



# Macleod P - 12 College

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

## December

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>	5.15pm - 8.15pm 9am - 3.10pm	Grade 6 End of Year Excursion - Crown Kingpin Prep - Year 5 Celebration Day
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 1<sup>st</sup> December

3/4 PET/AUC	Henrietta W-H		1/2 PIP/AUC	Evony L	Luke W
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### Pupil of the Week Ending 8<sup>th</sup> December

3/4 PET/AUC	Mary P		1/2 PIP/AUC	Kavennish R	
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## P - 6 Leader's Report

The cyclonic conditions continue here at Macleod as we hurtle towards the end of the year. I was making a list of the things I wanted to mention in this newsletter and the list just kept getting longer and longer. It just proves once again what a busy and vibrant place it is here in our wonderful school. There are still lots of positive things happening as we wind down for the year.



### Booklists

A big thank you goes to those families who have returned their booklists or ordered their books online. If you have not taken care of this for your child/ren for next year as yet, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible, to ensure that they have their school supplies ready to go for the return of school next year.

As the due date for orders to be back to school by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December has now passed, you will either need to take your booklist to Atlas Educational in Epping or make your order online. You will still be able arrange to collect your order from the school on collection day on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### Planning Day

Next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December is a pupil free day and the staff will be sitting down to plan the curriculum and events for early next year. Some of us will be working in new roles next year, so this is an opportunity for us to start planning some new directions and interesting learning opportunities for our students in 2018.

### P - 5 Celebration Day

Also happening next week, is the P-Year 5 Celebration Day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The children will be split into multi-age groups to participate in Christmas craft activities throughout the morning with the P - 4 teachers.

We will have an early lunchtime for the BBQ lunch and then relax in the afternoon with a movie in the theatre. This event is now on Compass Pay, so you will be able to organise permission and payment of \$6.00 for this day. If you are having difficulties please call into the office and the staff will be happy to help you.

### Reports

You will be receiving online access to your children's reports on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. You will notice there is quite a different look to the reports this semester, with specific learning task descriptions and comments. We will send out a survey early next year to get your feedback about these.

Next year, you will be able to follow your child's progress as the year goes by, as you will be able to logon to Compass and see their learning task results in each area of the curriculum, instead of waiting until the end of each semester to see how they have progressed.

### Awards Night

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December those families whose children have been selected for a College Award, have been sent an invitation to attend the school's annual evening at The Centre, Ivanhoe for the presentations.

The Year 12 students will also collect their completion certificates and many other awards for excellence will be given on this lovely community night. This event starts promptly at 7:30pm so please be punctual. Students who are receiving an award need to report to me by 7.15pm.

## Parent Participation

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.

### Playgroup in 2018

I am keen to get our playgroup up and running again in the new year. If you have a pre-schooler and would like to come to our playgroup, I would be very keen to speak to you. The playgroup is open to anyone in the area who has a pre-schooler of 3 years or older. So if you have a friend or neighbour who is looking for an informal playgroup, please let them know about us.

I am also looking for someone to put their hand up to lead the group. All that is required is a Working with Children Check and a little bit of initiative to provide a small variety of simple activities each week for which we will provide all the support you need.

### Parent Helper's Morning Tea

We are looking forward to welcoming those lovely and supportive people who have helped us over the year at our annual morning tea. This year it will be held in the main staffroom in the administration building. Please come to the main office on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December prior to 11:00am and we will head you in the right direction.

### Classes for 2018

During the last week of school, the children will visit their classroom with their class for 2018. On this day, they will receive a notice informing you of their new class, classroom and teacher for next year.

Due to our student numbers and our budget from the Education Department we will be running 5 primary classes next year. These will consist of: Prep/Grade 1, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4 and 2x Grade 5/6. As is always the case, we have students leaving us and new arrivals joining us next year.

### Last Day of the School Year

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December is our last day for the year. It is a very brief day starting at 8:54am and concluding at 11:00am.

The children will be involved in helping teachers clean up and set up classrooms for next year as well as other jobs around the school.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

**Karen Butterworth P - 6 Leader**

### Grade 3/4 Snowflakes



### Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge





## OSHC

How quickly the year has come to an end. The children and staff have been very busy doing crafts and making lots of things for Christmas.

### ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

ALL FAMILIES who use the OSHC program will need to complete an enrolment form by the end of this next week (Friday 15 December). Please collect an enrolment form from OSHC or the school office.

Enrolment forms are required to be completed on an annual basis.

Please note incomplete enrolment forms will not be processed and your booking will not be confirmed.

### ACCOUNT

Just a reminder we would like you to finalise your accounts please. Invoices can be paid to us directly by cash or at the main office by cash, EFTPOS or credit card.

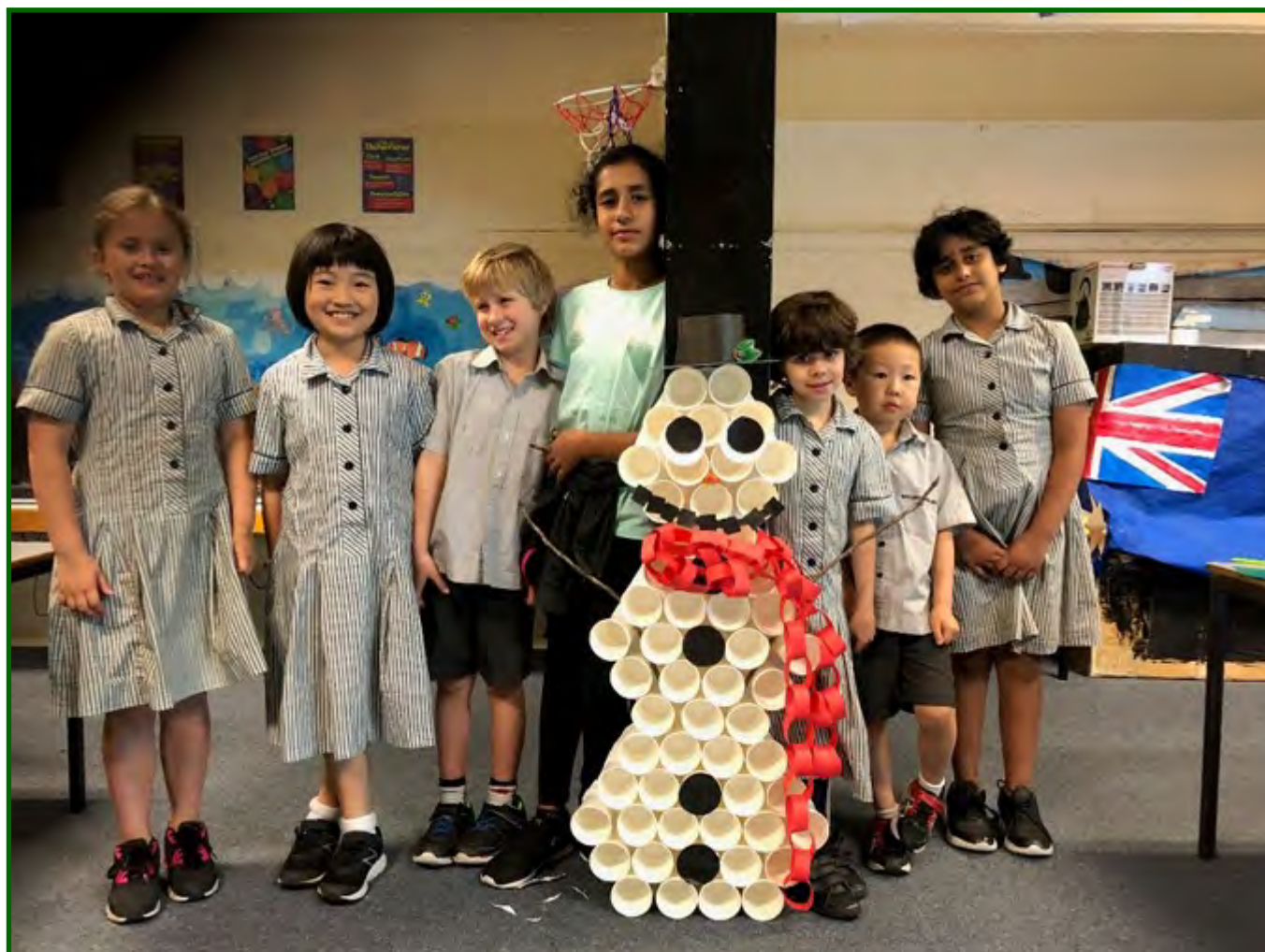
If you wish to use BPAY please ask us for details.

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the parents and children of the OSHC program for their involvement in the program and support throughout the year, thank you again.

The OSHC wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

**Julie - OSHC Coordinator**





## Grade 1 & 2 STEAM





Sustainable Macleod & the  
Macleod Organic  
Community Garden



This week's offer

#### Garden Bonanza

Big plant sale Saturday at the community garden 40 Somers Ave (look for the sign on the nature strip) from 1 - 5pm. Loads of varieties of tomatoes (about 20 varieties) \$1.50 plus Waltham Butternut Pumpkin and Queensland Blue pumpkin, unusual zucchinis about 4 varieties, cucumbers - all \$2, yellow, long red and green peppers \$1.50, herbs \$2, bulbs \$2 and things like white Genoa Fig \$20 and thornless youngberry \$10..... and lots of cottage plants from \$1 - \$2!



#### Tip of the Week - Keep Pots Cool

When the weather warms up, it's essential that you keep potted plants, especially those in terracotta pots, cool as they are vulnerable to overheating. Ways to do this include lightly mulching the pots and keeping them out of hot western sunshine. Stand them in saucers filled with sand and keep the sand moist; this will ensure the roots stay cool and the plants remain healthy.

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](mailto:sustainablemacleod@gmail.com)

# FAMILY

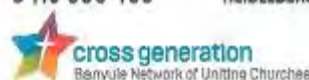
## christmas



A SERVICE TO ENGAGE EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY  
IN THE JOY AND WONDER OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

CHRISTMAS EVE 7PM  
CONTACT SANDY  
0413 355 483

CROSS GENERATION UNITING CHURCH  
CNR EDWIN AND ST HELLIER ST  
HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS



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