



# Macarthur Primary School

Respect Connect Learn

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## From the Principal's Desk

### Term 2 Focus - Swap It

In our last newsletter we let our school community know that our focus for the term is Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies. Part of this newsletter also suggested parents could help with this from home by encouraging healthy eating choices, providing time for mindfulness, limiting screen time and implementing good bed time routines that support sleep. We have been particularly impressed by the small changes parents have already made in their children's lunch boxes as part of this, thank you. Children have been very excited when opening their lunch boxes to find salad sandwiches, oat bars, veggie sticks, hummus etc.. One way we are providing information to parents on lunch box choices is through the SWAP IT suggestions coming through the Audri Platform. SWAP IT is a free evidence-based healthy lunchbox program. The program supports parents and carers to SWAP what is packed in their child's lunchbox from sometimes foods to everyday foods. Small changes that make a difference. Two thumbs up to parents on the great work they are doing already. We appreciate it.



For appointments please ring

**03 55761245**

### Office Hours 2024

Tues- Thursday  
8:30am - 5:00pm

### School Day:

Start of day: 8:45am

Classes begin: 9:00am

Recess:

11:00—11:30 am

Lunch: 1:00 - 1:50pm

End of Day: 3:20pm

### TERM DATES 2024

Term 2: Mon 15 April -  
Fri 28 June

Term 3: Mon 15 July -  
Fri 20 September

Term 4: Mon 7 October  
- Fri 20 December

### Banking details:

Bank - NAB

BSB: 083 663

Account name:

Macarthur Primary School

Acc No: 621328156

Ref Details - your name.

### In Our Classrooms

#### Mr Rook

Grade F/1/2 have started Term 2 with the wheels in full motion. Everyone returned from the holidays ready to learn. For maths we have wrapped up our work on place value and have begun to learn about some addition strategies. Foundation students are learning about the friends of 10 and how each number has a 'friend' to add to 10. Grades 1 and 2 have begun to learn how to use the jump strategy, jumping by tens and ones to solve double digit equations. For reading, Foundation are working hard on stretching their sounds to learn to read 3 letter words. Grades 1 and 2 are working on improving their fluency while reading at their level. We have begun learning about procedural writing - ordering things in steps and describing the process of recipes, instructions and directions. All students put in a huge effort in our cross country - they should be super proud.



**Mrs Langley**

Mrs Langley’s writing group have been practising the correct use of full stops and capital letters in their work. We have focused on our understanding that a sentence ends when you have expressed and written down one idea. We have also explored that we can join two sentences of ideas together with conjunctions such as because. Within this work we have also been attending to building our understanding of spelling choices and strategies as well.

**ANZAC Day - Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Congratulations to our school leaders - Patrick, Thomas and Rylee who represented the school so beautifully at last week’s ANZAC Service. Their reading of the requiem was done with composure and reflected great respect for this significant commemorative event. I would also like to thank the other members of our school community who took time to attend and support this national day of recognition and community service, as well as Ms Luke for making the wreath. It is great to see our school values of Respect, Connect and Learn in action.

**TAPPOC Cluster Cross Country - Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Yesterday our School Cross Country with Penshurst Primary and Braxholme Wallacedale Community School took place. The conditions were cool but dry, perfect for running. It was great to see every student who participated complete the course, this in itself is a great achievement. Our place getters for the day were:

- Year 5/6 - 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew (BWCS), 2<sup>nd</sup> Rylee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick
- Year 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> William, (PPS), 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper (BWCS) 3<sup>rd</sup> Noah (PPS)
- Year 2/3 - 1<sup>st</sup> Rory, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cianna, 3<sup>rd</sup> Digby
- Year F/1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Kayden (PPS). Harrison, Gabrielle (BWCS)

We would like to thank Wannan Water for supplying each child with a drink bottle and Mrs Hermon for organising the grant for these.

Autumn Days



### Division Athletics - Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

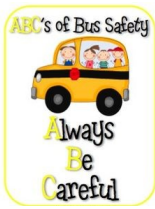
We wish Cianna all the best this Friday at the Division Aths in Warrnambool. Cianna will be competing in the 100m as well as in a relay with other runners from the SGSSA. Competing at this level is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful opportunity. We know Cianna will make the most of this experience.

### Learning to Beat Box & Record Your Own Song - Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>

On Monday we welcome Lydia and Jobe, two visiting performers to Macarthur PS. Lydia and Jobe will perform a *Learn to Beat Box* session for the whole school and the kinder kids from 10:00 - 11:00. We welcome any parents with younger siblings at home to also join us. We are grateful that Jobe and Lydia have also offered to stay on after recess and work with the Year 3 - 6 on 'Recording their own song' Mrs Down will also be here on Monday and will be following up come of the skills learnt in her music lessons. There is no cost to parents for this performance as the school will fund this through our Alternative Program Funding.



### Bus Safety Session - Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>



Next week is National Road Safety week and we are once again running a session on Bus Safety. This safety session will be led by Bus Association Victoria (BusVic) who will deliver a free Safe School Bus Travel education session. Students will then have the opportunity to have a 'bus walk thru' where the key elements from the session will be revisited. We thank Jenny, our local bus driver, for working with BusVic to organise this session.

### SGSSA Cross Country - Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Following our Cross Country this week, a small group of students qualified for the SGSSA Cross Country next week in Tarrington. We congratulate Rylee, Cianna and Rory who all ran competitive times to be eligible to compete. The Tarrington course is a challenging course that laps through the paddock behind the school and up a hill. This incline always makes this a tough one but a great experience for our runners.

### Cluster Education Day - Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>

Education Week is just around the corner. This is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. This year's theme *Spotlight on STEM*, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond. To launch into education week we will be joining BWCS at Penshurst PS for a day of activities. The school will travel across on Jenny's bus, arriving for morning tea and staying on for a play and activities and lunch before returning to school. We continue to be excited about the great opportunity working together in a cluster brings our students, staff and families.



### MARC Activity with Community Health Social Group - Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>

This year the school is working on building a connection with the Community Centre Social Group.

This commenced last term with an Assembly held at the Centre and then participants joining us at the end of last term for Easter Activities. This term we have another Assembly scheduled for the middle of the term but our first activity will see the social group join our Year 3 - 6 for a MARC activity.

### Open Classroom, Walk the Block & Morning Tea - Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>

On Wednesday May 15th we will hold an Open Book Chat where students will share with their families some of the work they have been doing as well as participate in some STEM challenges.

We invite all parents to join us from 9:00 - 11:00am for this valuable opportunity to engage in their child's learning. Following this we will walk together to the Reserve and back before a morning tea here at school.





The Corangamite  
Public Library

(@ Macarthur Primary School)  
Mondays 1-5pm

Jullie Timms

Special Birthday  
wishes

May

Ruby (2nd)  
Patrick (3rd)  
Erik (22nd)



Mr Rook (16th)  
Sylvia (19th)

# Student Awards—Week 1 Term 2

## Mr Hilliard's LEARN Award

Beau

Beau has had a great first week back and changed his own reader!



## Mr Rook's CONNECT Award

Riley

For thinking about how to include younger people in games



## Mrs Langley's RESPECT Award

Cloud

For always greeting adults with a smile



## Student Choice

- 1 Harrison - Connect - joining in games with all students - by Rory
- 2 Ruby - Connect - including Lori in her games - by Lori
- 3 Edward - Listening and focussed during class - by Bella



BK Jane Langley  
CR Christo Rook  
DH Darren Hilliard  
CD Caitlin Down

JT Jullie Timms  
AT Alice Tatton  
SL Sylvia Luke

PM - Principal Meeting  
WNM - Warrn Network Meeting  
PD - Professional Development  
Conf - Conference  
LSL - Long Service Leave

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 :ActiveAfterSch	30 :MARC :CrossCountry with Pens/BWCS	May 1 :PD – DH WSW Literacy Day	2 :May Day Races School Holiday	3 :Division Aths Warrnambool	4
5 Wk 4 National road Safety Wk	6 :Learning to Beat Box Perf :ActiveAfterSch	7 : MARC planning :Art	8 : Bus Safety Sess :SGSSA Cross Country	9 :JL-GWCS Prin Mtg	10 :Cluster Ed Wk Day	11
12 Wk 5 Ed Week Big Life Visit	13 :ActiveAfterSch	14 :MARC :Yr3-6 MARC activi- ty with Community Health	15 :CEP visit 10:45am :Open Classroom, Walk the Block & Healthy Breky	16 :Responsive Teach PD :Dan Petro PD :Mr Rook's B'day	17	18
19 Wk 6 Assessmt	20 :ActiveAfterSch	21 :MARC :Brilliant @ Being Resilient Sch Perf with Kinder kids :School Council 7:30pm	22 :PD–CR- WSW Numeracy Day	23 :School Photos morning	24 :PD-CR/DH Hey- wood –Maths Games Day	25
26 Wk 7 Assessmt	27 :ActiveAfterSch	28 :MARC :WSW Prin Forum	29	30 :Assembly @ Health Centre	31	June 1