Welcome!

Welcome back to the 2017 school year! I’ve heard lots of stories about summer adventures from the children and I hope everyone was able to spend some valuable family time together over the break.

We have six new receptions, Luke Brook, Patrick McFarlane, Jackson Slack, Zoe Jackson, Cody Unfried and Hayley Owen. We welcome them to the school. We also welcome Lucabelle Nou and Victor Miller, along with their family, to our school. We are also very happy to have Travis Edmonds back with us.

TERRIFIC Kids

At the end of 2016 we congratulated Molly Bolt, Marcus Williamson-Lions and Alice Beke, who received the TERRIFIC kids awards for Term 4. These students consistently demonstrated positive attitudes to learning, respectful attitudes to school expectations and thoughtful attitudes to others.

These awards will continue to be presented in 2017.

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School Policies
In 2016, we reviewed and ratified our Attendance, Student Behaviour Management, Transition and Intervention policies. These policies are now available in brochure form from the Front Office along with several others including our Bushfire Response Plan and the DECD policy outlining procedures for raising concerns. (This brochure also accompanies this Newsletter. The contact details for our school are as outlined on the front of the newsletter and, at the regional level, Education Director – Nanette van Ruiten: 8391 4705)

Student Learning Data Management
We have re-structured the way we store the many measures of collected student achievement data. Each student’s progress will now be recorded and monitored in a way that enables us to use it easily for discussions with you or with your child. I have included an unnamed copy of the record sheet for your information. We have previously stored the information on a class spreadsheet. Each teacher now has a folder containing the data sheets for all the students in their class.

Bushfire Response Plan
A copy of our school’s Bushfire Response Plan is available from the office and is now included in the information pack. Please familiarise yourself with how our school responds when the threat of fire is imminent. Please note that the school and OSHC service will not operate on days of forecast ‘Catastrophic Danger’ in the Mt. Lofty Ranges.

School Stream
School Stream is a free app that can be downloaded to your mobile phone or tablet device. We use it at our school to send alerts and reminders. It plays an extremely important part in our procedures for notifying families of emergencies (especially in the event of a bushfire). Newsletters are also sent to families via School Stream. Once you visit the ‘App Store’, search ‘School Stream’ and select ‘Install’ you will be asked to type in the name of ‘Macclesfield Primary School’. All done! I urge everyone to access the app if you have a device that can do so.

Open Night and AGM
I hope you have all received information about the Open Night and Governing Council AGM planned for Monday 13th February. We will meet in the Gym at 6pm, following which, classrooms will be open.
The Governing Council AGM will begin at 7pm.
The Governing Council is a wonderful opportunity for families to get involved in the school. If you are not able to come along on the 13th February, but are interested in finding out more about the Governing Council, please come in and have a chat.

Parent Opinion Survey
If you did not return your survey at the end of last year, but still want to, it’s not too late. I need the surveys by next Wednesday because an analysis of results needs to be included in the Annual Report that will be presented at the AGM on Monday 13th Feb. I have attached another survey, just in case the first one was lost in the end of year rush.

DECD Emergency Information Hotline
DECD have produced fridge magnets of the Hotline number that you can use in the event of emergency incidences that may affect schools or pre-schools. Your family will receive one with this newsletter.

Student Free Day
The first of our Student Free Days for 2017 will be held on Monday 20th February. On this day the school will not be open and staff will meet with staff from all of our neighbouring Partnership schools to begin our work on ‘Visible Learning’. We plan to invest a considerable amount of money, time and energy into this work and you can expect to hear lots more about it as the year progresses.
Our work and training in the area of ‘Visible Learning’ promises to have considerable impact on learning outcomes for students and we are all very excited.
Staffing Change

Welcome to
Rachel Powell, who will begin on Monday as teacher in the year 2/3 class. We trust she will enjoy her time with us.

Parent Club

Parent Club AGM
17th February 2pm RBLC
All Welcome
Please come along and Support the Fundraising body of the school

Parent Club provide Iceblocks in Terms 1 & 4
On a Wednesday for 50c and Milo in Terms 2 & 3.

Please contact Kel Bolt
For information or questions on
0421 279 059

Who’s In Charge?

A FREE 7 week course for parents whose children are abusive towards them
Based on the work of Eddie Gallagher

This course is for parents of children between 8 and 18 who feel constantly challenged by their children’s behaviour. The course is based on the work of Eddie Gallagher and aims to:

- Reduce parents’ feelings of isolation
- Challenge parents’ feelings of guilt
- Create belief in the possibility of change
- Explore anger, both children’s and parents’
- Develop safety plans for families
- Help parents to look after themselves
- Clarify boundaries of acceptable and unacceptable behavior
- Examine strategies for creating meaningful and practical consequences for unacceptable behavior
- Reinforce progress and provide emotional support while you attempt to become more assertive parents

Venue
CAMHS MOUNT BARKER
23 Victoria Crescent
MOUNT BARKER SA 5251

Cost Nil

Duration
12.30pm - 3.00pm

Dates (all sessions to be attended)
Session 1 - Thursday 16 February 2017
Session 2 - Thursday 23 February 2017
Session 3 - Thursday 2 March 2017
Session 4 - Thursday 9 March 2017
Session 5 - Thursday 16 March 2017
Session 6 - Thursday 23 March 2017
Session 7 - Thursday 30 March 2017

Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on
8215 5700 or email your details to: registrations@centacare.org.au

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