



Macleod P - 12 College

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

May

Tuesday 22 nd	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Prep - 6 Parent Meeting - Review of the Prep to Year 6 Educational Program
Wednesday 23 rd	11.25am - 1.25pm	3/4 Drama Toolbox
Mon 28 th - Wed 30 th		Year 5/6 Camp
Friday 25 th		4/5/6 Interschool Sport 3/4 Gymnastics - YMCA
Tuesday 29 th	6pm - 7pm	Prep - 6 Parent Meeting - Review of the Prep to Year 6 Educational Program

June

Friday 1 st		4/5/6 Interschool Sport 3/4 Gymnastics - YMCA
Friday 8 th		4/5/6 Interschool Sport 3/4 Gymnastics - YMCA
Monday 11 th		Queens Birthday Holiday
Friday 15 th		4/5/6 Interschool Sport 3/4 Gymnastics - YMCA
Wednesday 20 th	6.15pm	College Council
Friday 22 nd		REPORT DAY - PUPIL FREE
Friday 29 th		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

P - 6 Leader's Report

We are almost at the halfway mark of term 2 already and the cold weather is upon us. Please make sure that your children have a school jumper and warm coat to protect them from the elements when they are outside. This will help to reduce their risk of getting colds and other chesty types of sickness.



NAPLAN

We have completed NAPLAN testing with the Year 3 and 5 students this week. I was involved in some of the testing with the year 3s and I was most impressed with the focus with which they participated. This is the first time most of them would have encountered such formal conditions for a test and they certainly rose to the challenge. Parents should receive a report on their child's results in August.

Walk to School Day

Today was Walk to School Day across Victoria. The inclement weather unfortunately made it difficult for walking very far for the children but the day serves as a reminder of the importance of getting our kids more active. This could be one of the few times in some children's day where they can get some physical activity. These small opportunities should be taken as we are all aware of how sedentary life has become for this generation. Even if you normally drive your child to school, think about dropping them off a block or so away so that they can walk at least part of the way to school. This gesture will also make it easier for you to park the car as you won't be vying for a spot outside the school gate.

Reactivity to Activity Study

Speaking of getting our kids to be more active, I have volunteered our school to become part of a study being conducted by Deakin University's Institute for Physical Activity and Nutrition. Students from years 4-6 have been invited to participate in the REACT (Reactivity to Activity) Study. The aim of the study is to explore whether children's engagement in higher amounts than usual of physical activity or sedentary behaviour (sitting time) during the school day influences how active they are or how much they sit (and rest) later on that day or the following day.

Why is this study being conducted? Physical activity is important for children's physical, social and mental health. However, less than half of Australian children aged 9-13 years are physically active for more than 60 minutes every day. We are trying to understand how activities children engage in at school may influence what they do after school and on following days. This will help us to identify how and when physical activity opportunities are provided to children at school, and whether additional opportunities to be active need to be provided at other times of the day. We hope to use this information to develop future programs aiming to increase children's activity levels.

Who is funding the study? This study is funded by the Australian Research Council.

Who has approved this research study? Approval to conduct this study has been granted by Deakin University Human Ethics Advisory Group – Health and the Department of Education and Training (DET).

What does the study involve? This exciting and unique study involves children in two randomly selected year groups from Years 4-6 in your school participating in three, one-off experimental conditions at school. Each condition will last ~90 minutes and will take place for each Year level in a random order. Our experienced research staff, including qualified, experienced teachers, will deliver the conditions. The conditions are:

- 1) Implementation of wet weather policy indoor play during recess and lunchtime;
- 2) Promoting activity via a standing lesson; and
- 3) Promoting physical activity through an additional morning sports class.

I will send home more information for parents in the next week or so. I think this will be an interesting study for all of us to learn more about the positive affects physical activity has on our students and their learning.

Finding Common Ground Project

Recently our student leaders became involved in this project which has been initiated by Banyule Council. The students are working together to research, gather and use information both via electronic avenues and from our school community to find out more about the collective identity of the Macleod College community. They will be interviewing students and our principal Mr Panaccio. They will then bring together all of the information at its conclusion to form an identity profile of the people that make up our unique community and will then be asked to use this to create an artistic interpretation which will be represented on a tent. I have asked the students to share some of their work in the next newsletter.

Parent Helper's Course

We will be running our Parent Helper's Course before the end of this term. I am currently arranging for this to happen and will be sending home an expression of interest form with the date this coming week. We ask parents to complete this course before they volunteer to come into the classrooms to help as it gives you a clear idea of how you can be effective when supporting children in the classroom as well as learning some handy tips to help your own child at home.

Review of the Prep to Grade 6 Educational Program

The Macleod College Council is currently reviewing the educational provision of our Prep to Grade 6 program. We are wanting feedback on the following overarching questions:

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How can Macleod College provide an improved educational program that better meets parent/community expectations?

We have arranged three forums that you are invited to attend. Please read the invitation in this newsletter and we would welcome your open and honest input at one of these meetings.

Have a great week,

Karen Butterworth
P - 6 Leader



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We are wanting feedback on the following overarching questions:

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We have arranged three alternative forum times that you are invited to attend:

Parents of students in Prep to Year 6 only	Tuesday 22 May: 3.30 pm until 4.30pm in B9 Tuesday 29 May: 6pm until 7pm – B9
Parents of students in Years 7 to 12 and community members	Thursday 24 May: 6pm until 7pm –in B9

Specific questions that you will be asked to respond to:

What are parents wanting from a prep to year 6 school?

Why have you chosen Macleod prep to year 6?

What aspects of the program are you happy about?

What aspects of the program are you unhappy about?

Do parents have enough opportunity to be involved in the school?

Given its small size and limited resources is Macleod College delivering a viable, challenging and engaging educational program?

Is there anything that you would like us to provide that we are not already doing?

What would your response be if Macleod prep to year 6 were to offer an alternative program such as blended learning across ability rather than age groups, sub school structure (prep to year 4, 5 to 8, 9 to 12) where 5/6 is run similar to year 7 (multiple specialist teachers), composite classes spanning 3 year levels?

You can also provide feedback to the College by completing a survey. The link to the survey will be sent to families through COMPASS shortly.

Your input is important to us and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mario Panaccio

Principal

On behalf of the College Council

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Hello everyone, I don't know if anyone has noticed but there are new tables, chairs and coffee tables in the canteen for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks to my mum Raelene (Wellbeing Worker) for searching the internet to obtain these new items. And many thanks to Mr Stevenson for being kind enough for picking them up and delivering them to the canteen. Soon there will be new couches for everyone to also enjoy. If anyone has anything they would like to donate please contact Raelene or Mrs Kalifatidis.

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What's your story?

Story Camp

Free storytelling workshops

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
FOR AGES 12-15



Sustainable Macleod & the Macleod Organic Community Garden



presents...

This week's offer

Tip of the Week



Healthy Soil: Good for the Farmer, Good for the Planet
Many people believe that if you just focus on soil health,
everything else will follow

Real Time Events: Macleod Veggie Swap

When: May 19, 2018 @ 11:00 – 12:00

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

In the Community Garden

Two circular galvanised beds have been installed and planted with strawberries and beneficial flowers. It has been suggested that a miniature pear be planted in these beds in June.

And two long berry beds have been completed. Bed 1 will be for 4 varieties of raspberries- summer, autumn, gold and red. Bed 2 will be for thornless loganberries, youngberries and boysenberries.

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



Grade 1/2

A very big thank you to Steven Kilpatrick for his generous donation of hula hoops to the grade 1/2 class!

Steven kindly made a hoop for each student. We had loads of fun practising and showing off our skills, and look forward to more laughter and hoop challenges. (Mr Panaccio, there is also a hoop for you!)

Bruna Pipola –1/2 Class Teacher

