

# MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 2—Term 4, 2022  
18/10/2022

attendance<sup>1</sup>  
**MATTERS**  
every student • every day



## Principal's Message .....

Hello and welcome to Week 2 of Term 4. Although we got off to a slow start earlier in Week 1 it was wonderful to see the children back at school in bigger numbers as the week progressed. It is very important that we have all of our children at school every day, and if they are sick, or will be away for any other reason, please give our office a call on 89651700 to let us know.

We currently have 189 students on our roll and our Week 1 attendance was 57%. Our target is to get our attendance above 75% each and every week. For that to happen we need your help and for all families to send their children to school every day. Congratulations to the 1/2K Class for being our best attenders in Week 1 at 70%.

The school's swimming program started this week. It is wonderful to have the children go to the town pool each day for two weeks to be taught to swim and to be waterwise. It is also a great time of the year for this to happen with it being so hot. Kids need to be able to swim to survive and be safe around water. The program not only helps the children to learn these things, but there is also some time to have some fun in the water.

We have another school council meeting scheduled for this Wednesday evening from 5:30pm. It will be held in the school's library and anyone is welcome to attend. If you are not able to attend, but would like an idea or issue discussed at this meeting, please let one of our councillors know before the meeting, or simply drop into our office. The school council is a very important part of the school where parents and community members can put forward their ideas for ways for the school to improve.

We had a visit from the Senior Director Big Rivers, Mr Warren Giles on Monday. He spent a couple of hours at our school discussing the school's annual school improvement plan (ASIP) for 2023 and speaking with staff and students. Once again, he left the school with a positive view of its operation.

We are also to receive a visit from the Northern Territory Minister for Education, Ms Eva Lawler, next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022. She will be visiting our school from 12:15 – 1:15pm and is just here to see how things are going and to have a talk with people.

We are already well into the term so it won't be long before it is the Christmas holidays. In writing the children are learning about poetry and in maths the focus for the first half of this term is number, place value and measurement. With the end of the year fast approaching the children will be completing a lot of assessment tasks over the next few weeks, ready for the writing of end of year reports. We will again be trying to organise some time at the end of the year for families to come to school and meet with teachers to discuss student progress with their learning. This is a very important meeting and a chance for families to talk about how their children are going at school. Once this has been organised a timetable will be sent out so families can book in a time to meet with teachers.

Well that's about it for me this week. I hope everyone is now back into their school routines. The weather has certainly heated up over the last week so please remember to drink lots of water and remain in the shade as much as possible. Please let me know if you would like to meet with me and discuss anything about the school. Until next week all the best!

Principal  
Philip Russell



## MacFarlane Primary School Council Meeting

Tomorrow (Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct)  
in the school library at 5.30pm



### Important Dates to Remember

- ◆ 17 - 28 Oct (Week 2 and 3) - Swimming Lessons
- ◆ 19 Oct (Wed) - School Council Meeting

### 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 1



Uwarntae Cooke  
Ricky Jones  
Guston Adidi  
Kirralena Croker  
Neena Dryden  
Michael Rockman-Box  
Quineesha Farrell

**Merit Award**

Week 1



Omayil Farrar  
Lavazza Poynter-Hobbs  
Dylan Hume  
Shammaw Rockman-Box  
Cortess Lucchese  
Hannah Hamilton  
Lynara Martin

**Swimming Lessons 2022**

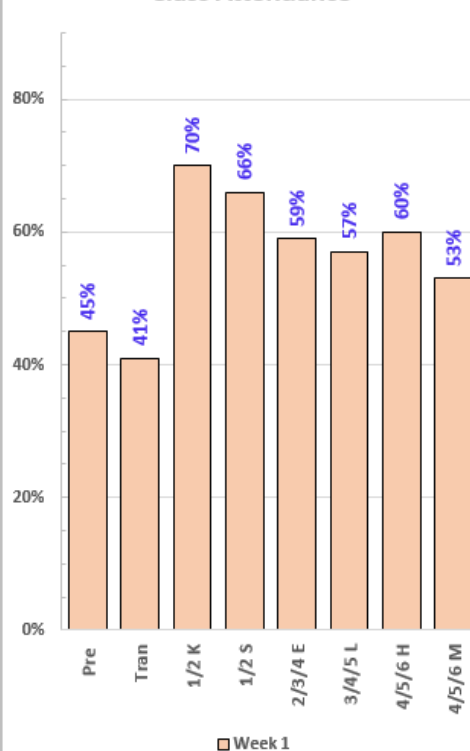
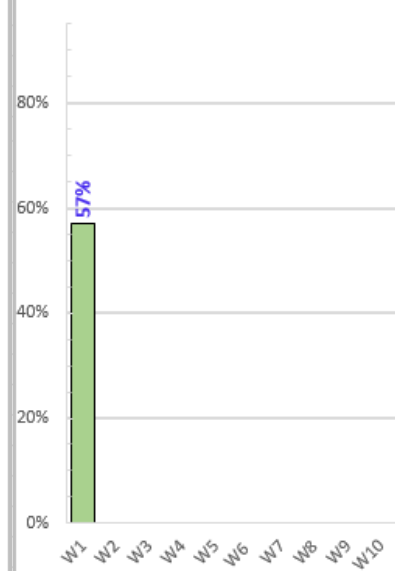
The school swimming lessons will continue in Weeks 2 and 3 in Term 4 2022 (17 Oct—28 Oct). Please remember to send the bathers and towels with your child/children every day for the duration.

**It's Book Club Time**

**Closing Date**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of**  
**October**

**Things to remember to do**

1. Print your name and class on your order
2. Fill in your order clearly
3. Place your order with exact money in a sealed envelope.
4. Take your order to the front office

**Class Attendance****School Attendance****Attendance Champs**

**Week 1 - Term 4**  
**1/2 Kelb (70%)**



MacFarlane Primary School are so grateful to Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price and Jo Hersey MLA from the Country Liberal Party, for the donation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

We are waiting of one of the flagpoles then the flags will be raised

Thank you again

**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](mailto: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



### Some memories from Last week



## 2023 - YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Current Year 6 students are welcome to attend our St Joseph's Catholic College 2023 Year 7 Orientation Day!

Time: 8:15am

Location: SJCC Library

Students will be returned to their Primary School via the College Bus at Lunch time.

### THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Please RSVP to [Rachelle.McLean@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Rachelle.McLean@nt.catholic.edu.au)



As usual, our little gardeners are working hard in our garden to get it ready for this wet season.

Huge thanks to Miss Lucie from EON foundation for helping and guiding our children to this fantastic project.