



MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 4—Term 4, 2022
01/11/2022



Principal's Message

Hello and welcome to Week 4 of Term 4. We are now in a very busy time of the year here at school. Our students are finishing off work samples and our assessments of learning have commenced for the end of the year. It is now less than seven weeks until the end of the year. MacFarlane School will close on Friday 16th December for the Christmas holiday break. I think by that time we will all be looking for a good rest.

Last Friday evening at the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards our Assistant Principal Ruth Millikan was named the Big Rivers Region Inclusion Educator of the Year. Ruth was also a finalist in the same category for all of the Northern Territory. This is a wonderful achievement and so richly deserved. I would like to congratulate Ruth on her award and thank her for all of the work that she does here at school to support all of the children having access to education.

Our swimming program for 2022 has now finished. I think the children had a wonderful two weeks of learning about how to move in water and to have some fun while you are doing it. There was also lots to learn about safety when being around water and having fun with your friends. Overall, the children were well behaved and the program ran smoothly throughout the two weeks. I would like to thank Ruth for organising the program and for all staff members who helped out either down at the pool, or with the transport.

Interschool sports started again last Friday afternoon. The students that were able to attend had a really good afternoon playing dodge ball and won a number of games against teams from other schools. Interschool sport will continue each Friday afternoon for the remainder of the term. Thank you to both Mr Jestin and Mr Cameran for looking after the students during the afternoon. I look forward to hearing about some more good results in the coming weeks.

Over the last couple of weeks all of the children have been involved in the Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) for reading and maths. This is a program run by the Department of Education across the Northern Territory in all government schools. We are now at the end of the program and I would like to thank all of the students for having a go and completing as many questions as they could. The information we get from these tests will help teachers to see where the students are working and how they can best plan for the future.

Now that we are well into Term 4 we are now starting to write student reports for the end of the year. We are hoping to have reports ready for families towards the end of the term, and where possible, time will be made available for teachers to meet with families to discuss progress. More information will be sent out about this in the coming weeks.

There will be another school council meeting next Wednesday evening (9th November) from 5:30pm in the school library. If you have anything that you would like discussed at this meeting please contact one of our school councillors, or our office on 89651700.

Well that's about it for me this week. I hope everyone is coping with the heat at the moment. I am looking forward to seeing some more rain to help cool it down a little. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss with me please make contact and I can make a time to talk with you. Until next week all the best!



Principal
Philip Russell

MARKET DAY
Thursday , 3rd of November

At MacFarlane Primary school Upper Primary Classes
From 11.00 am - 12.45 pm.
Please remember to bring in

MacFarlane Primary School, Grevillea Road Katherine East NT 0850

Student of the Week

Week 3



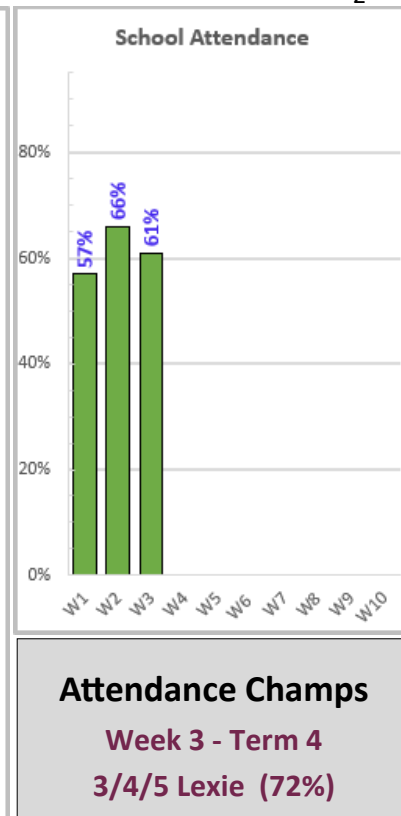
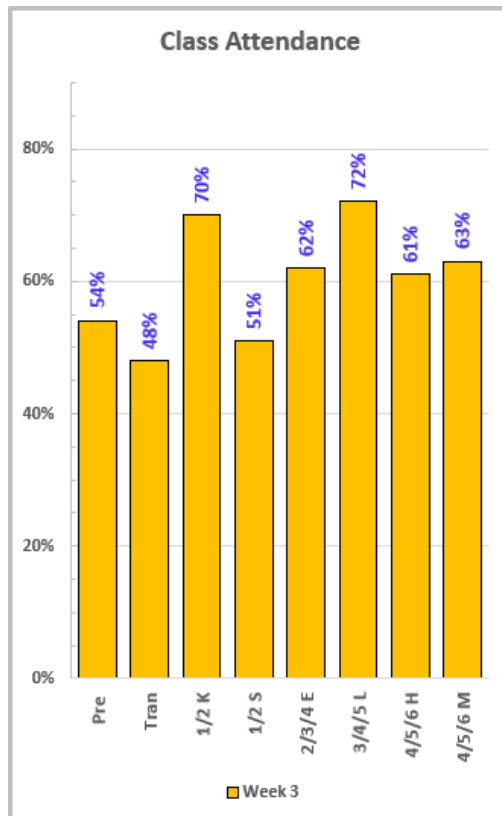
Kerry Lincoln
 Rachelle Bynoe
 Tasmyn Jackson
 Ashton McInerney
 Declan Alum
 Adrian Lunguna

Merit Award

Week 3



May-Lou Runyu
 Layla Wing
 Kylie Dick
 Fabian Farrell
 Walker Huddleston
 Jaquan Dalywater



Katherine High School Enrolment forms for Year 6s'

Year 7 enrolment forms for Katherine High School have already being sent home. Please return the filled enrolments forms by this Friday (4 Nov).

Please contact the front office on 08 8965 1700 if you required an additional form or for any questions.



Lost Property

If your child has lost any shoes or clothing please have a search through the "Lost Property" bins in the front office.

Please note any properties left in the bins will be donated to the op shop on next Friday (11th of Nov).

Notice

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



Congratulations Ms Millikan

Last Friday, Ms Millikan (Asst. Principal at MacFarlane Primary School) was awarded the Big Rivers Region Inclusion Educator of the Year at the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards ceremony. Ms Millikan was also a finalist in the Inclusion Educator of the Year for the Northern Territory.

MacFarlane Primary is very lucky to have you at our school and we are very proud of you. It is truly an honour to work with you and witness all of the incredible things you do for our children.



The transformation of education begins with teachers

At MacFarlane, we celebrated World teachers day with a staff day, as we value everyone in this school. Huge thank you to all the teachers and the other staff members for doing an invaluable job helping and guiding our young children.

Some memories from Last week



Congratulations to all the award winners. We are very proud of you.

And a big applause to our incredible Miss Bella and her transition students for doing a great job hosting the award assembly.

BIG RIVERS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

GIRLS & BOYS

FREE!

BASKETBALL

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

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Family meal times



NT HEALTH

Eating a meal as a family has been shown to improve a child's health.

This can lead to better overall development and improve a child's:

- ✓ academic performance
- ✓ cardiovascular health
- ✓ self-esteem
- ✓ vocabulary

It's not always easy to find the time to sit down for a meal as a family, you could try:

- ✓ thinking about other meals, not just dinner - breakfast together or a weekend picnic might be easier
- ✓ aim small - try having one extra meal together or fitting in a shared snack. Cook something that's easy for you, or get help with meal preparation if you need.

Find out more about family meal times:
tinyurl.com/mvhw2he



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>

Christmas Raffle

Ho Ho Ho... it looks like our Christmas hamper is growing bigger and bigger every day.

Tickets available at the front office for \$1

Drawn at the end of the term

We are still looking for donations to make our Christmas hamper bigger and better than previous years.

Donations can be made to the front office.

