



MacFarlane News



Term 4 Week 1

13 October 2020

Principal's Message...

Welcome to term 4. It was wonderful to see students returning to school today. Hopefully attendance will be high for term 4. If you see any families from our school community please remind them that school is back on for term 4.

Swimming lessons will be in weeks 2 and 3 this term. Permission slips have been sent home. Please return them to staff in the front office. You may also like to send your child's towel and bathers to school with them this week so they are ready for their swimming lessons next Monday.

We are pleased to announce that in 2021 the EON (Edge Of Nowhere) Foundation will be working with our school community. The program will run for 18 months and will involve visits to the school and community on a fortnightly roster during the school term. They will run gardening, cooking and nutrition classes with all the children, and run workshops for adults. EON provides the materials and equipment to establish the gardens and trains people to build and maintain them.

This term we will be having parent/teacher meetings in weeks 8, 9 and 10. Student progress will be discussed and student reports given to parents/carers at the meeting.

We welcome Miss Lexie Lewington to our school. She is teaching part time this term.

Today after school all the teachers will be attending a writing workshop in the school library. This is part of our Annual School Improvement Plan and one of the Department of Education priorities for 2020.

I hope you all have a lovely week.

Marie Bryans

Principal



Make sure you bring your water bottles to school every day!



Please have your orders in by **FRIDAY 23rd October**

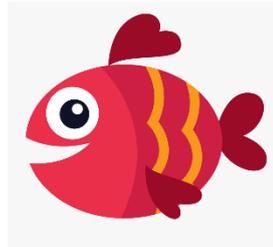
MacFarlane House Points

Mahoney



1970

Nixon



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Pedersen



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Dates to Remember

**Last Assembly to receive MacFarlane awards for 2020.
Friday of week 7 27/11/2020**

End of year concert- Tuesday 8th December- 8:45am

**End of Year Awards Assembly- Friday 11th December
8:30am**

Term 4 in the Northern Territory

Education is compulsory in the Northern Territory, and all children of compulsory school age are required to physically attend school.

However, students who are unwell must remain at home and parents/carers should notify the school.

Parents are asked to notify the school when students have been directed by the Northern Territory Government to self-quarantine at home or enter mandatory quarantine at a government facility. The school will provide the student with learning from home materials to ensure that they can continue to learn during this period. Students who have been required to quarantine, will need to provide the school with a letter of clearance from the Northern Territory Government, prior to their return to face to face learning. This is about schools minimising the risk of the spread of the virus and giving reassurance to other students, staff and the community, that it is safe for students who have been quarantined to return. Please note that all school staff who have been required to undertake quarantine, will also provide the same clearance letter before they return to school.

If your child falls ill during the day, parents/carers will be contacted by the school and required to arrange for them to be collected as soon as possible. **Please make sure we have your current contact details.**

Schools are actively following up with families of absent students, and we ask that parents notify the school of any absences, and respond to any queries from the school.

Parents and carers on school grounds

Where possible, minimising the number of adults entering school sites is desired to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Principals have the authority to allow visitors onto school grounds on a case by case basis, ensuring appropriate physical distancing and hygiene requirements are met. Visitors are required to comply with all directions from the school regarding physical distancing and hygiene, and are encouraged to supply their own water bottle and hygiene products (hand sanitiser, tissues, etc.) wherever possible.

No person including staff, students or visitors should come onto school grounds if:

- they are unwell;
- they are awaiting the outcome of a test for COVID-19;
- they have been directed by relevant authorities to quarantine or self-isolate; or
- in the last 14 days, they have travelled to a place identified by the **Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) as a COVID-19 hot spot.**

Parents and carers are encouraged to continue to regularly communicate with their child's school. It is recommended that this be done via phone or online in the first instance and if a face-to-face discussion is required, this is discussed and planned.

- For the latest information for to the Australian Government Department of Health website:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

Library News

During lunchtimes the Library is open for the students to play games, read and sometimes watch a movie. Some of the movies are rated "PG" if you do not want your child/children to watch these please contact the school on 8965 1700



Is your child starting preschool in 2021? If yes, bring them to the Families as First Teachers program in Term 4 to give them a head start with their preschool skills. The FaFT program provides quality child-centred early learning experiences that improves the lifelong education, health and wellbeing outcomes for young children. Contact Sally Lovering on 8965 1713 or come into the FaFT room next to MacFarlane Preschool.

YMCA Swimming Lessons
Book Now for Swimming Lessons with the YMCA!

We have classes to get everybody swimming from 6 months old to adults.
Fitness and Mini Squads also available!

Email swimminglessons.kac@ymca.org.au to register

1st Floor, Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850
Phone: 8965 1700
Facebook: KatherineAquaticCentre

YMCA KATHERINE AQUATIC CENTRE



If your child suffers from asthma please bring a spare puffer to school labelled in case they need to use it. We also need an up to date asthma plan from your doctor.

Asthma Foundation NT

