MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 6—Term 3, 2022
23/08/2022

Principal's Message …….

Hello and welcome to Week 6 of Term 3. We are now well into the second half of the term and on the downhill run to the September/October holidays.

Thank you to everyone who has filled out and returned a school survey. There is still another week and half before the window closes to have your say for this year. I would encourage everyone to complete a survey so that we get the best possible information about how our school is going from a family perspective. Please use the following link if you would like to complete the survey online, or pick up a hard copy from the office if you don't have access to the Internet - https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/2K8HYkMJ

Our school fete for 2022 is now just around the corner. There will be lots of food and drink stalls and some fun activities for the kids to do. The school fete is on Wednesday 31 August starting from 5:00pm and finishing at 7:30pm. I look forward to seeing everyone here on the evening.

Our total enrolments and school attendance continue to increase each week. We now have 195 students enrolled at our school, which is the highest we have had all year. Attendance has also improved back over 70% for the first time since Term 1. Thank you to all of our families who have made this happen. I would also like to thank Miss Kerri in our office who has worked so hard to support our families to get their children to school. Well done everyone.

We have our school council meeting this week. It will be held in the school's library from 5:30pm this Wednesday 24 August. If you have anything you would like discussed at the meeting please let one of our school councillors know, or contact our office on 89651700.

It was wonderful to be able to watch the MacFarlane Diamonds play last Thursday afternoon. It is clear to see how the team have developed over the season this year. I would like to congratulate all of the players for the way they played the game and for helping out the other team who were a few players short on the afternoon. There are only a couple more regular season games to go now before the semi-finals. I would encourage families to get down to the netball courts on Thursday afternoon from 4:30pm to cheer on the team. Thank you to Miss Lexie and Miss Britt for looking after and coaching the team throughout a long season.

We had a visit from Ranger Stacy last week. It was wonderful to have her visit our school. All the kids really enjoyed their time with her and learnt a lot from the session.

Just a reminder that we have a school assembly this Friday 26 August from 8:30am. Please come along if you can to support and cheer on the children as they receive their awards for all of their hard work. The attendance awards from earlier on this term will be handed out at this event. A big thank you to Miss Kerri for organising all the prizes for attendance.

We had a visit by our Regional Director, Mr Warren Giles on Monday morning 22 August. Warren was here to see how the school is going and to check in with all of our children. The visit went well with Warren saying he was very happy with the work we are doing around culture, wellbeing and behaviour and student learning.

Well that's about it for me this week. I hope everyone is enjoying what I think maybe the last of the winter weather. I think it may heat up from here on. Until next week, all the best.

Principal

Philip Russell

Important Dates to Remember

- **26 Aug (Friday) - 8.45am - Award assembly**
- **31 Aug (Wednesday) - 5.30pm - MacFarlane Fete**
- **8 Sep (Thursday) - School Photos**

MacFarlane Primary School Council Meeting

Wednesday, 24th Aug at 5.30pm in the school library.

Please share this information with others from our school community.

COVID UPDATES

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

Student of the Week
Week 1

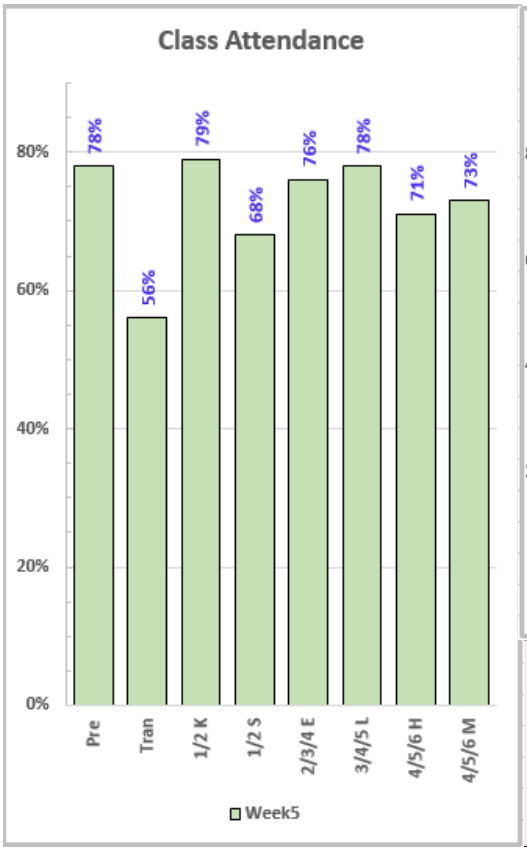
Phoebe Louis
Naleenah Farrar
Holly George
Ashton Ogilvie
Luke Hobbs
Sapphire Avoi

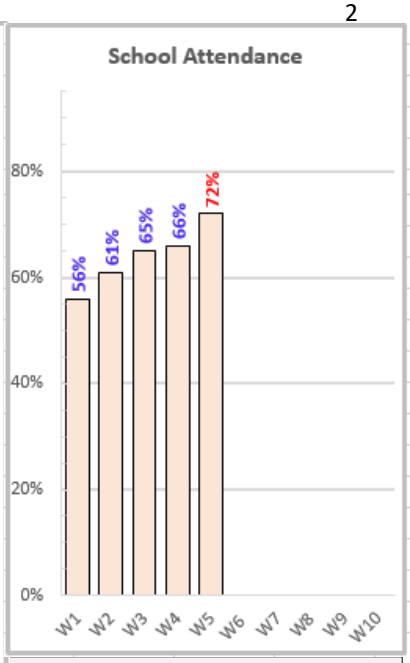
Merit Award
Week 1

Trianna Alum
Baxter Hill
Tilly Ah-Fat
Mathan Peters
Mathias Egan
Slater Barry

MacFarlane Award

Kerry Lincoln
Kesha Sing
Damon Thompson
Skylah Hayes
Braith George
Chyanne Passmore
Josefa Uluivuya
Luke Hobbs
Adrian Lunguna





Attendance Champs

Week 5 – Term 3

1/2 Kelb (79%)

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Top End Oral Health Service

Fluoride Varnish Program

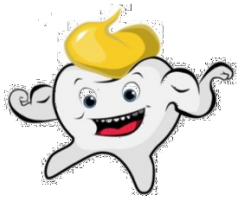
Our school is taking part in a Fluoride Varnish Program which aims to improve children's oral health

Our school based Fluoride Program will commence on the

Dates: 5th - 7th Sep 2022

Children who have a signed consent form will be seen by the dental therapist.

If you have not signed a consent form please come to our front office and we can provide a consent form.



For Further Information Phone:
Top End Oral Health Services: (08) 89226466

Week 2 & 3 Attendance Competition Winners

Congratulations to students who had 100% attendance in Weeks 2 and 3. Awards will be presented at the Week 6 Assembly on 26th Aug.

Pre School	Transition	1/2 Kelb	1/2 Sophie
Shaqkaila Brown Snape Karmony Ahfat Ronin Sing Ivyana Douglas	Dallas Willetts Jason Martin	Sapphire Avoi Cyntara Hamilton Damien Gillett Darcie Jarrett Ben Lines Benji Russell-Pell	Guston Adidi Hector Dorothy George Mason-James Lines Mia Russell-Pell
2/3/4 Emma	**3/4/5 Lexie**	**4/5/6 Harvey**	**4/5/6 Mallika**
Trent AhFat Joshua Barry Zion Brown Latisha Hamilton Zoe Hard Baxter Hill Mollie Jarrett Billie	Braelee Gillett Mary Leaf Cortess Luc-chese	Walker Huddle-ston Jessie Huddle-ston Robbie Russell-Pell	Chyanne Pass-more Fa'atua Emrald Braith George

School Photos

Thursday 8th of September

- **The envelopes were sent out to everyone at the beginning of this term.**
- **Please remember to fill the envelopes carefully and send them back with the correct amount of money (no change will be given).**
- **Sibling envelopes are available at the front office.**

Any questions please contact the front office on 8965 1700.

Wear and keep your shoes on

At MacFarlane Primary School we encourage all children to wear shoes. Please support us by sending your child to school each morning wearing shoes and discuss the importance of keeping them on their feet all the time.

Some memories from last week

Our students had an amazing time with Ranger Stacey's visit last week

Being creative and having loads of fun in the Library during lunchtime

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

NT HEALTH

Get active, stay active

Getting active with young children benefits you both.

Physical activity boosts children's mood, sleep, concentration, bone density and appetite.

Learning to move helps children build confidence. Confidence allows them to try any sport or physical activity when they're older. It's much easier to learn these skills before they become older and may be self-conscious.

As many as 4 in 5 Australian children are not meeting physical activity guidelines, so this week why not try getting active with your kids!

'Let's get Going!' a guide to starting a parent led activity group for 1-5 years:
tinyurl.com/3zatbra2

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