Macclesfield Primary School

Responsibility ◦ Safety ◦ Respect ◦ Success ◦ Caring

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COMING EVENTS

Week 4
Virtue - Loyalty
Monday 29-10
*8:50 Assembly
*User pays Guitar
*SAKG classes years 3-7
Tuesday 30-10
*Kerry, our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, is in 9-4pm
*Year 4-5 SAKG Kitchen
*Year 3-4-5 children inspecting leaf hopper release sites
*Active After School (AAS) - Fencing
*staff meeting – Hahndorf PS - Maths

Wednesday 31-10
*Year 3-4-5 class weeding Day Paddock of Monademia with Macclesfield Bush Care Group
*AAS - Softball
Thursday 1-11
*Music Count Us In
*Kerry at school 9-4pm
*Teddy Bear’s Picnic in Top Block – Better Buddies
* User Pays piano
Friday 2-11
*Assembly – Reception hosts

Week 5 – PE WEEK
Virtue – Self Discipline
Monday 5-11
*8:50 Assembly
*User pays Guitar
*SAKG classes years 3-7
Tuesday 6-11
*Junior Youth Environment Forum at Langhorne Creek PS
*Year 4-5 SAKG Kitchen
*Year 3-7 PE Week activities with Echunga PS
*Kerry, at school 9-4pm
*AAS fencing
*staff meeting

BUSH FIRE ACTION PLAN – B.A.P.

Macclesfield Primary School has an ‘R2’ bushfire danger rating which means that it will be closed on any day classified as a “Catastrophic Fire Danger” day.

The school has a B.A.P. that will be enacted should it be threatened by a bushfire on a day not deemed to be a Catastrophic Fire Danger day. If this should occur:

All children will be housed in the main, brick building:
- R-1 in the Library
- Year 1-2 in the RBLC
- Year 3-4-5 in the Kitchen/Art room
- Year 5-6-7 will remain in their classroom

No child will be permitted to leave the building until we have been notified by the CFS or SAPOL that the danger has passed or they have been collected by a parent or their nominee.

If parents wish to collect their children they will need to report to their child’s classroom teacher and sign their child out.

If parents wish another person to collect their child they must notify the school of their wishes. Teachers will only release a child to the parent or the notified nominee.

The oval gate on Luck Street will be opened. We ask that parents or their nominee use this gate to enter the school, drive across the oval and park in front of the playground when coming to collect the children. This will ensure that the hydrants in front of the school building can be easily accessed by the CFS.

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B.A.P. continued…

All children should have a towel at school to cover themselves with as the fire front passes. *If you have not sent a towel to school please do so.*

Even after the fire has passed and the school has been advised by the CFS or SAPOL that it is safe to leave the building we will not release the children until they have been collected by a parent or their nominee.

The school has ample water and snacks for all children should they need to stay beyond normal dismissal time.

The school has ‘duty of care’ for all children until they are collected. In what will be a stressful and frightening time for everyone concerned we ask that you adhere to the points listed above.

The children’s safety is our paramount concern.

*Please discuss this plan with your children.* We practise this invacuation procedure in 1st and 4th terms so that the children understand their role. It is extremely important that the children have the confidence in knowing that mum and dad are aware of what is happening and what they will do to assist their children should this situation arise.

The school has a more detailed copy of the B.A.P. If you wish to have a copy of this document please contact Fiona and she will have one sent home.

Recycling Batteries

Just a reminder that the school recycles old batteries, so rather than throw them out at home get the children to bring them to school and drop them into the battery recycling bin in the RBLC.

Flavoured Milk

Each week, when recycling our 10c deposit drink containers, we find many half finished 375ml flavoured milk cartons. The R-2 children really struggle to drink all of the milk in one sitting and tend to throw the half full carton in the bin. This seems a horrible waste.

Music Count Us In

Music Count Us In is a national school music program which sees 600,000+ students from all around Australia unite on the same day at the same time to perform the same song. This year’s song is ‘Different People (stand together)’

On Friday of last week a music teacher came to Macclesfield and taught the song and its accompanying actions to the children from each class. The movements include scarf waving and cup moving.

We will now practice the song and movements in preparation for next Thursday’s event to be performed in the gym at 12 noon.

The performance lasts less than ten minutes but parents are more than welcome to come and join us.
Some of the Year 3-4-5 class practising the cup movements.

The Year 5-6-7s practising their scarf waving.

SACA Cricket Coaching Clinic

Last Tuesday the R-2 children participated in a cricket coaching clinic on the school oval.

The children spent an hour honing their fielding, batting and bowling skills.

Here the children are practising their fielding skills by trying to knock over the cone.

Batting skills are being mastered here.

How’s this for a fearsome bowling action! Note the strong follow through!

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Some parents have asked, “What does the UV rating mean on the Sun Smart UV Rating poster in the notice board at the front of the school?”

Hopefully this explanation from the Cancer Council helps:

UV radiation levels are divided into low (1–2), moderate (3–5), high (6–7), very high (8–10) and extreme (11 and above).

A UV Index level of 3 is high enough to cause skin damage – so it is important to protect your skin when the UV radiation level is 3 and above. The higher the UV radiation levels, the less time it takes for skin damage to occur.

The Bureau of Meteorology predicts UV levels with the weather forecast every day and produces the SunSmart UV Alert which we post on the notice board. This shows the times during the day (ie 9:35 am – 4:12 pm) that the UV radiation levels are 3 and above, which is when you need to protect your skin. It is a really useful tool for anyone planning outdoor activities.

**Maccy Merits**

50
Archie Rowe    Rhys Woodcock
100
Eric Lions    Breeanna Holdsworth
Charlotte Elliot-Williams    Hayley Bolt
150
Tommy-Justyn Dash    Caitlin Baker
Keisha Glazebrook-Schulz    Molly Bolt
Archie Brunner
200

**Pupil Free Day – Assessment for Learning with Dylan Williams**

The teaching staff attended the Dylan Williams seminar on Assessment for Learning (AFL) on Wednesday with 420 other teachers from across the Hills Education Region. It was a fabulous day, and saw the culmination of our study over the past 18 months on AFL. The next step in our AFL learning journey is to embed the AFL strategies into our work with the children.

I would like to share some of the quotes I jotted down from the presentation:

- The most important job of a teacher is to create a passion in children for learning
- Improving schools is hard work
- Great teaching comes from teacher creativity and not technology
- As long as you go to school it doesn’t matter very much which school you go to
- Good teachers teach problem solving, resilience and autonomy
- We need to activate students as owners of their own learning
- Teachers do not create learning, learners create their own learning
- Feedback is not the view from the rear view mirror it is the view through the windscreen.
- Good questions give insight into children’s learning
- Children constantly look to make sense of the world….the problem is that they don’t always make sense of the questions we ask.

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• Good teachers are evaluative listeners and not interpretive listeners

• If we only ever allow children who have the answers air time in the classroom we will broaden the gap between high and low achievers

• The classroom must be a safe place to make a mistake

Parent Club

I hope you are all getting lots of sponsors for the walk-a-thon. It will be on Friday 9th November. Don’t bring in lunch that day as the Parent Club is providing a free salad wrap.

Thanks
Parent Club
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