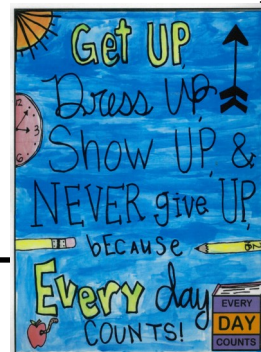




# MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 2 -Term 1, 2023

7/2/2023



## Principal's Message .....

Hello and welcome to Week 2 of Term 1 for 2023. We are now starting to settle into our school routines once again. It is amazing how quickly time passes when you are working in a very busy place. I hope everyone is also starting to get back to their school routines after the six weeks of Christmas holidays. Thank you to all families and staff for the smooth transition back to school last week.

Please remember there will be a **pupil free day next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. This will allow all teaching staff at MacFarlane School to attend a maths professional learning event on that day. Children are not to come to school on that day, however we will be back to normal on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of February. All children should be back at school from 8:20am. If you have any questions about the pupil free day please let us know on 89651700, or simply drop into the office.

A big thank you to all families for getting their children back to school last week. It was wonderful to see everyone back after the Christmas break. Our enrolments are already above 180 and our attendance for the week was a healthy 68%. Our aim for our attendance this year is to get to 75%. This is a good start, but we need everyone to send their children to school every day if we are to achieve this target. It is so important that children attend school every day to achieve their best with their education and go on to do the things in life that they want to. I would like to thank Ms Kerri in our office for all of her work in completing all of our enrolments and supporting families to get their children to school.

I would also like to thank Ms Bobbi Kruger and Ms Sheyenne Von Senden for their support as MacFarlane School's engagement officers for this year. Both Bobbi and Sheyenne will be supporting our families to help with their children coming to school every day throughout the year.

For all new families please be reminded that MacFarlane School runs a breakfast program from 7:30 to 8:15am each day. It is free and everyone is encouraged to come to school early and have breakfast before school starts. Ms Donna and Ms Mariah do a wonderful job organising the breakfast program and then looking after the canteen for the rest of the day. Sadly, Ms Sabrina has decided to leave us. I would like to thank Sabrina for all of her work that she did here at MacFarlane School. We will miss her big smile and caring nature.

Interschool sports starts this Friday afternoon. Katherine South Primary School will be hosting first up this term. The sport to be played will be touch football. Please make sure that all parent permission notes are returned by Friday so that your child can attend. Mr Jestin and Mr Cameron will once again be looking after interschool sport. Any questions please let us know.

Well that's about it for me this week. It is wonderful to be back at school and to see all of the smiling faces. We are really looking forward to a great school year here at MacFarlane. If you have any questions, or issues, could you please let me know so that we can sort them out. It is so important that we hear from our school community if there are things we need to look at. Until next week all the best!

Regards

Principal  
Philip Russell



### Important notice to Parents

**There will be a Pupil Free Day next  
Monday February 13th of Week 3.**

## Student of the Week

### Week 1

Chelsea Anthony  
Wyatt Hurley  
Ben Lines  
Lashanti Umbulurri  
Tua Emerald  
Billie  
Quade Anthony-Johnson  
Holly George  
Jack Daw

## Merit Award

### Week 1

Slater Barry  
Resharnie Humbert  
Swaiide Runyu  
Byron Bolton  
Robbie Russell-Pell  
Tyler Baker  
Robert Tipungwuti  
Byron Bolton

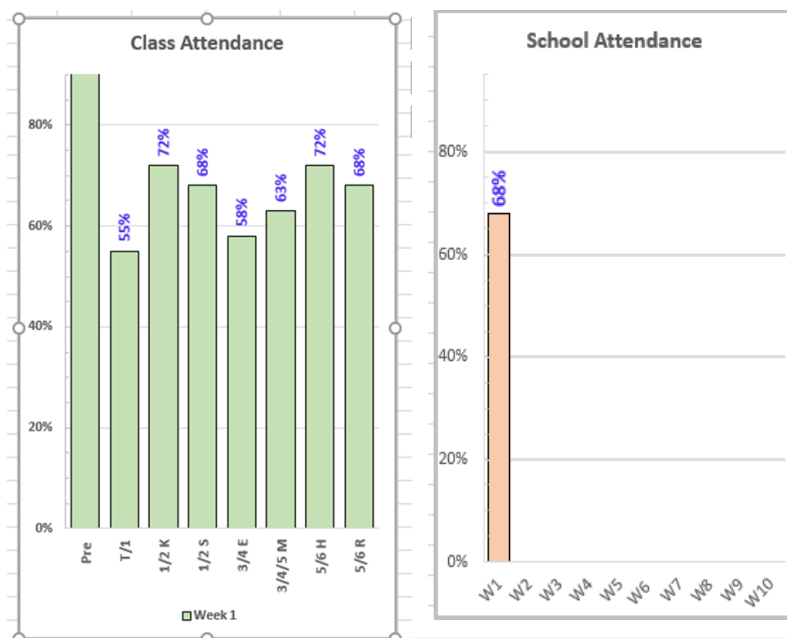
## MacFarlane Awards

Students earn a MacFarlane Award after receiving 10 school awards. To check that the awards haven't been used before, there will be a hole punched in the bottom corner. Also check the date on the attendance awards, as we will only take 2021 & this year's certificates. Bring them into the front office when you have 10.

A prize is presented at assembly and the name of the student receiving the award will be announced in the newsletter on Tuesday before the Friday's assembly. MacFarlane awards are presented at assemblies in weeks 3, 6 & 9.

If you have any of these awards, they can go towards a MacFarlane Award.

- ◆ Student of the week
- ◆ Merit certificates
- ◆ MacFarlane awards
- ◆ Swimming certificates
- ◆ Attendance awards
- ◆ School sport awards
- ◆ Morning reading awards
- ◆ 2 Reading Eggs awards
- ◆ Special awards
- ◆ Chief Minister's Reading Challenge Award



## Attendance Champs

**Week 1 Term 1**

**1/2 Kelb (72%)**

**5/6 Harvey (72%)**

## Back to School Voucher

Anyone who has not got their uniforms for the new year please come to the front office.

For further information please contact the front office on



## MacFarlane Events

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10
3	February 13 Pupil Free Day	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17 Awards Assembly 8:30





On Fridays both Year 1/ 2 classes will be having Art with Ms Ally. Last week we started off with a directed / guided drawing. Students had to listen and follow the instructions given in order to draw a green tree frog.

Everyone showed great listening skills & I was very impressed with how all the students showed perseverance and kept going. They didn't give up.

Check out some of the pictures and see how talented the students are.

Well Done 😊



### Two Square

Recess time is 2 square time.





## It's Book Club Time



**Closing  
Date**

**Friday 10th  
of February**

### 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



### 2023 Australian Football Selection Trials

**12 years and Under – Boys and Girls  
Regional Championships**

**Want to represent your region in the NT School of Sports**

**Australian Football Inter-Region Championship?**

Registrations are now open to attend boys' and girls' selection trials.

#### When:



- Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023: 3.30pm to 4.30pm

#### Where:

AFL Oval, Katherine Showgrounds

#### Eligibility:

Students in the Big Rivers Region who meet:

- Girls and boys - minimum age of 10 years (born no later than 2013)
- Girls and boys - maximum age of 12 years on event date (born no earlier than 2011)

#### Registration:

To register, please call or email the Big Rivers Region Sports Pathways Co-ordinator on:

**0448 226 835 / [bigriverssport.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:bigriverssport.doe@education.nt.gov.au)**



## Big Rivers Region Sport Education

### Inter-Region Championship Event Information:

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

TIO Stadium, Marrara, Darwin



### Sports Pathways Co-ordinator:

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