



# Macleod P - 12 College

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## December

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		LAST DAY FOR 2017 - 11am FINISH
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## January 2018

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		General Office opens
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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## College Council Award Winners

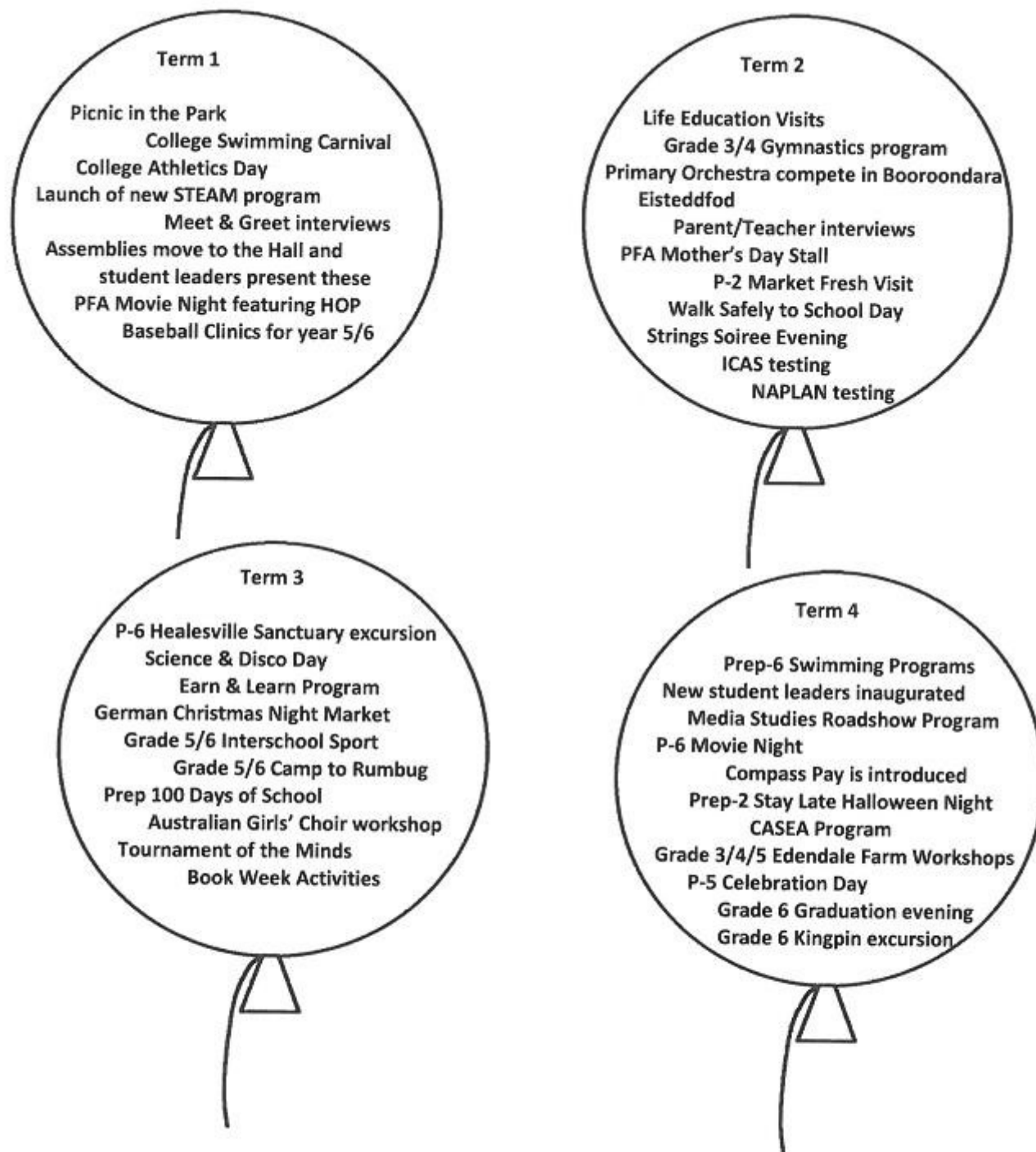


## P - 6 Leader's Report

This will be our last newsletter for 2018, so I have been reflecting on the past year, my first as Prep – 6 Leader. It has been busy as always and filled with so many varied experiences and events for our wonderful children. I am looking forward to spending time with family and friends over the holidays and the break from routine that comes with this time of year. The primary staff and I have already started thinking about what we will offer the children and planning for next year.



Here is an overview of the events of 2017.



### BYOD Program for Year 5/6 Students

As we introduced this year, our Year 5 and 6 students will be required to have their own computer for school use. Laptop information and purchase options can be accessed through the portal on the school website: <http://www.macleod.vic.edu.au/ict> For compatibility reasons, we also recommend that you purchase a Windows device which our college technology infrastructure can best support.

If you require assistance or advice about purchasing the best device for your child or if you have any other questions regarding the BYOD Program, please feel free to contact Simone Hale, our Head of Technology, by email via the Compass portal or phoning her at the school.

Ideally, we would like the Year 5/6 students to have a personal computer for school by the conclusion of term 1, 2018.

### 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.

### Parent Helpers

I would like to acknowledge the work and efforts of our parent helpers this year. Your input is invaluable and makes many of our events and excursions possible for our students. We could not offer these extra curricula activities without your help and would like you to know that you are appreciated by us all.

Please consider becoming a parent helper in 2018 if you have some time. For those who would like to help out in the classroom we will be offering our short Parent Helper's course again in term 1. This course will also give you some handy tips and tricks to help your own child with their learning at home.

### P - 5 Celebration Day

We had a terrific day last Thursday on the P - 5 Celebration Day. The children enjoyed some fun Christmas Crafts in the morning followed by a delicious BBQ lunch. We relaxed with the funny movie, 'Elf' in the afternoon. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who helped to make this day so successful for the students.

### Semester 2 Reports

The children's reports are now available on Compass. You will notice quite a difference in the look of these and we will be interested to hear what you think about them early next year.

If you are having difficulty logging onto Compass as always our friendly office staff will be happy to help you.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and restful new year. Please take care over the holidays and be safe. We want our children to return to school happy and healthy and ready to learn.

Thank you all for your support this year and I look forward to doing it all over again next year. See you back at school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Our new Prep students will be starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

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

## 2017 Awards Night & Year 12 Graduation

Congratulations to all the award winners:-

### Year Prep/1

Excellence in Studies	Milly Kilpatrick (Prep)
Determination in Studies	Rukia Yusuf (Year 1)

### Year 1

Excellence in Studies	Tobi Sidabutar
Determination in Studies	Lucinda Farrington-Jones
School Community	Liam Withers

### Year 2

Excellence in Studies	Angelina Lavcanski
Determination in Studies	Luke Withers
School Community	Meghna Thomas

### Year 3

Excellence in Studies	Elisa Wu
Determination in Studies	Jasmeen Bains
Extra-curricular	Mary Planigale
School Community	Sophie Prabhakar
Sport	Ermal Xeka

### Year 4

Excellence in Studies	Esther Hadou
Determination in Studies	Elli Kassos
Extra-curricular	Charlotte Allen
School Community	Thanabordee Chusawai
Sport	Henrietta Wilson-Hoare

### Year 5

Excellence in Studies	Arnav Bhatia
Determination in Studies	Benjamin Dal Maso
Extra-curricular	Sarah Smith
School Community	Preeti Thomas
Sport	Rohan Ramjutton

### Year 6

Excellence in Studies	Alexandra Saveski
Determination in Studies	Nat Alaevanh
Extra-curricular	Charlotte Kilpatrick
School Community	Erica Favaloro
Sport	Hamish Sellick