



MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 1—Term 4, 2022
11/10/2022



Principal's Message

Hello and welcome to Week 1 of Term 4. I hope everyone has had a wonderful break and are now ready for learning this term. It is very important for all students to be back at school now and completing their work ready for the end of the year. It is not very far away now so we really need everyone at school.

It is also a very exciting and yet sad time for our Year 6 students who are now completing their last term of their primary education. They will all be moving to a high school at the start of next year. Over this term there will be a number of opportunities for the Year 6 group to visit Katherine High School to get use to their new school and how it operates. These visits are very important for the students as they move up in their education.

Our swimming program starts next week. Participation notes were sent home last term and will be sent home again this week. It is very important that these notes are signed and returned to school by this Thursday 13th October. This will allow time for us to organise a timetable and staffing so that the program can start next Monday. Make sure your child brings their note back to school by Thursday if they wish to participate in the program this year. Depending on our final numbers there may be a need to reduce the number of days the children can attend the swimming program. This is due to overall costs. There has been a large increase in the charges to access the pool this year so our budget can only go as far as it can. Once we have final numbers we will have a better idea on how many days of swimming can be offered this year.

Just a reminder to all families that we have a breakfast program that runs each morning from 7:30 – 8:15am. Miss Donna and Miss Sabrina prepare a healthy start to the day for all of our students and families who are dropping them off. Everyone is most welcome to come in and enjoy breakfast with their children and have a chat with our staff as we start the school day. I am on duty at this time most days and so am happy to have a chat about the school if you have anything you want to raise with me.

Over the last couple of months, we have been looking at road safety at our school, especially at the front of the school during drop-off and pick-up times. We have also been working with the Katherine Regional Council to see what can be done on Grevillea Road to make it as safe as we can for the children as they arrive and leave our school. The council have agreed to put in some flashing lights on Grevillea Road outside of our school to remind drivers to slow down as they pass the school. We are also looking at installing a rubber speed bump in the carpark to once again get drivers to slow down. I would like to remind all drivers that the speed limit in the school carpark is only 10kph. This is walking speed and allows for people to be able to stop if something happens unexpectedly. I would like to thank Lisa for all of her hard work to get these very important safety measures in place. We are hoping they can be installed in the near future.

Our water mains project is now almost complete. Most of the final jobs were completed over the holidays so finally things can get back to normal in our grounds.

Well that's about it for me this week. Term 4 is a wonderful time of the year, but it is also a busy time. We are already starting our preparation work for the end of year concert and graduation ceremony as well as the class Christmas parties. More information about these events will come our later this term. Until next time, all the best.

Principal
Philip Russell



Important Dates to Remember

- ◆ 13 Oct (Thursday) - Last day to return swimming notes
- ◆ 17 - 28 Oct (Week 2 and 3) - Swimming Lessons

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>



Student of the Week

Week 10



Stefania Nelson
Hannah Hamilton
Josefa Uluiuvuya

Merit Award

Week 10



Damien Gillet
Fyn Jarrett

100% Attendance for the Term 3, 2022

Chyanne Passmore
Benji Russell-Pell



Kudos to our attendance super heroes who came to school every day in Term 3

**Swimming Lessons 2022**

The school swimming lessons will be in Weeks 2 and 3 in Term 4 2022 (17 Oct—28 Oct). All students can participate in this program. Please remember to return the signed permission notes By this Thursday (13/10/2022). Students are **not allowed** to participate without the signed consent note.

All the students must attend the first two days (13 & 14 Oct) to continue the lessons for the coming two weeks. Anyone who hasn't attended the first two days will not be allowed to participate in the rest of the lessons

Notes were sent home last term. If you have any questions, please contact the front office on 8965 1700.

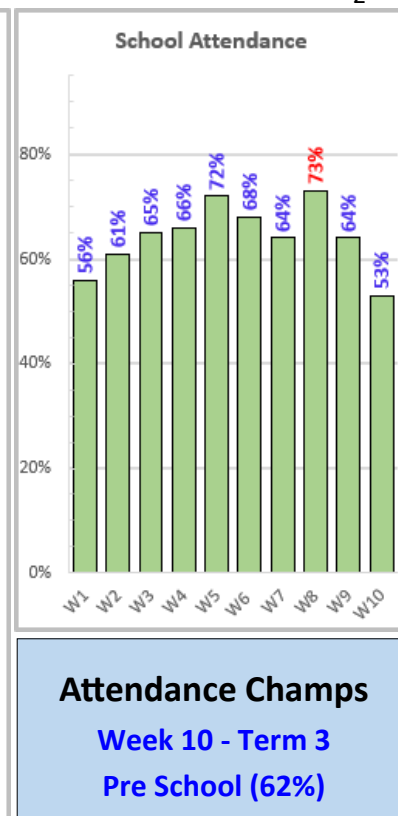
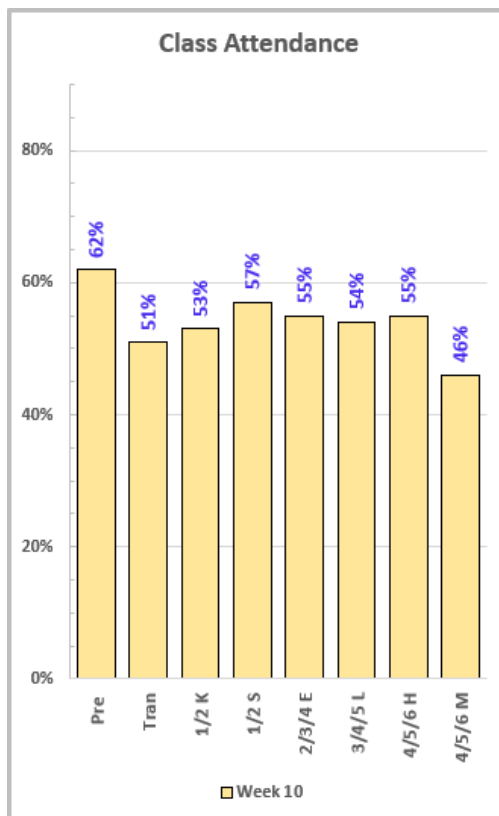
**Important Note**

MacFarlane Primary School are investigating the possibility of starting an after school care program at our school

Please can you contact Miss Lisa on 89 651 700 or email lisa.alexander@education.nt.gov.au to show your interest.

If you send an email, please include the names of your children who would attend and their age or class

Thank you

**Katherine High School Enrolment forms for Year 6s'**

Enrolment packs for Katherine high school will be sent home today for Year 6s'. Please return the filled enrolments forms by Friday (14 Oct). **Everyone who brings back the forms by Friday will be in for a special surprise from Miss Kerri.**

Please contact the front office on 08 8965 1700 for any questions.



Last term 1/2 S did lots of learning about different types of animals, what they look like, what they eat and where they live.

The students got to choose an animal egg, watch it hatch and then created a poster about their animal.

We had Miss Budgie's joey come to visit us in 1/2 Sophie's classroom to help learn about kangaroos


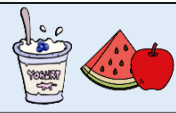

















What wonderful work 1/2S!

Canteen Menu

Term 4—2022

Recess and Lunch: \$8.00 Recess only: \$3.00 Lunch only: \$5.00

Breakfast: Free Ice blocks: \$1.50

Monday	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Yoghurt and fruit 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham or chicken and cheese and milk or water 	Sandwich – ham or chicken and cheese and milk or water 
Tuesday	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Kabana, Cheese and biccy and popcorn 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham or chicken and cheese and milk or water 	Fish and Salad and milk or water 
Wednesday	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Pizza and fruit 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham or chicken and cheese and milk or water 	Sandwich – ham or chicken and cheese and milk or water 
Thursday	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Chocolate Yoghurt and boiled egg 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham or chicken and cheese and milk or water 	Spaghetti Bolognese and milk or water 
Friday	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Kabana, Cheese and biccy and fruit 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham or chicken and cheese and milk or water 	Chicken Burgers with lettuce cheese and mayo and milk or water 