



MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 5 Term 1, 2023
28/2/2023



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Principal's Message

Hello and welcome to Week 5 of Term 1 for 2023. By the end of this week we will already be halfway through Term 1 of 2023. That is really hard to believe as it only seems like yesterday that we were on Christmas holidays and preparing for the new school year.

Our overall student enrolments continue to increase each week. At the end of last week, we had 194 enrolments which is a very healthy number for our school. Our average attendance has continued to be around 71%, which is also fantastic. I would like to congratulate the 3/4/5 Mallika class for having the highest attendance (83%), again last week. Also, congratulations and well done must go to the middle/upper primary and preschool classes for their continued attendance at school. They are really setting the standard for improved school attendance for us.

I would like to thank all of our families for their support with sending their children to school each day. It is so important that children are at school each day so they are able to get the best possible chance at a great education. If your child is sick or will be away for any reason could you please contact our office on 89651700 to let us know.

Just a reminder that we have our School Council AGM this Wednesday evening from 5:30pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend. If you would like to put your name forward to be on the council this year please come along and be a part of this meeting. The commitment is to nine one-hour meetings each year. The school needs the community to have their say on what we are doing and how we can improve. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening in the school library.

Just a reminder that we run a breakfast program every morning for all students and their families as they arrive at school. The program runs from 7:30am over in our undercover area so please drop in and start the school day in the best possible way. Thank you to Ms Donna and Ms Mariah for organising and running our breakfast program every morning.

The first group of speech therapy students from Flinders University have arrived and are working with a number of our students. It is wonderful to have them here throughout the year and our students really benefit from the work that they do with them.

Well that's about it for me this week. I hope everyone has been enjoying the drop in temperatures over the last week. It has been nice to enjoy some cloudy days and some light rain. Hopefully it will stay that way and we don't get any really heavy downpours at the moment. 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 4

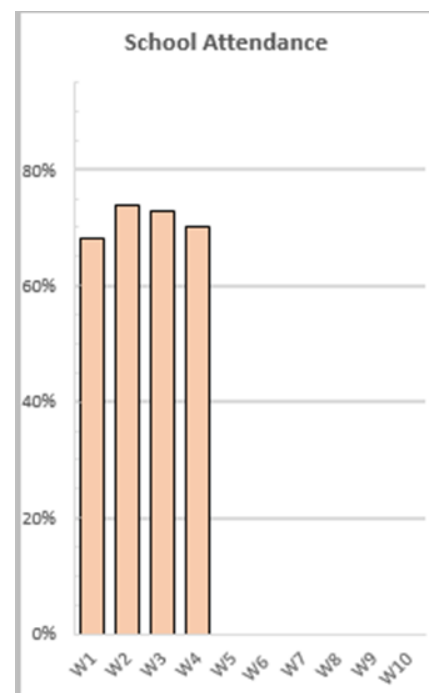
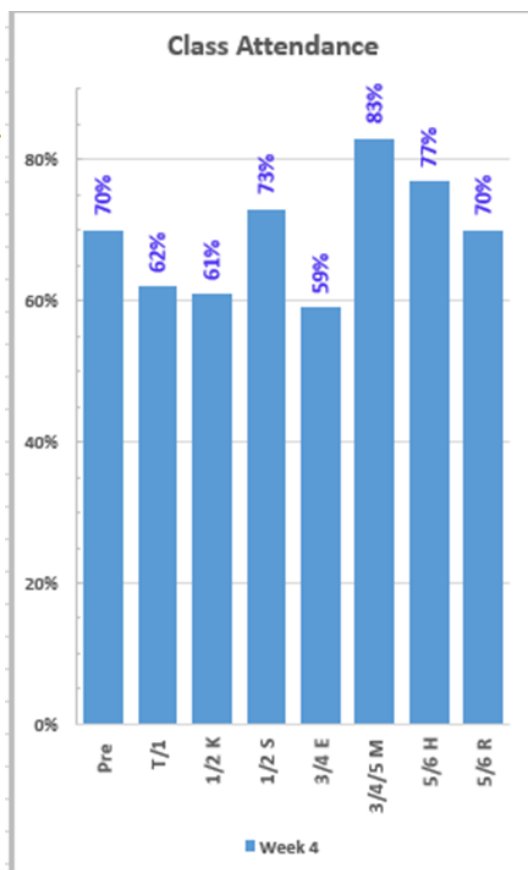
Patrick Hughes
Tyler Baker
Zedekiah Gundari
Haylee Armstrong
Hannah Hamilton



Merit Award

Week 4

Marcia Armstrong
Jean Cameron
Tyler Baker
Tara Hamilton
Dawson Willetts
Nicole Baker



Attendance Champs

3/4/5 Mallika 83%

Welcome back Mr Angus,
our new Maintenance
Officer for this semester.

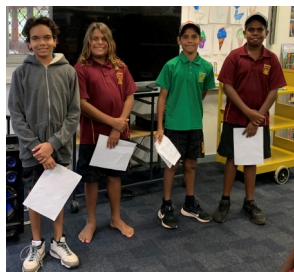


Welcome to our Speech
therapy students for this
term, Miss Steph and
Miss Zara.



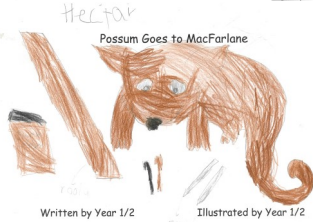
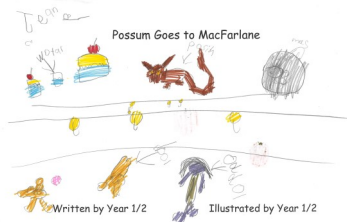
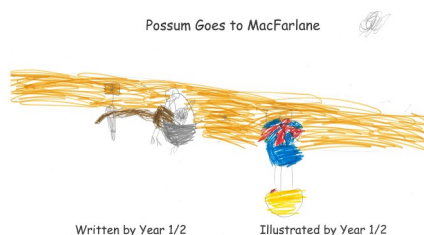
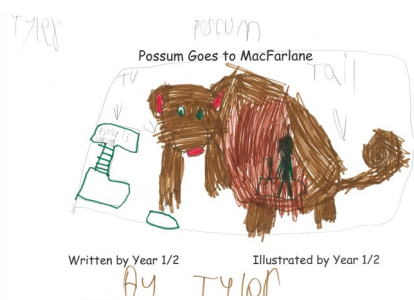
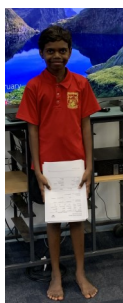
MacFarlane Events Diary

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	February 27	February 28	March 1 School Council AGM 5:30pm School Library	March 2	March 3 Interschool sport
6	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10 Awards Assembly 8:30 Interschool sport

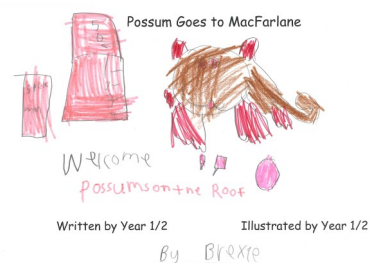


School Captains & Vice Captains

Last Tuesday there were elections held for our new School Captains & Vice Captains. Results are still to be announced. The students worked hard on their speeches and did a great job of speaking in front of the Middle Primary & their Upper Primary class mates. It was hard to pick just one from each group.



1/2 Sophie are writing their own version of the book "Possum goes to school". Here are some of their front cover pages.



Mr Arnold and the Early Childhood boys group getting ready for another fun year of learning culture.



It's time for Annual General Meeting (AGM) MacFarlane Primary School

Date : 1st March 2023.

Time : 5.30pm.

Place : the LIBRARY.



Non Food Rewards in the classroom

You can reinforce the healthy eating messages you have taught in the classroom when celebrating birthdays at school.

You could

- focus on activities, instead of food
- discuss reasons for healthier parties with students as a learning activity
- remind parents to provide healthy party options



- celebrate birthdays monthly
- ask parents to provide a large card for the class to write on
- let the birthday child choose and lead an active game

- allow the birthday student to take home a class toy
- have the birthday student lead 'show and tell'
- allow the birthday student to help with special tasks for the day (e.g. announcing school notices,)
- present the birthday student with a special sash or crown to wear or a special item to carry for the day
- Hold a class dance party the birthday child can choose the song



Big Rivers Region 2023 12 Years and Under Netball Selection Trials

Represent your region in the School of Sport Education NT, Netball Inter-Region Championship

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

When: Monday 13th March, 3.30 to 4.30pm
Tuesday 14th March, 3.30 to 4.30pm

Where: Katherine Sportsground Netball Courts

Eligibility

Students in the Big Rivers Region who meet:

Girls & Boys: **Minimum age of 10 years (Born no later than 2013)**

Girls & Boys: **Maximum age of *13 (turn 13 years from 1st Jul to 31st Dec)**

*Age Dispensation Applied

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