



# Macarthur Primary School

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## From the Principal's Desk

For appointments please  
ring

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### 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

### Education Week

This week is Education Week, an annual celebration of education in Victoria. Last Friday our students had a fabulous day at Penshurst P.S with Branhholme Wallacedale C.S to launch this celebration in schools. After a short play on arrival the cluster went for a walk around the town. This was a great opportunity to chat with friends and investigate new surroundings. In the afternoon students worked in three different age groups to complete a variety of STEM tasks.

The Year 4/5/6 team building of the Eiffel Towers were exceptional and showed terrific collaboration. Today we invited our parents and families in to celebrate schools, learning and STEM with us. Staff demonstrated a short Sounds Write session (a phonics approach to spelling) before also engaging in a STEM challenge. The follow up walk is always a great opportunity to connect with others and we thank parents for staying on for morning tea so we could further strengthen these connections. Whilst we know our staff work hard to support each student's learning here at school, we also know this learning couldn't happen without the support of our parents. We continue to be grateful for the trust extended to us by our families and the strong partnership we have in working with them.



### In Our Classrooms

#### Mr Rook

For reading, some students have been practising to blend short words together with some new sounds such as 'k' 'l' 'r' and 'u'. Older students are continuing to work on their reading fluency and to build their sight words bank. Most students are doing well to bring their reader folder in every day, but we would love to see a 100% strike rate!

We have worked on procedural writing for 2 weeks, with a little bit more work left. Students are writing about putting things in order like in instructions, recipes and even routines.

The Foundation students are in full swing with their Discovery learning with Alice. This week's learning involved planning making a sandwich (linked to our procedural work with Grades 1 and 2). The Foundation students will do the final step and make some sandwiches with Alice on Thursday. Next week's Discovery learning is all about resilience, with some exciting activities planned that are sure to be good fun, whilst building and learning about resilience.

For maths, Foundation students have been strengthening their friends of 10 skills

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through a whole range of different hands on activities and games. Strong adding to 10 skills are vital to be able to up-level learning to using higher numbers in equations. Grade 1 and 2 students have worked on doubles and near doubles, as well as mixing double and triple digit addition with subtraction. We are getting good at using the counting on strategy by tens and ones, as well as the jump strategy.

### Mr Hilliard

Students have immersed themselves in procedural writing this past fortnight. Students composed a procedural piece on how to make a Growing Grass Head. This integrated with our science study on plant growth and the importance of soil whereby students were able to apply this piece of writing and the materials and steps involved to make a creation of their own.



In Maths we have been revising our multiples of 3. We have been striving to become more fluent at our automatic recall of  $3x$  multiplication facts and apply this to games such as 'bingo' and 'get out'. I encourage students to practise their  $3x$  and  $5x$  tables at home too if they get a chance. Equivalent number sentences involving the four operations have also been of focus in the senior space.

Many of us are further doing a great job with our home reading. Students have been reminded to continue to record their readers in their diary each day. Well done, team!

### Mrs Langley - Reading with Fluency and Writing with Conjunctions

In our reading group we are continuing to focus on reading with fluency and expression. Improving a student's capacity to read with automaticity improves their ability to understand what they are reading. It has been great to see the progress students are making in this area over the last few weeks. In writing we have been focusing on the correct use of full stops and this week learnt how conjunctions (and, because, so, but) can be used to join two sentences together. In the upcoming weeks we will continue to build on our understanding of how to use punctuation correctly.

### Teacher Professional Development

Over the next few weeks staff will continue to be engaged in a range of Professional Learning Days. On Monday May 20th Mrs Langley will be attending a day with the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership on 'Preventing and Managing Conflict'. Later that week Mr Rook will attend the second of the Numeracy Professional Learning Community days. The first with Dr, Paul Swan was excellent and has helped frame our lesson structure in maths around the concepts of *learn, practice and apply*. Whilst we understand students prefer for our staff to be here we also know that the quality of teaching continues to improve through engaging in this learning being rolled out across the network.

### Mid Year Assessments & Report Writing

As we approach the middle of the term staff are now beginning their mid-year assessments. This will include students completing online adaptive Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in both reading and mathematics as well as repeating our DIBELS® (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment tool we completed at the start of the year. These standardised tests along with reviewing informal assessments completed in class will help inform the progress each child is making with their learning and assist with setting future learning goals.

### Student Attitude to School Survey

Shortly students in Years 4 and 5 will be invited to complete the Attitude to School Survey. The Survey assists schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. The survey has a range of questions on student thoughts and feelings about school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity and life in general. This survey forms part of the targets set in our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). This year those targets including our ability to build a '*stimulating learning environment where learners are motivated and confident*'.

### SGSSA & Division Cross Country

Last week Rylee, Cianna and Rory took on the challenge of the Tarrington Cross-Country course at the SGSSA. Conditions were perfect and the lack of rain made for great running times to be achieved as students strode across the paddock, up the hill and around the small lake. Whilst Rory did not make a placing in the top 8 he did complete the course after a bumpy start. He should be incredibly proud of his resilience in picking himself back up again and immersing himself in a new experience. Much growth comes from adversity. Rylee and Cianna both had smooth runs with Cianna placing third in her age group and Rylee placing fourth. Both girls now move onto the next level at Warrnambool this Friday.

**Brilliant at Being Resilient - Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>**

As we continue our focus this term on *Healthy Mind and Healthy Body* we are moving on to how this helps us deal with adversity. In our wellbeing sessions we have talked about resiliency and how to find our calm again after something goes wrong or is hard. Students came up with a terrific list of strategies they use including - positive self talk, trying again, getting help or trying a different strategy. Our upcoming visiting performance "*brilliant at being resilient*" will strengthen these messages. The Show, retelling Goldilocks and the Three Bears, is told from both the point of view of Goldilocks and then by the bears, combining ideas of resilience and tolerance with perspective.

**School Photos- Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

School photos will take place on the morning of Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> with photographer Frank Monger. Order forms have been sent home today and need to be back by Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is preferable that parents pay direct online before this date, however, the office can collect cash payments if need be. Please note that this year we will only be completing a whole school photo and individual photos. There will be no class photo. Students are asked to wear a clean and neatly presented winter uniform - blue pants, green/white school polo and black shoes. Neatly brushed hair and beautiful smiles are also encouraged.

**Heywood District Secondary School Science Games - Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Next Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Thomas and Patrick will be forming a team with Matthew and Harrison from Braxholme Wallacedale CS at the Heywood District Secondary School Science Games. This is an interactive and fun day for Year 5/6 students and we thank Miss Nat from BWCS in organising the team for this event. This will be followed up again next term with an English games day.

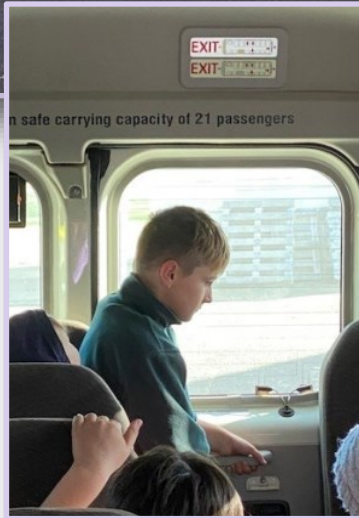


The morning started with open classes and students showing their work to parents and finished with a stroll in the sunshine. Scuffing autumn leaves and checking out the new playground in Market Square were popular activities

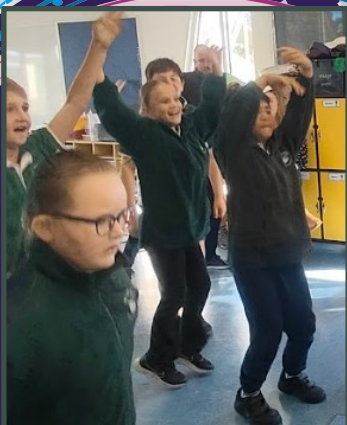




### Bus Safety Session (National Road Safety Week)



### Learning to Beat Box



## Student Awards—Week 3 Term 2

### Mr Rook's CONNECT Award

Thomas

For making visitors to our school feel welcome



### Mrs Langley's RESPECT Award

Pat, Thomas & Rylee

For respecting our school at ANZAC Day



### Mr Hilliard's LEARN Award

Rylee

For improvements in writing



### Mr Lynch's Maths Award

Harrison

For great estimation in Maths, using metres to measure!



### Student Choice

- 1 Edward - Learn - His focus
- 2 Cloud - Connect - looking after others when they're sad
- 3 Milla - Connect - Welcoming Astrid

## Student Awards—Week 4 Term 2

### Mr Rook's CONNECT Award

Astrid

For building friendships across the school



### Mrs Langley's RESPECT Award

Erik

For showing respect to our visitors



### Mr Hilliard's LEARN Award

Amelia

For learning to use her voice



### Mr Lynch's Maths Award

Edward

For great persistence when measuring



### Student Choice

- 1 Patrick - Learn - For teaching Beau how to kick
- 2 Ava - Respect - For helping Amelia when she needed it
- 3 Milla - Connect - For making friends with Astrid



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)

PHOTO DAY  
IS COMING



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PH: 08 8724 8411

PHOTO DAY: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

**Paying by Cash:**

Place the correct money in envelope, seal envelope & return to the school before photo day.

**Ordering Online:**

You can order online by going to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au). At the top of the page go to order online. Go to Order packs & enter the 8 digit shootkey on your child's photo envelope. Select the packs you wish to purchase & proceed through the checkout. Enter the Ref no on the photo form & return to the school before photo day.

**Sibling photos:**

If you wish to order a family pack (2 or more students together) you need to collect the orange family envelope from the school office & go through the same process as above.

Online ordering shuts off at midnight prior to photo day

Please return all photo envelopes prior to photo day even if you order online.

All students are expected to wear correct school uniform

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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
12	13 :ActiveAfterSch	14 :MARC :Yr3-6 MARC activity 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 :Div Xcountry Warrn	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 :Heywood -Maths Games Day	25
26 Wk 7 Assessmt	27 :ActiveAfterSch	28 :MARC :WSW Prin Forum	29	30 :Assembly @ Health Centre	31	June 1
2 Wk 8	3 :ActiveAfterSch	4 :MARC	5	6 :GSWC - JL— Netwk Mtg	7	8
9 Wk 9	10 :Kings b/d Public Holiday	11 :MARC	12	13	14	15