

MacFarlane Newsletter

Principal's Message

Hello everyone. We are over the hump of week 5 and heading towards the end of term 1. We still have 4 and a half weeks to go so please keep sending your children to school. It has been great seeing everyone enjoying their first term with their new teachers and classes.

Friday we have assembly and the school captains will be in charge of running this. I know that there will be a lot of awards as students have been working hard in all of their classes. After assembly we have Joffa from toonschool coming to visit to teach students about drawing and talking about respect, resilience and having a growth mind set. The Year 5/6's will be first to learn about this and then the 3/4 classes.

Due to Miss Sam being away, Miss Dalton's class have started their culture unit with Mr Arnold and Miss Levina. I knew that the lessons they have planned to do with this unit will be very engaging and exciting for 3/4D.

Please notify staff in the front office if you have changed your contact details and if your child is sick and not attending school.

At MacFarlane Primary School we encourage all children to wear shoes. Please support us by sending your child to school each morning wearing

COVID UPDATES

For the latest information for to the Australian Government Department of Health website: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

shoes and discuss the importance of keeping them on their feet. Now that we have had a lot of rain it is really important that students wear shoes due to melioidosis.



Thank you to all of the parents who came along to the school council meeting last Wednesday night. Cerise King and Eugenie Collyer have completed their terms and Chair and Treasurer. Thank you for your time and expertise in leading our school. Matt Hurley was elected Chairperson and Nathan Hedrick (Mr Nathan and Miss Britt's Husband) was elected as secretary. We were unable to fill the Treasurers position. If you would like to be a part of the school council and learn the treasurers role please contact the front office. Lisa and Eugenie will support you in this role.. Our other members of the school council are Miss Britt, Eugenie Collyer (as a parent member), Ivan Horvat, Julie Clifford, Jackie Harvey, and Allyson Billot, Ernie Mitchell, Matilda Pritchard and Stella Hurley. Thank you to you all

In week 8 this term we will be having NAPLAN practice tests for Year 3 and 5 students in preparation for NAPLAN which will take place in week 4 Term 2. We will also be conducting PAT

catch up tests for those students who missed out in Term 4 2020. This will happen in week 9 and 10.

Read Write Ink (RWI) has been going great guns at MacFarlane so far this term. Testing will begin again very soon to see the improvements that students have had. If you have any questions or want to learn more about RWI please see Miss Toni or Miss Tash.

Friday the 5th of March, Miss Mallika and Mr Cameran took 27 students to the Nitmiluk oval for an AFL gala day. The day was very hot and but the students all had a great time and showed respect and resilience while there.

Please remember to talk to your child's teacher if you have any issues or questions about what is happening in their class. We have an open door policy so please feel free to come in and see us.

I hope you are all having a great week.

**Kind Regards
Ruth Millikan
Assistant Principal**



Please speak to Ms. Kerri in the Front Office about BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER 8965 1700



Scholastic Book Club

Please have your orders in by FRIDAY 12th March

Student of the Week

- Adrian Lunguna
- Lydia Davey
- Jeremiah Both
- Jade Wuki-Wuki
- Ricky Jones
- Amelia Ogilvie-Ulamari
- Braelee Gillett
- Braith George
- Skylah Hayes
- Deshontae Lewis



Merit Award

- Terence Hume
- Carrisa Paddy
- Heidi Collyer-Garling
- Cortess Lucchese
- Silvagni Presley
- Tisha Hamilton
- Michael Barclay
- Neena Dryden
- Tarshia Orr
- Jacob Bain



MacFarlane House Points

Mahoney

Nixon

Pedersen



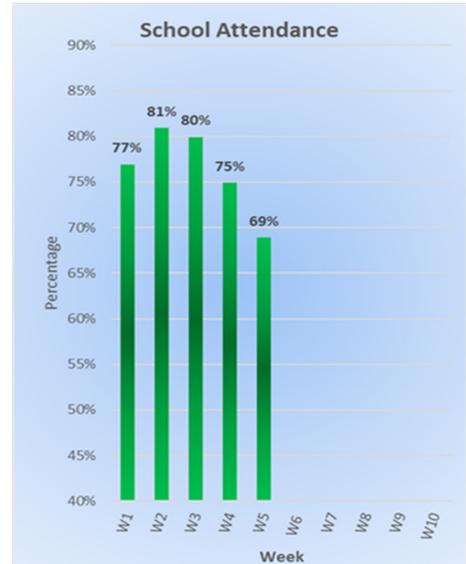
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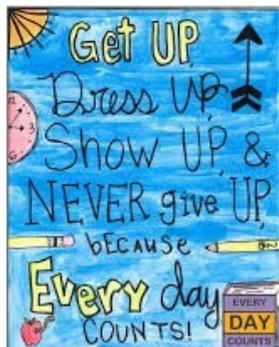
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Attendance Champions

Week 4 – 3/4 Dalton (86%)

Week 5 - 5/6 Sam (77%)



Katherine Athletics Club

Season starts Friday 12th March 5.30pm

At the Katherine Athletics oval-opposite the YMCA
For athletes 3-5yrs little snappers and 6-Masters

Please register online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/katherineac/registration/>

Season begins Friday 12th March and continues thru till NT Championships in September.

Training is available Tues and Thurs, Competition Friday nights.
Training options are available in the holidays.
Club Champs Aug long weekend.
Participation from age 3 to Masters
Contact katherineathletics@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook Katherine Athletics Centre
Join us for Fun, Family & Fitness



All children in the Northern Territory, aged 0-18 years, with a current Medicare card and still at school, are eligible for free dental services through Top End Oral Health Service (TEOHS).

TEOHS operates 2 school based dental clinics in the Katherine region, one at MacFarlane Primary School and Clyde Fenton Primary School. We recommend that all children have regular check-ups. Your children can visit either of the school-based dental clinics from age 0 until they finish primary school (year six).

Once your child starts year seven they must be seen at Katherine Dental Clinics.

Phone 08 8922 6466 to make an appointment at a school or community dental clinic.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: EON COMMUNITY ASSISTANT

EON delivers hands-on gardening, nutrition education and cooking programs at MacFarlane.

Do you enjoy working outside and in the garden?
Are you interested in working closely with our local community and children?
Want to work up to 20 hours a week?
What could you be doing?

- Maintaining our edible vegetable garden. This will include watering, propagation, weeding, planting, harvesting, soil improvement, composting, pests & diseases.
- Assisting with healthy eating and cooking sessions when required

Who we are looking for

- If you are from the region and looking for fulfilling employment
- You know about or want to learn about gardening
- You are reliable and committed to monitoring the garden
- You are interested in health and nutrition
- You enjoy teaching children
- You will need a working with Children Check

Interested?
Call Lucie on 0427 064 921 to chat or send an email to Lucie.burnod@eon.org.au.

The EON foundation works with schools and the community to deliver healthy lifestyle programs. Lucie from EON is excited to be working with MacFarlane students every fortnight to run gardening, cooking and nutrition classes. The students are currently building an edible garden so they can use fresh fruit and vegetables for the classes. Last week, some students made their own mini pizzas with basil and chives from the garden. EON is looking for parents and community members to get involved with the gardening and cooking too. If this is something you are interested in or would like to hear more about, please tell the school or call/message Lucie on 0427 064 921.