



MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 3-Term 1, 2023
14/2/2023



Principal's Message

Hello and welcome to Week 3 of Term 1 for 2023. I hope everyone is now well settled into their school routines for this year. We have certainly had a busy start to the term. From this week all of our programs have now recommenced, and our teaching and learning programs are well underway.

Thank you to all families for supporting the school through getting all the kids to school. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces at school each day. In Week 2 our average daily attendance had jumped up to 74% across the school, which is fantastic. Our goal is to achieve an average of 75% attendance each and every week throughout the school year. There is still work to be done, but we are really heading in the right direction, so thank you.

Also, thank you to all families for your support of our pupil free day on Monday. It was a wonderful day where all teaching staff got the opportunity to work with our new mathematics program – Learning Through Doing. We are now planning all of our mathematics lessons using this new program.

Interschool sport started last Friday afternoon. It was great to see so many of our children taking up the chance to travel over to Katherine South School to play touch football against students from other schools here in Katherine. Please remember that only children who have been attending school on a regular basis, and have been working hard and listening to their teachers, will have the chance to attend. Thank you to Mr Jestin and Mr Cameran for looking after interschool sports once again this year, and to Mr Arnold for driving the bus.

Ms Shona Forsberg, a music teacher from the NT Music School, has commenced music lessons with one of our students. If you would like your child to be included in learning to play a musical instrument, please contact our office so we can start getting them involved in the program. We will also be offering choir practice each Monday. Ms Emma will be running practice sessions for all interested children. If they are interested they will have the opportunity to join children from all of the other Katherine schools as part of the choir for the Katherine Beat event. This will be held in June this year.

Ms Lucie, from the Edge of Nowhere Foundation (EON), will be starting gardening and healthy cooking lessons once again this week. The students are always enthusiastic about getting into the garden and using the produce to cook healthy meals. It is great to have this partnership up and running again at our school. We are very grateful to have Ms Lucie back with us again.

Just another reminder that we have a breakfast program that runs each morning from 7:30-8:15am. Everyone is most welcome to attend as they drop their child(ren) off to school. It is a great way to start the school day. Thank you to Ms Donna and Ms Mariah for all of their hard work to prepare the food for breakfast each morning.

Well that's about it for me this week. Once again thank you to all families for supporting the school with student attendance and providing the opportunity for all staff to attend the professional learning day on Monday. Until next week all the best!

Regards

Principal
Philip Russell



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 08 8965 1700



Student of the Week**Week 2**

Mollie Jarrett
 Alex Hurley –Schwartz
 Skylah Hayes
 Hannah Hamilton
 Joharni Sariago
 Stewart Brown
 Jack Daw
 Guston Adidi

Merit Award**Week 2**

Oliver Raymond
 Naleenah Farrar
 Damon Thompson
 Layla Norman
 Jimmy Wilson
 Brexie Umbulgurri
 Leehinas Dixon
 Brexie Umbulgurri

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 2022 & this year's certificates. Bring them into the front office when you have 10.

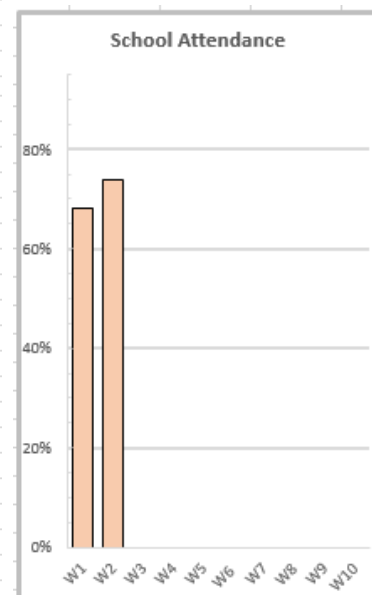
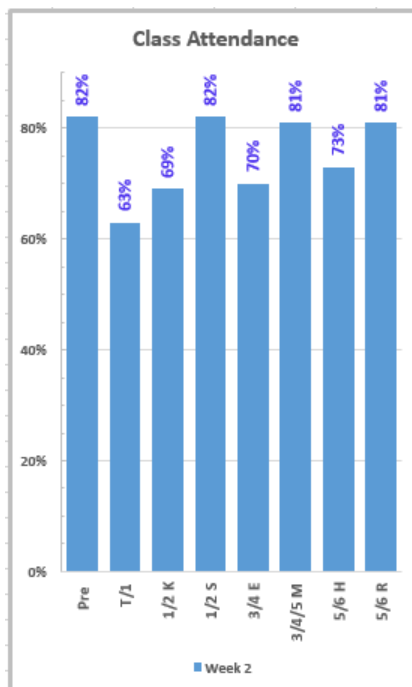
A prize is presented at assembly and the name of the student receiving the award will be announced in the newsletter on Tuesday before the Friday's assembly. MacFarlane awards are presented at assemblies in weeks 3, 6 & 9.

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

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

MacFarlane Events Diary

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	February 13 Pupil Free Day	February 14 1/2 Kelb Culture lessons.	February 15 Hector the Cat visiting today	February 16 1/2 Kelb on a culture excursion. Departing at 9am	February 17 Awards Assembly 8:30 Interschool sport
4	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24 Interschool sport

**MacFarlane Award**

Patrick Hughes
 Sapphire Avoi
 Tyquade Waterloo

Attendance Champs

**Preschool & 1/2 Sophie
 with 82%**



1/2 Sophie showing their scary faces.



Upper Primary Spear Group with Mr Arnold discussing this year's activities of spear throwing, Didg playing and fire lighting.



Yesterday the teachers & tutors learnt a new Maths program, Learning Through Doing.



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 Musicorp Australia.

Apply online now at www.ntms.net.au

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

Enrol Now!

Miss Kerri misplaced her keys last week. It took no time for our 9 detectives to get on the job and what do you know?

They found them! Great job girls!

