



# MACCY NEWS

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## TERM 4

Friday 01 December	Online Sales Close Issue 8 Scholastic Book club
Friday 08 December	Grade 6—Big Day Out Christmas Raffle Tickets and Donations Due
Monday 11 December	Grade 4-6 Swimming Begins
Tuesday 12 December	Statewide Transition Day 2024 Prep Transition 9:30am-12:30pm <b>Christmas Concert—5pm</b>
Thursday 14 December	Enterprise Market – 9:15am—10am Grade 5 Discovery Day at ESC
Friday 15 December	Grade 4-6 swimming ends Grade 2 Sleepover
Monday 18 December	Grade 6 Graduation
Tuesday 19 December	Final day of Term 4— <b>3:30pm Finish</b>
Wednesday 20 December	Curriculum Day



### *Macclesfield PS Christmas Carols Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December*

*Students arrive from 4:30 - 4:45 pm  
Carols at 5 pm  
BYO Picnic*

*\*Students to wear Christmas colours\**

*(outside weather dependent)*

Before School Care: 7am—8:45am

After School Care: 3:30pm-6:15pm



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# PRINCIPAL REPORT

The Colour Run last week was an incredibly successful event for our school. It was both a fantastic opportunity to come together as a community and raise much needed funds for our school. The event was only successful because of the huge amount of work of Kat Walker and Tanja Johnston. From organising a schedule of events, to marshalling a group of volunteer parents, Kat and Tanja have been both supportive of the opportunity to raise funds whilst also driving a positive culture of contribution and engagement for our students. Thankyou to all the parent helpers and to Kylie V for the donation of haybales for events. Whilst the rain dampened the final 30 minutes of the event, we know many children and families have a wonderful time participating in our first Colour Run at Macclesfield Primary School and earlier events run by Emilyya (Gecko Sport). Thankyou to all the children and families who participated along the way and raised an incredible amount of money for our school. The funds raised will help us purchase sets of books for our inquiries next year, padded goal post protectors for the oval, and Science, Engineering and Technology resources to provide our children with new ways to engage in the world of STEM.

## **2024- Prep and Year One**

Next year we have decided to run a separate Prep and Year One class. This decision has been based on a couple of important factors, including class sizes, cohesion, and social experience (different from 2 years of lockdown previously). We know that the Prep/1 composites supported our children to transition smoothly to school over the last few years. Moving forward, we think that the additional kindergarten/preschool experiences most children have had over the last 1-2 years will see a Prep class transition smoothly. In 2024, Caitlyn will be the Prep teacher and Marissa will be the Year One teacher.

## **Chelsea**

Congratulations to Chelsea Davy who has accepted a position at a new school for the 2024 year. We have loved the maturity and quiet way Chelsea has supported the Year 3 students with their learning this year, and I would like to wish her every success in 2024. Thankyou for the work you have done for our school Chelsea, and good luck next year.

## **Timetable**

In 2024 we will be trialling a new timetable which will see an increase in the

recess and lunch breaks from 2 breaks, to 3 breaks. We have made this decision based on evidence that supports additional break time to break up the learning time; anecdotal evidence from similar schools that have transitioned from 2 to 3 breaks, and evidence from teachers that indicate problematic behaviour takes place more frequently in the second half of lunch time. Feedback from schools who have made this transition has been overwhelmingly positive, with the impact on positive behaviours and learning being cited consistently as benefits for making the shift. We will trial this new system on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, which is the State-Wide Transition Day, and then begin the new timetable in Term 1 next year.

### **Reducing sugary treats for birthdays**

**Next year** we are requesting that families do not send in sugary treats as a class celebration for children's birthdays. Families are welcome to send in birthday stickers if they would like to recognise their child's birthday by giving the class a small token.

In **2024**, we will have a weekly birthday announcement, conducted by Year 6 students at assembly and children who celebrate birthdays can wear casual clothes to mark the day (or nearest day) of celebration.

We made this decision based on discussion around what foods children eat at school and who should have the right to make those decisions (parents and family), and the impact single serve sugary treats has on behaviour and waste around school. Thankyou for your co-operation.

### **Hats**

A reminder that our policy for sun-safety requires children to wear wide-brimmed hats at school. Caps do not meet the requirements in our policy and we ask that caps are not used as the main hat at school.

### **Grade 6 Graduation**

Preparations are underway for the Grade 6 Graduation, Held on the 18th December, The night will begin with a presentation ceremony followed by a year 6 dinner and disco. Big thank you to the parent committee involved in the co-ordination of this event.

### **Helen Hillas**

We have recently been informed that a past teacher of Macclesfield Primary school, Helen Hillas, has recently gone into Palliative care. Helen taught at Macclesfield Primary school from 1968-1970. Sending Best Wishes to the family.

*Andrew Bagnall—Principal*

# PYP Grade 6 Exhibition—Recounts

My topic Deforestation and the reason I chose it was because I care about trees because we need them. The process of how I made it was I gathered information then put it into graphs and tables and writing pieces and stuck it on my poster board.

Some interesting facts about my topic are 665 species have either gone completely extinct or extinct in the wild in the past century and Brazil is responsible for about 40% of the world's deforestation.

The bit I found the most interesting was the animals that have gone extinct in the past 20 years and the part I found the hardest was the items at Woolies that had palm oil because the website was blocked.

The action I took was I made the poster board and listed websites about deforestation.

Alijah

My exhibition topic was Bullying. I chose my topic because bullying is increasing online and in schools. I took the approach of "how you can see if someone is being bullied and how you can help". I was most proud of the amount of work I got done in the time I was here at school. I found finding pictures of bullying and cyber bullying. An interesting fact about my exhibition was that 80% out of the people that are bullied are not physically bullied they are verbally bullied.

Archie

The name of my project is "rubbish". The project was about how we usually either litter or place rubbish in the wrong bin. I had three containers and asked the people to sort it out, most of the parents enjoyed it but were interested when I told them about what actually goes in each bin and I learnt a lot from them as well. Though they were well in knowledge only one of them got them all right. I enjoyed answering the questions they asked me, it was really fun!

Bianca

My first step was to gather some informative facts about self-hate. I learned stuff like "Over 700,000 people have died each year". Next I had to write an information report so people know about it.

Lastly I needed to set up my board. I started by finding a picture to enlarge to make it my background. Then I pasted my information report and my facts, made some mini boards for more info. Then I was finished.

-damon

My topic is air pollution and I am passionate about it because it's a real issue and people die from it every day. The part about my exhibition that I am most proud of is the diorama because it had 4d effects and it was like a race the bit that I found the hardest was gathering information

An interesting fact about air pollution is that 110 people die from air related diseases every year

Noah

My exhibition was about 'Social Media Addiction'. Social Media Addiction is really important to me because I suffer from it and over 210 million do too. The process of making the board was quite hard. I spent five of the seven weeks we had on gathering up information. Once I had enough information, on week six that's when I starts decorating my board. I was scared that I wouldn't finish in time. After I had stuck on all of the information the way I liked it I started sticking on all the pictures. Damo, then told me he'd like to see a bit more information I then had to take of a few pictures and get more information. I finished at the start of week 7. I was so happy that I'd finished in time. Doing this Exhibition was an experience that I'll probably never forget. I'm so glad I got this opportunity to share and spread awareness about Social Media Addiction.

Jasmine

First I came up with the idea for deforestation, I mapped out my board started to type then when I got half way through I decided to change as there was two other people doing it, so I changed to gmo and since it was half way through exobtion I had to go into crunch mode typing as fast as I could so I could get it done in time which means that there is some grammar mistakes but I was devoted to it and I got it done in time and it was great lots of people enjoyed it.

Jaxon

My exhibition was about access to clean water I chose this topic because my bui and tua (grandmother and grandfather in Fijian)

Grew up in Fiji and it wasn't awesome because there was not a lot of water to share around the island and now they always talk about it and we were reading "A long walk to water" and I was originally doing a different topic I didn't really want to do so I switched to access to clean water so that's it that's how I got my topic.

Jazz

I did my exibtion on cars because I like nature and cars.

My action was what car pollutes the most which is Tesla because of lithiouma nd mining it and using the tools to mine it. Lithium is a fossil fuel and that is what goes in to a Tesla so the car is even more harmful to the environment and that means they are harmful.

Kye

My exhibition topic is increasing participation in sport. I chose my topic because I really enjoy sport and it's really annoying when there's not much people. For example at the start of cricket this year there wasn't enough people so we had to go down to fast 9<sup>s</sup> its where there's only 9 on the pitch then we got to many kids so we had to split up the teams into two. The bit I was most proud of was how it turned out it looked really good I had lots of info about different sports you can play team, individual etc.

Xavier

# School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



## Be Principled



## Be Caring



## Be a Learner

Storm

Angus

Kian

Jaxon

Sam

Tex B

Ivy

Ashton

Josh

Kira

Zoe

Harry

Mahayla

Willow C

Grayson

Elize

River

Owen

Max

Indigo

Chase

Lachlan

Cruze B

Alice

Evie

Jasmine H

Austin V

Abigail

Maddy

Huon

Rosie

Ainslee

Kayden

Axton

Grace

Scarlett

Heidi

Gabby

Paisley

Isabelle

Willow F

Oliver

Elijah

Archer

Vin

Harvey

Addie

Rory

Bethany

Jesse

Cooper G

Henry

## MACCY CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

We are asking for your help with donations of Christmas goodies for the 2023 Maccy Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Please place all donated good in the marked box in the office.

Don't miss our on your chance to win a fabulous hamper. Raffle tickets went home to families this week, extra tickets are available at the office

**Raffle will be drawn at Carols Night—Tuesday**

**12th December.**

Thank you for your support though out the year

**FOMPS—Emma N**



# READING NIGHTS

**125 Nights**

Jasmine H

**200 Nights**

Bethany

Tilly

**275 Nights**

Eleanor

Alistar

**225 Nights**

Huon

**250 Nights**

Indigo G

**175 Nights**

Nina

**300 Nights**

Jasmine G



## PYP AWARDS

*knowledgeable - caring - risk-takers - reflective - thinkers - principled - open-minded - balanced - inquirers - communicators*



### Certificate of Appreciation

AWARDED TO

**Zoe - Principled**

**Cooper G- Thinker**

**Jensen—Knowledgeable**



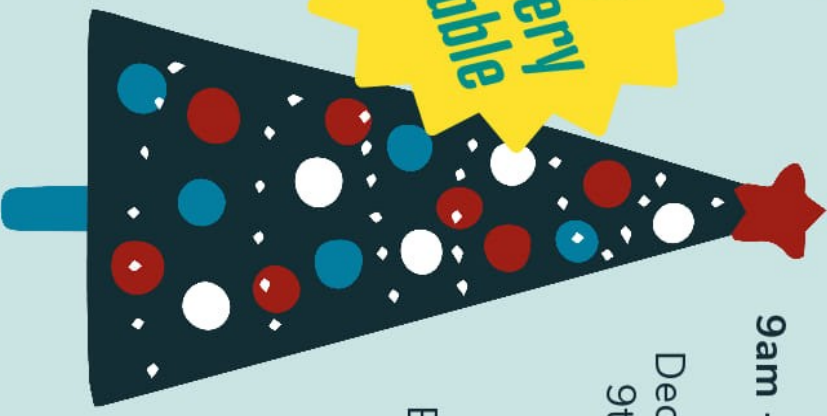
Awards were acknowledged at assembly on 1st December

1st Emerald Scouts

# CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



effpos  
& delivery  
available



9am - 1pm Saturdays & Sunday

December 2nd & 3rd

9th & 10th

16th & 17th\*

\*(unless sold out prior)

Emerald Scout Hall  
Kilvington Drive

**Scouts**  
VICTORIA



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*Bush themed  
Santa photos*



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Saturday 9th and Sunday 17th December

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Multiple packages available