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# MACCY NEWS

**Issue: 01**

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February	
Wednesday 16 February	Book Club Issue 1 - Cash orders due
Thursday 17 February	Parent Information Evening Prep to Grade 2: 6:00pm - 6:45pm Grades 3 to 6: 7:00pm - 7:45pm
Friday 18 February	Book Club Issue 1 - Online orders due
Thursday 24 February	Year 6 Leadership Assembly
Thursday 03 March	Getting to know you meetings 3:45pm - 6:00pm
Thursday 10 March	Getting to know you meetings 3:34pm - 6:00pm
Thursday 07 April	End of Term Picnic



## **Principal Report:**

This week has been a fantastic week in what really feels like a new opportunity for everyone at Macclesfield Primary School. The return of our children and the arrival of 25 nervous, excited, happy Prep students has created a wonderful dynamic around the school. At recess and lunchtimes, we see children playing happily, regardless of age or year level, from building cubbies, playing tails, card games, drawing, and construction in the sand pit. During class times, our youngest students are building connections with their teachers and peers, whilst our oldest students are re-establishing the routines, setting up expectations and developing class essential agreements that lead to purposeful, enjoyable learning. Each year children and teachers work together to create 'Essential Agreements' that focus our attention on learning. Typically we explore what we need from our teachers, our peers and ourselves to create an ambitious learning environment, and then the class agree to implement the actions that help foster that culture. If you walk into the classroom (and you are most welcome to) at the beginning or end of the day, look around for the essential agreements that will shape the early behaviours, actions and beliefs around learning. We have taken some photos of Essential Agreements which might promote discussion at home.

## **Parent Information Evening:**

Each year in Term 1, our Parent Information Sessions provide an opportunity for parents to meet teachers, usually step into the classroom and look at the spaces, and hear from the teachers about some of the key events and activities taking place in the Term and year. This year, our Parent Information Sessions will still touch on key events, however we will be focussing on the Units of Inquiry and unpacking how these work with families so you have a greater understanding of how the inquiry cycle works, and how we embed the required curriculum into the cycles. This year our Information Sessions will be online via Webex. Your teachers will send out an invite via Compass. The sessions will be held in Week 3, on Thursday 17 February in two blocks. Prep-2 sessions run from 6:00pm to 6:45pm and Year 3-6 sessions run from 7:00pm to 7:45pm. These sessions are not for discussion of individual children, but for general discussion about the classroom and the year ahead.

### **Getting to know you meetings:**

We have also set aside time in Week 5 and 6 for 'getting to know you' meetings where teachers and parents can sit down to talk more specifically about your child. The time is limited to 15 minute blocks, and has been designed so that families can share what they know and love about their child, as well as an opportunity to share their hopes and goals for the year ahead. Some families have already contacted teachers to organise a time to catch up before Week 5 and Week 6, and this is ok too, however these times have also been set aside for parents and families who do not require meeting earlier in the term.

### **House Sports:**

Our House Sports Day is usually held early in Term 1 before the EDEC (local combined school network) Sports. This year the day will include children across the whole school, so children in Prep to Year 6 are available to join. We are finalising the date (hoping for the Friday before the Labour Day Long Weekend), but waiting on confirmation of this. More information about where, when, how to get there, volunteers (we will need plenty!) etc will come out closer to the event. As soon as a date is confirmed, we will communicate this with you so hopefully some family members can join us to watch on, cheer on and help out.

### **End of Term Picnic:**

Last year we moved the Welcome back BBQ to the end of term due to problems with weather, and we have decided to run the event at the end of term again, as the event was a huge success and a great way for families to connect and to celebrate the end of term. More information will be forthcoming, but the date is set for Thursday 7 April. There will be an opportunity to participate in some light hearted fundraising activities in the lead up and on the day of the event.

### **School Uniform:**

Our uniform shop is now offered online for all new uniform purchases. You can place orders at any time at [eduthreads.com.au](http://eduthreads.com.au). There is also a link on the school website. We are making some changes to how the former uniform shop/parent centre operates, and we will still be offering second hand uniforms for sale by donation. More information will follow over the coming weeks.

### **Permission for use of photos form:**

We have made changes to the permission to use photos consent form for greater transparency for children and families. Previously families signed consent or non-consent which was only required once and covered the entire enrolment period for that child. We now know that schools use photos in a variety of ways across a variety of digital and physical formats, so we need to provide clarity for our families about this. We will also require families to sign consent or non-consent each year as digital formats change and evolve so regularly. Families will have an opportunity to sign consent or non-consent for permission to use photos on digital platforms (limited to those on the form) and physical platforms in classrooms and around the school. We accept and respect each family's decision, and all that we ask is prompt return of the forms so we can collate the information.

This newsletter does get posted to our school website each fortnight, so photos that are included in the newsletter are now considered digital as the images can be accessed digitally.

### **International Women's Day:**

This year we will celebrate International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>. A number of Year 6 students have expressed their interest in getting involved and this year you will see greater student agency across the school in the way children are contributing to the decision making processes. More information to follow.

### **School 'fees':**

This year the Parent Payment Policy replaced the former Essential Education Supplies fees. Thank you to those families who have made Curriculum and other contributions to the school. These funds are vital to allow us to provide materials and supplies for all of our students, as well as maintaining and improving our school environment. It's never too late to make these contributions to the school. Please visit the office to arrange payment or for a copy of our Parent Payment policy. The policy is also on our website under the 'Parents' menu.

### **Assembly:**

Each week we run a short assembly to celebrate the achievements of the week and to share information. Throughout the year assemblies provide a space for children to

share ideas and also speak to the whole school. For the first 4 weeks of the year, we will be running two assemblies each Friday- an assembly for Prep-Year 2 in the Junior building from 2:55pm to 3:05pm, and an assembly for Year 3-Year 6, from 3:10 - 3.30pm in the Senior building (BER).

Parents are welcome to attend, but please make sure you are wearing a mask as we will meet indoors

### **Year 6 leadership opportunities:**

We will run an assembly to formally congratulate our Year 6 leaders and we will be joined by special guest, Dylan Harris who is a former student of the school and fantastic role model for our emerging leaders. The event is tentatively planned for Thursday 24th February, and will confirmed shortly

### **Andrew**

Franky and his dad were on their way to the park when he started talking about the cars in each drive way, taking particular notice of the number plates he decided to create a game.

"If A equals 10, B equals 11 and C equals 12... using this sequence, what is the value of our number plate?"



Work out the value of the number plates on your family car.

Can you make a number plate that has a value higher than 38?

Create your own code and share it with us!!

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## OSHC News

We would like to welcome all of our families back to another fun year in OSHC. We hope you have enjoyed your holidays with family and friends and are looking forward to another amazing year. The new preps will have their own special tags telling them if they are coming to OSHC in the afternoon and will be picked up from class for the first term. All children need a wide brimmed hat to venture outside. We have spares if needed. Sunscreen is provided to all children so let us know if there are any allergies. You are more than welcome to provide your own sunscreen or anything that might make your child's time with us more enjoyable. E.g. snacks or books.

## Bookings for 2022

Please get in early if you are needing bookings for Tuesday ASC as we only have two spots left. Thursday ASC is nearly booked out, as well as a few mornings. All accounts need to be finalized from 2021 please.

## Bookings For After School Care

All cancellations need to be made by 2pm on the day of your booking to avoid paying for the session. If your child is away sick, could you please let Andy or myself know to take them off the list for that day. This helps with making sure our ratios are covered.

## New Hours for ASC

From Term 1 2022 our OSHC program will be closing at 6.15pm. Late pick up fee will apply from 6.15pm. Please have an emergency contact already organized by 6pm if you know you will be late.



### Donations

We are hoping to set up a few indoor plants for the children to look after we would love any donations.

Thanks for the beautiful Bamboo plant from Remy and Lula.

We have another great staff member that has joined our team. Her name is Emilia and she has worked with children for the last 6 years. We are very excited to have her working with us.

### Thanks from the OSHC team

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