

# MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 5—Term 4, 2022  
08/11/2022

 **Attendance Matters**  
Every student. Every day.

## Principal's Message .....

Hello and welcome to Week 5 of Term 4. We are now approaching the middle of the final term for our school year. Christmas holidays are just around the corner and you can feel the excitement starting to build as we see decorations appear and people are talking about the season. We now have less than six weeks of school to go. MacFarlane School will close at 2:40pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2022. We will be closed for six weeks with the students due back at school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023.

Over the first four weeks this term we have had an average enrolment of 187 with an average attendance of 62%. Our target for our attendance is 75% so we will need to do some more work in this area. We need to have all of the students at school every day so they can continue to learn and receive a great school education.

Over the last two Fridays our upper primary students have been able to attend interschool sport to play Dodge Ball against other schools. Our students love the game and have been able to win most of their matches, which is a fantastic result. Well done to all of our students who have been able to attend and play so well against students from other schools here in Katherine.

The Culture Program is now back up and running. Mr Arnold and Ms Levina will be working with all of our classes over the coming weeks to revise some of the things that took place earlier on this year and introduce some new activities to the students. All of our students really love the Culture Program and look forward to their turn to participate.

There will be a school council meeting tonight in the school's library from 5:30pm. If you have anything that you would like raised please contact the front office on 89651700. It is very important that we hear from our school community if there are things that need to be discussed and actioned.

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Department of Education Leaders' Summit for two days last week. The theme of the conference was One Sky, Many Voices. It focused on listening to the voices of all stakeholder groups in school communities and working to make sure everyone is included. There were a number of speakers throughout the two days and left me thinking what I should do to listen to our school community.

Please remember that everywhere around our school is a 40kph zone and in the car park it is 10kph. The safety of our students is so very important and at drop-off and pick-up times we all need to be very aware of what is going on. We are working with the Katherine Town Council to have extra signs installed on Grevillea Road and speed humps in our car park to help slow traffic down.

Well that's about it for me this week. I don't know about you but for me I am really looking forward to the rain. It has been so hot and sticky lately that some rain might help cool things down. Hopefully it won't be far away now. Until next week all the best!

Principal  
Philip Russell



## 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).

## 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.



**Student of the Week**

Week 4



Jazzayya  
Keturah Campion  
Oliver Wing  
Latisha Hamilton  
Holly George  
Treyden Jackson  
Coral Adidi

**Merit Award**

Week 4



Jean Cameron  
Dawson Willetts  
Hectar  
Swaiide Runyu  
Tyquade Waterloo  
Daisy Raymond  
Ryan Williams

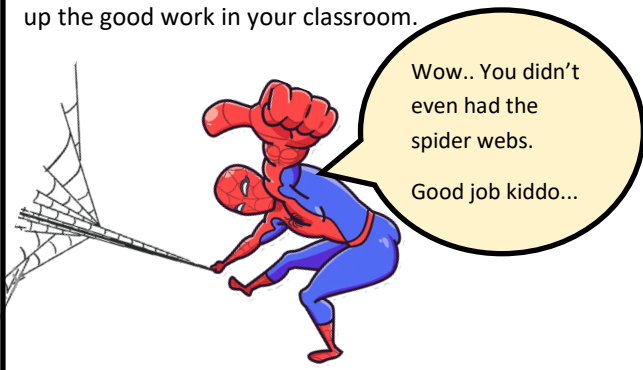
**Attendance Hero – Robert Tipungwuti**



Robert made a heroic effort to come to school yesterday as he thinks that it is very important that he be here every day for his education.

Robert was at Binjari and yesterday morning he missed the school bus to come to school. He didn't give up there, thinking that it would be just as good to stay home and then go to school another day. Robert thought to himself – How can I get to school today? He then thought I can catch the bus that goes to town so he did and got dropped off in Katherine. This was good, but he still had to get to MacFarlane School way over on the east side of Katherine. He had no way of getting there in a car, so he decided to walk. He walked all the way from the center of Katherine to MacFarlane School and went straight to class.

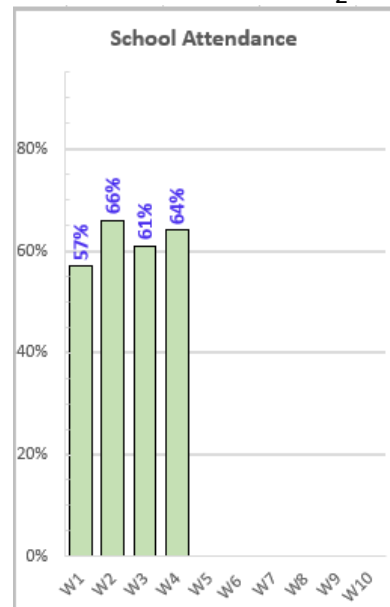
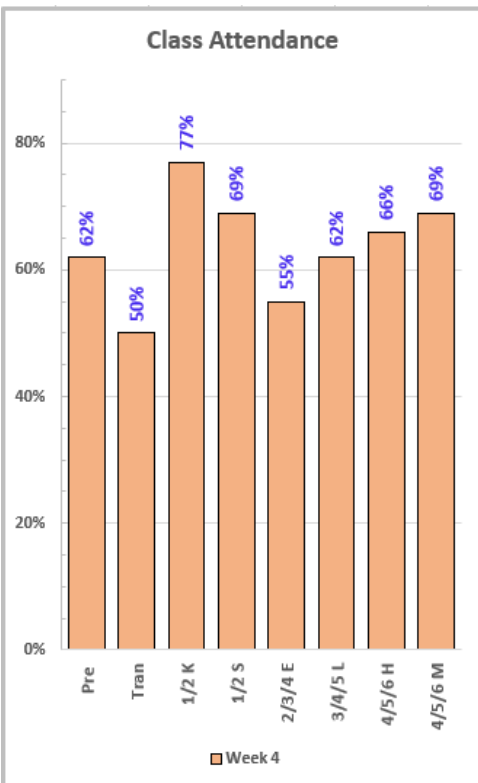
This is a wonderful story of someone who really wants to come to school. Congratulations Robert on your big effort to get to school on Monday. Well done and keep up the good work in your classroom.



**Important notice to Parents**

If you plan to enroll 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



**Attendance Champs**  
Week 4 - Term 4  
1/2 Kelb - 77%

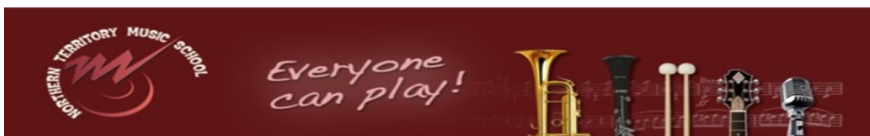
**Notice**

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](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



**IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?**

Enrolment applications are now open for new and continuing students in the NT Music School's 2023 Instrumental Program. Instrumental lessons are offered during school hours for students on flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, trumpet, trombone and percussion. Lessons are free with a \$50 contribution requested on placement and instruments can be hired through Musiccorp Australia.

Apply online now at

[www.ntms.net.au](http://www.ntms.net.au)

Should you require further assistance phone the NT Music School on **8963 5550**

**Applications close**  
**Friday 2 December 2022**



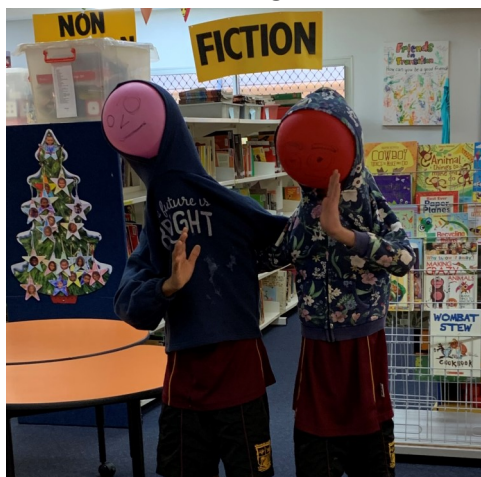
## Some memories from Last week

Last week we had our Market Day. Upper primary students did a great job with a lot of stalls of games food and drinks.

A big thank you to Upper primary teachers for organizing this event and everyone who helped to make it a fun filled couple of hours.



It looks like Miss Elaine had some special visitors from Planet Xargle last week.



**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

**Wednesday November 23rd**

**Storytime**  
10am-11am  
for 3-5yr olds  
Meet the Speech  
Students and learn about the  
importance of literacy  
in the Early Years.

**Parent Information  
Session**  
3.15pm -4.00pm  
Information Session for  
Primary years students with  
question-and-answer time.



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**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>