd December,  
10am-2pm**

- Katy Perry Xmas Show (12noon)
- Free Photo's with Santa
- Petting Zoo
- Tommy the Trackless Train
- Xmas Market Stall
- Face Painting
- Post Your Santa Letter
- Amusement Rides
- \$10 Wrist Bands for unlimited rides
- Stage Entertainment

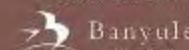
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your local Park**



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Bunnings Group Ltd is giving you the chance to win a \$50 gift card or \$50 worth of products in our Christmas colouring competition. There will be 3 winners at each store.

All you have to do is colour in the Christmas scene & deliver it to your local warehouse by 6pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017. The winners will be drawn in-store on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017.

- Competition is open to ages up to and including 12 years old.
- 3 entry limit per person.
- The judge's decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into.
- Bunnings Group Ltd employees, suppliers & their families are ineligible to enter.
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### Example:

#### Accessing centre-based care

**Family 1** is charged \$100 per session for a 10 hour day – that is, \$10 per hour. As this is less than the maximum hourly rate cap of \$11.55<sup>2</sup>, their percentage of subsidy will be based on what they pay – \$10. If their combined family income is \$65,000 they will be entitled to a subsidy of \$8.50 per hour (85% of \$10).

**Family 2** is charged \$130 per session for a 10 hour day – that is, \$13 per hour. Because this is more than the maximum, their level of subsidy will be based on the cap of \$11.55<sup>2</sup>. If their combined family income is \$65,000 they will be entitled to a subsidy of \$9.82 per hour (85% of \$11.55).

Use the Family Child Care Subsidy Estimator to find out how much Government subsidy you might be eligible for. Visit [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare)

### Child Care Safety Net

The package includes a \$1.2 billion Safety Net to give the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children, including those from regional and remote communities, a strong start through access to quality early learning and child care.

#### Additional Child Care Subsidy

Included in the Child Care Safety Net is an Additional Child Care Subsidy. It will, in most cases, cover all of a child's fees. It is designed to support:

- families who require practical help to support their children's safety and wellbeing
- grandparents who are primary carers
- families experiencing temporary financial hardship
- families transitioning from income support to work.

The Additional Child Care Subsidy replaces a number of existing payments including the Special Child Care Benefit and the Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance.

### What do I need to do?

The current arrangements do not change until **2 July 2018**. More information about what you need to do will be available in early 2018.

#### Find out more

To find out more, and to estimate what your new subsidy might be, visit [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare)

The estimator is easy to use and only takes a few minutes to complete.



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# The New Child Care Package

MORE SUPPORT FOR MORE FAMILIES



Find out more:  
[education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare)  
Starts 2 July 2018

<sup>2</sup>These provisions in the package will be increased by CPI for implementation in July 2018





## What's changing?

From 2 July 2018, there will be a new child care package. The package includes a new Child Care Subsidy, which replaces the current Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. It will be paid directly to child care services, and will make child care more affordable for most families.

### CURRENT

Child Care Benefit

Child Care Rebate

### NEW

Child Care Subsidy

## Annual subsidy cap

Families earning less than \$185,710\* will have no cap on the amount of child care they can claim. Families earning over \$185,710\* and under \$350,000\* will benefit from an increase in the current cap of \$7,613 to \$10,000 per child, per year.

Combined annual family income

<\$185,710\*

\$185,710\* – \$350,000\*

Annual subsidy cap per child

No cap

Increase to \$10,000\*

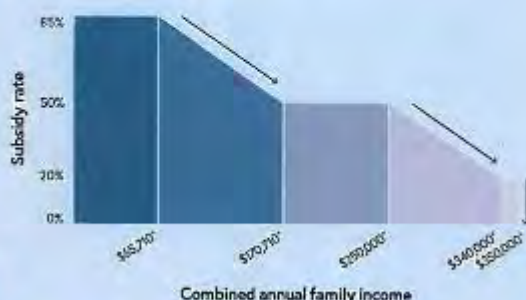
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## How does it work?

Three things will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy:

### 1. Combined family income

A family's income will determine the percentage of subsidy they are eligible for.



## 2. Activity level of parents

The number of hours of subsidised care families can access, will be determined by an activity test. The higher the level of activity, the more hours of subsidised care families can access, up to a maximum of 100 hours per fortnight.

### RECOGNISED ACTIVITIES

- paid work – including leave, such as maternity leave
- looking for work
- study and training
- volunteering
- unpaid work in family business
- self-employment
- other activities on a case-by-case basis.

There will be exemptions for parents who legitimately cannot meet the activity test requirements.

### HOURS OF ACTIVITY

The parent with the lowest hours of activity per fortnight will determine the hours of subsidised care. The hours of subsidy are per child.

Hours of activity*	Hours of subsidy* (maximum)
For families earning up to \$65,710*	
<8 hours	24 hours
For families earning up to \$350,000*	
8–16 hours	36 hours
>16–48 hours	72 hours
>48 hours	100 hours

\*per fortnight

For families who do not meet the activity test, there will be an exemption to ensure their preschool aged child can attend a preschool program in a centre-based care service. The exemption will be for the period of the preschool program.

## 3. Type of child care service

It will be calculated by the hour using these hourly rate caps:

- Centre-based care – \$11.55\* per hour
- Family day care – \$10.70\* per hour
- Outside school hours care – \$10.10\* per hour.