COMING EVENTS

Week 6 – Virtue: IDEALISM
BOOK WEEK – Champions Read
Monday 26-8
* 8:50 Assembly
* Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) classes for year 5,6,7 children
* User pays guitar lessons

Tuesday 27-8
* Kerry (Christian Pastoral Support Worker CPSW) at school 9-4pm
* Year 4-5 SAKG Kitchen class
* 2/45 Student Leaders meeting
* 3:30-4:30 Active After Schools (AAS) Multi Skills
* Staff meeting

Wednesday 28-8
* Kerry (CPSW) at school 11:30-3:30
* 3:30-4:30 AAS Tennis

Thursday 29-8
* User pays piano lessons
* Kerry (CPSW) at school 6-4pm
* 2:45 Student Leaders meeting
* Senior choir
* Macclesfield Community Association AGM – 7pm at the Institute

Friday 30-8
* Dress up day – come as your favourite book or film character or sports star
* 2:45 Assembly – year 5,6,7 cohort

Week 7 – Virtue: UNITY

Monday 27-8
* Mrs Ryan at Maths T&D
* 8:50 Assembly
* 9:30 – 11:30 Kindy – Reception transition time
* Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) classes commence for year 5,6,7 children
* User pays guitar lessons

Tuesday 28-8
* Year 4-5 SAKG Kitchen class
* Kerry (CPSW) at school 9-4pm

Natural Maths Strategies

Over the past couple of terms the teaching staff have had the pleasure of working with Ann Baker, co-author, with her husband Johnny, of the Maths’ programme “Natural Maths Strategies”.

The staff attended two training and development days run by Ann but organised by the Region’s Maths Facilitators. We have adopted the “Natural Maths Strategies” to our teaching of the Australian Maths Curriculum to the children.

The “Natural Maths Strategies” assist the teachers to meet their curriculum requirements through the implementation of a 3 part lesson process. This includes:

- A mental routine to develop the student’s self confidence and repertoire in mathematical thinking
- A problematized situation where students apply their own thinking to a situation that they can engage with
- A time for reflection in which strategies and solutions are shared, compared and formalised through which:
  o We begin from the students are
  o We build on their understanding through the sharing of ideas
  o Formal mathematical methods are subordinate to methods that the students invent and work effectively for them
  o Students learn to value each other’s ideas, working as a community of learners rather than as individuals

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Principal's Report

Open Night (4-9-12)

The staff, as a part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week, will be holding an open night at school on Tuesday September 4th between 6:30 and 7:30. The aim of the night is to demonstrate the running of a Natural Maths Strategy lesson with parents as the students, hopefully giving them a better understanding of our maths' teaching methodology.

SAPSASA 4-a-side Table Tennis

Last Friday 3 teams represented the school at the first round of SAPSASA’s 4-a-side Table Tennis Championships at Murray Bridge.

The 2 boys teams played matches against Cobdogla PS, Spring Head Lutheran School and each other. The Macey Boys Team 1 of Thomas, Matthew C, Jacob and Riley were successful in two of their matches and have won through to the Grand Final.

The Macey Girls Team of Lauren, Cassidy, Amabel and Casey played matches against Cobdogla PS and Spring Head Lutheran winning against Spring Head and gaining the right to play in this week's Grand Final.

We wish the two teams all the best as they play winning teams from other centres around the state this Friday.

Go Macy!!!!

Dress up Day

Next Friday, August 24th, the children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book or film character, athlete, sportsperson or their favourite champion as a part of our Book Week celebrations.

The children will display their costumes at a parade as a part of our fortnightly assembly.

Frog Pond

Thank you Robert Bentley and Mark Swinburne for concreting in the Frog Pond last weekend. It looks fantastic.

Our 4 Junior Youth Environment Forum members sitting in the Frog Pond. The children took photos of the pond’s development to this week’s JYEF meeting at Monarto Zoo.

The children from the Year 6-7 and Year 4-5 groups spent their Monday Gardening lesson moving the Lizard Lounge from behind the 2 transportable buildings to the area around the Frog Pond. Once the rocks, logs and PVC lizard caves were in place mulch was spread throughout the area.

The girls hiding the PVC lizard caves under some logs.

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Maccy Merits

50
Liam Lions          Sophie Smith

100
Keisha Glazebrook-Schulz
Oliver Llewellyn   Emily Muller
Kayli Snell        Jake Baker
Peri Broomhill

150
Samuel Erbsland   Olivia Brunner
Chloe Scamps      Jenna Ceans
Tianna Ewens      Colby Stuart

Wipe Out Waste (WOW)

Our WOW campaign is going exceptionally well. Daniel, our school cleaner, came up to me on Monday afternoon carrying a garbage bag only a quarter filled with waste.

"This," he proudly declared, "is the rubbish collected from all of the classroom and school bins today."

Apparently the collect after a day's activities before we started the WOW campaign was a full bag plus a little bit more. From this evidence we have reduced our waste by more than a fifth.

Batteries

The school has a battery recycle bin in the RBLC/Library corridor so rather than throw your old batteries in the bin at home, get the children to bring them to school and pop them in our recycle bin. This will save them going to landfill and contaminating the soil in years to come.

Flavoured milk

I am finding quite a number of unfinished flavoured milk cartons thrown into the 5ule bin in front of the ELC at the end of lunch. This tells me that the drinks are too big for the junior students to finish and seems such a terrible waste of money.... not to mention the job of having to clean them out for recycling after they've sat in the bin for a week or two!!!

Footsteps Concert

Fantastic dancing kids!!! What a great night. You have done yourselves proud.

Your efforts epitomise the virtue of idealism by daring to dream big and working hard to make it happen.

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This term we have been using one of the Natural Maths strategies – STAR, to help us with our problem solving. STAR stands for:

- **S** - Sort it out, what is the important information?
- **T** - Thinking, what strategy will you use?
- **A** - Action, carry out the plan you have made.
- **R** - Reflection, share and discuss what you did with others.

"I did doubles to make to 10 and I added up to 4 to make 14 and then I added one more to get 15." Amelie

"I counted all the fish to ten and then I counted on all of the other numbers." Olivia

"I did 5 goldfish and I did the 4 angelfish and 1 clownfish and the 5 guppies. There were 15 fish in the tank." Samuel Mc
BETTER BUDDIES

With Ms Umback's Reception Class and Mrs Roberts' Year 5/6/7's.

This week is National Science Week. Our Better Buddies activity was a special Science activity with Mrs Pearce. We made "Climbing Critters!" Here are some photos of us at work:
RESILIENCE IN A NUTSHELL – Kerry Crowden CPSW

Raising our children's emotional resilience doesn't lie in us doing it for them, or fixing it for them, a 'new age' cure and nor does it lie in months of psycho-therapy. The best we can do as parents is to preserve with practical approaches that guide our children to deal more successfully with their feelings. Simple approaches that help them make connections between what is being felt, what is wanted and what might be best to solve the problem. To be honest, these simple thinking strategies may prove to be the greatest gift we ever hand to them because engaging children to think, engaging anyone to think, is what transforms behaviour and sets up successful, resilient lives.

So, begin the challenge....

Start with one small step that focuses on making one optimistic change!

Taken from- Mark Le Messurier 'PARENTING TOUGH KIDS'

Parent Club

Next Parent Club meeting is week 8, Friday September 7th 2.00pm.
Science Shows

As a part of our celebration of National Science Week, Mrs. Pearce ran some classroom activities on Wednesday. These were based on Physics concepts, 'Climbing Critters' and 'Tumblewings'. There were two science shows on Thursday presented by Mobile Science Education. The first was 'Young Astronomers', The second show was 'What is Matter?'. 
MACCLESFIELD BASKETBALL CLUB

Player Registration For

Summer Season 2012/13

Players and Coaches required for seniors and juniors

Mens Cgrade
Womens Cgrade
U18 Boys
U16 Boys
U14 Boys
U14 Girls

Please register by the 5th of September by emailing Name DOB and contact details to tammy.david@bigpond.com or Text 0419023393*