



MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 3—Term 4, 2022
25/10/2022



Principal's Message

Hello and welcome to Week 3 of Term 4. Our school term is well underway now and we are back into our routines. Our current school enrolments sit at 191 with an attendance at 66% for Week 2. This was an improved effort on week one, which is fantastic to see, but we need all of our children at school every day if we are to achieve our attendance goal of 75% throughout the remainder of this year and in 2023. Congratulations to the 3/4/5Lexie class for being our best attending class at 70%.

We are working closely with the Katherine Town Council to look at ways to make our school carpark safer for everyone. We are looking at having speed humps installed in the carpark, and to slow the traffic down on Grevillea Drive, signs with flashing lights and speed indicators will be installed at some point. I would like to remind everyone that the speed limit in the car park is 10kph, which is a walking speed. For safety reasons it is very important that we all stick to that speed when using the area. I would like to thank Lisa for all of her work in organising these safety initiatives.

As you are aware our swimming program commenced last week. From all reports the program has gone very smoothly with the kids able to attend each day for their swimming lessons and have some fun in the water. The program is to finish up this Thursday. Overall the children have been very well behaved while down at the pool and on the bus. This is great news.

The Luke Kelly Cup for rugby league was played last Friday. Sixteen of our Year 5 and Year 6 students were able to participate. They played very well winning two of their four matches. Congratulations to all of the players and thank you to Mr Cameron and Mr Justin for looking after the children while they were participating in the tournament.

The NT Minister for Education, the Honourable Eva Lawler, was at our school from 12:15 – 1:15pm today. Her visit was an informal one just calling in to see how things are going and to talk to people about education.

Our first assembly for this term is on Friday. It will commence from 8:30am with everyone most welcome to attend. It is great to see family members at Assembly cheering on their children who receive awards. I look forward to seeing everyone on Friday.

Interschool sport starts again this Friday. The sport for this term will be dodge ball, which our children love to play. Twenty of our upper primary children will have the opportunity to attend each week. If we have more children wanting to attend we will have to look at attendance and behaviour to choose who can have first chance to go. I think the children will really enjoy this activity each Friday through until the end of the year.

Well that's about it for me this week. I hope everyone has been able to find some way of cooling down over the last few weeks. It has become very hot and uncomfortable most days and this is probably here to stay for the next four to five months. Until next week all the best!



Principal
Philip Russell

Important Dates to Remember

- ◆ 17 - 28 Oct (Week 2 and 3) - Swimming Lessons
- ◆ 28th Oct (Fri) - 8.30 am - Award Assembly
- ◆ 3rd Nov (Thur) - 11—12.45 - Market Day

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 2



Jimmy Wilson
 Laben Liddy
 Louise Paddy
 Daisy
 Kandise Mulholland
 Fyn Jarrett

Merit Award

Week 2



Brexie Umbulgurrie
 Danielle Rossack
 George Riley
 Heidi Collyer-Garling
 Byron Bolton
 Waden Ponto
 Fa'atua Emerald

MacFarlane Awards

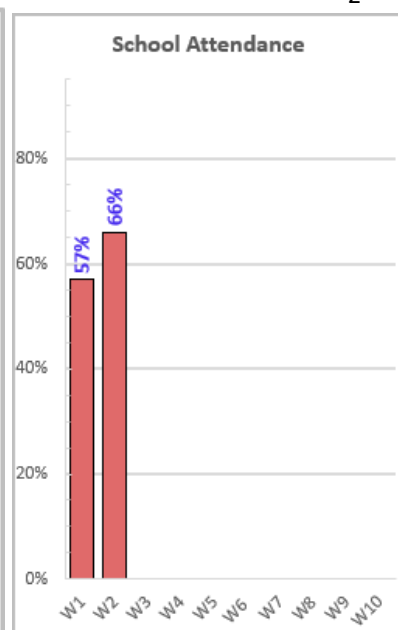
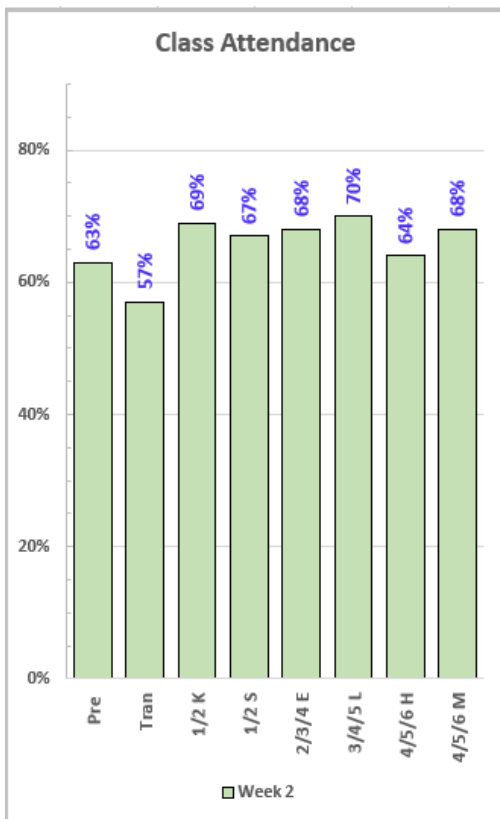
MacFarlane Award is rewarded to students who received 10 school awards.

Award winners for the Week 3, Assembly are:

Dallas Willetts
 Fa'atua Emerald
 Coral Adidi
 Waden Ponto
 Robert Tipungwuti

Declan Alum
 Edwina Fejo
 Mathan Peters
 Warrick Pamkal

The awards will be presented at the Award assembly this Friday



Attendance Champs

Week 2 - Term 4
 3/4/5 Lexie (70%)



Swimming Lessons 2022

The school swimming lessons will continue in Weeks 2 and 3 in Term 4 2022 (17 Oct—27 Oct). Please remember to send the bathers and towels with your child/children every day for the duration.



Having fun at swimming lessons

BIG RIVERS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

GIRLS & BOYS

BASKETBALL

FREE!

WHO: ALL GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 11 - 14 YEARS

WHEN: TUESDAYS 4:30PM - 5:15PM TERM 4

HOW: FREE REGISTER FORM SIGN UP ON THE DAY

WHERE: KATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL GYM, GREVILLEA RD.

PRIZES, FRUIT & DRINKS

SKILLS AND GAMES TO SUIT ALL LEVELS

Notice Board



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



Important notice to Parents

If you plan to enrol your child/children to a different school for the next year, please contact the front office to let the school know about it as soon as possible.

Front Office—8965 1700

Some memories from Last week



Player of MacFarlane Award
Beverly Tonson

Last Friday Mr Jestin and Mr Cameran took a MacFarlane team made up of Year 5/6 students to the Luke Kelly Cup. The Luke Kelly Cup is a Rugby League carnival run by the NRL and Macquarie Bank. The team played 4 games, winning 2 and losing 2. It was a different experience for students as most students had never played Rugby League before but with a couple of training sessions from Mr. Cameran they went out and played their best with Beverly Tonson, Chad Anderson, and Rianna Lee being standouts. Beverly was awarded the player of MacFarlane and received an NRL gift pack. All the students enjoyed the day and received a football and a backpack each. Well done girls and boys.

A huge thanks to Julie Clifford for gifting our Pre School a beautiful birdbath.

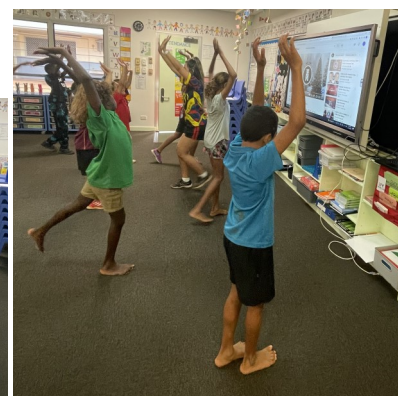
Both the kids and staff love it. And, of course, the birds too.



Our little pre schoolers in the garden



Class of 4/5/6 Lexie is getting a head start on the Christmas Concert class event



Christmas Raffle

Donations Needed

MacFarlane is Looking for donations to make our Christmas hamper bigger and better than previous years.

Donations can be made to the front office.

