



MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 6 Term 1, 2023
7/3/2023



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Principal's Message

Hello and welcome to Week 6 of Term 1 for 2023. The term is certainly flying by. The Easter school holidays are now just around the corner. MacFarlane School will close on Thursday 6th of April and reopen to students on Monday 17th of April 2023. These holidays are for just one week and we will be back into it for second term. If you have any questions about the Easter break please contact our office on 89651700.

Our new Transition teacher, Ms Vanessa Sofele starts work with us on Wednesday this week. It will be wonderful to have her finally here. The Transition class will now be able to really step up their learning for 2023. Welcome to MacFarlane Vanessa.

We currently have an active enrolment of 192 with our average attendance last week of 75%. This is a fantastic result, and is equal to our target for the year. Congratulations everyone for achieving this in Week 5. Let's see if we can keep this going until the end of Term 1!

We have assembly this Friday morning from 8:30am. Everyone is most welcome to attend. It is always good to see family members attending to see their child receiving their merit certificate for the good work that they have done over the last couple of weeks. This Friday will also be the day where the school captains and vice-captains will be announced. It is always an exciting time when these announcements are made. I hope to see a lot of families here for our second assembly for the year.

Interschool sport has had to be put on hold at the moment. We have had a window broken in the bus and so until this has been repaired we will not be able to use it. Once the bus is back on the road students from the upper primary classes will be able to attend basketball sessions over at Casuarina Street Primary School.

We have finally had our request for a security perimeter fence approved. Installation of the fence should commence during the June/July holidays this year and will be completed some time in August/September. This will be a wonderful asset to our school and hopefully will keep our school safe after hours.

We held our school council AGM last Wednesday evening. Thank you very much to everyone who attended. We were able to fill two vacant places and elect our office bearers for the year. Congratulations and thank you to Jamee Jarrett and Emma Lucchese for putting their names forward to be on the council this year. Also, thank you very much to all of our other school councillors for continuing with their service to our school. It is vital that we have our school community represented on the school council so that we have that voice in our school. I must also thank Ms Sophie Lees for putting her name forward to be the teacher representative on our school council for the next six months.

The school is now purchasing a chain and locks so that all bikes and scooters can be locked up each day. After school has commenced each morning a chain will be run through the wheels of the bikes and scooters to lock them up for the day. This will be removed at the end of the day so the children can take them home each evening. Ms Kerri in our office will have a key so if anyone's need access during the day she can assist.

Well that's about it for me this week. Hopefully the wet weather is now behind us for the main part for the moment. It will be good to have some sunny days after the week or so of cloudy days. Until next week all the best!

Regards,

Philip Russell

Principal



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 5

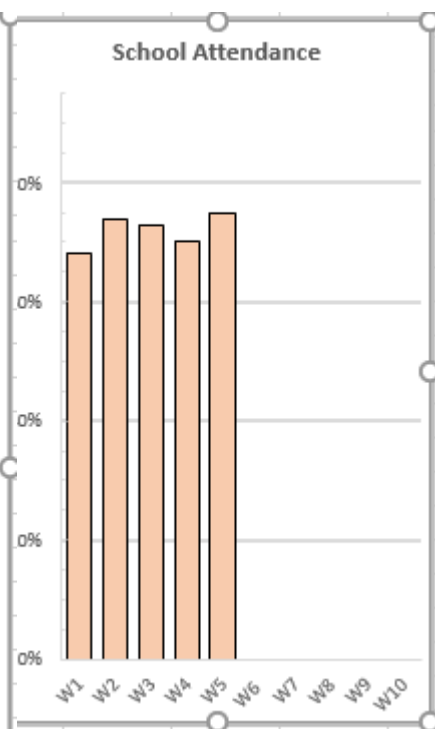
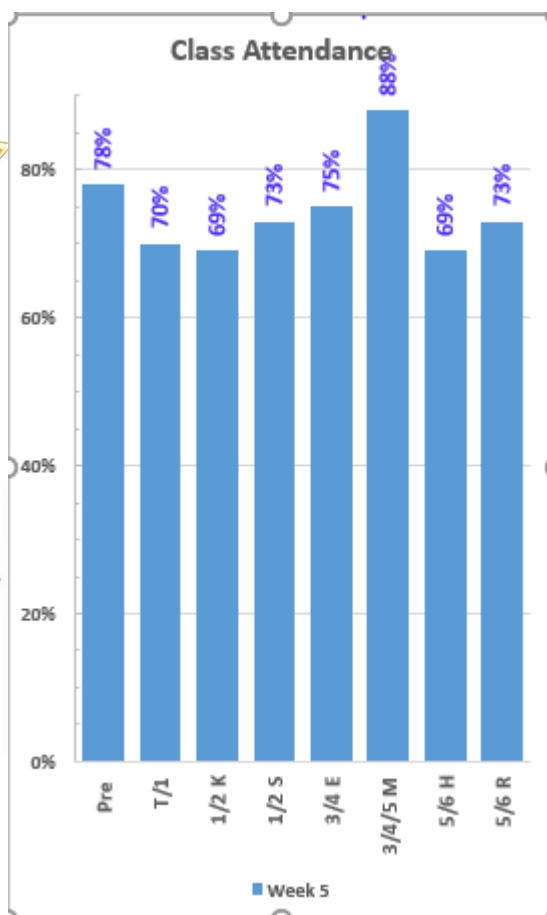
Zoe Hard
Tua Emerald
Tasmyn Jackson
Naleenah Farrar



Merit Award

Week 5

Damon Thompson
Hannah Hamilton
Holly George
Laben Liddy
Mollie Jarrett



MacFarlane Award

Holly George



Attendance Champs

3/4/5 Mallika 88%



By Friday we will know
who is our 2023 School
Captains and
Vice Captains.
Who will they be?
Come to assembly on
Friday at 8:30 to find out!



MacFarlane Events Diary

6	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10 Awards Assembly 8:30
7	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17



Last week's EON lessons, we made smoothies and talked about why sugary drinks are no good for us. Here's some happy faces ready to ride the smoothie bike.



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Fruit is Fun

Accredited Practising Dietitians recommend sending fruit to school every day. Fruit helps children fight infections and eat enough fibre. Below are some tips for boosting fruit for kids

1

Allow for choice

Instead of saying

What would you like to eat today?

You could say

Which fruit would you like to eat today?

2

Reduce Waste

Some fruits will last longer after your weekly shop. If you go shopping early in the week you could try sending soft/ perishable fruits early (strawberries, bananas), firmer fruit midweeks (mandarins and oranges) and tinned or dried fruit later in the week (sultanas, tinned pears)



3

Your child is always coming home from school with untouched fruit?

Squashy fruit can make great iceblocks. Just chop, add to a freezer proof container with a stick and cover in water.



11 MARCH

JOIN OUR TEAM

PLAY FOOTBALL IN 2023

KATHERINE FOOTBALL CLUB

COME AND TRY EXPO

SATURDAY 11 MARCH | 9AM TO 12PM

YMCA FOR MORE INFO: katherinefootballclub@gmail.com

DIVERSITY is our game

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

KATHERINE FOOTBALL CLUB

CHIEF MINISTER'S

READING CHALLENGE 2023

SOAR INTO A GOOD STORY!

The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge is on again. Can you read 12 books in 24 weeks? More information next week.



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, 4.30 to 5.30pm
Tuesday 14th March, 4.30 to 5.30pm

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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