



MACCY NEWS

Issue 10—28 August 2026



Term 3—2026

Tuesday 1 September	Smile Squad onsite
Wednesday 2 September	Smile Squad onsite
Thursday 3 September	Smile Squad onsite Morning Tea 9-10am—Parent Opinion Survey School Library Fathers Day Stall
Friday 4 September	Hot Chocolate— Bring your Own Cup \$2 Sport Afternoon Book Club Issue 6 Due Fathers Day Stall—3:30-4pm (Multi-Purpose Room)
Sunday 6 September	Fathers Day
Thursday 10 September	ART SHOW—Kinetic 3:30-4pm—Art/Japanese Room
Friday 11 September	Assembly 3:10pm—Goodey Building
Monday 14 September	Menstrual Health in school—5/6 Girls
Wednesday 16 September	Division Athletics—Qualified Students * Parent Driven Event *
Thursday 17 September	School Council 7pm
Friday 18 September	Final day of Term 3—2:30pm Finish Footy Lunch Day Hot Chocolates Sport Afternoon

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

As we settle in for the final few weeks of the term, there is quite a bit yet to prepare for. We have been preparing our transition plans for the wonder group of 2027 Prep students as well as working through out 2027 class structure. We are expecting a small increase in student numbers across the school due to a strong 2027 enrolment. We will maintain 6 classes next year, and whilst the final class structure is not yet final, we can confirm that we will be running composites, however composite classes will be no more than 2 grades per composite (e.g. P/1, not a P-2, or 3/4, not a 3-5).

One of our challenges as a small school is the variability in class sizes across the school. Some classes are large (22 students), whilst some students are quite small (e.g. 15 students). This does make our planning difficult, and whilst we would love to have a consistent model year on year, the variation across the school means there will be adjustments year on year.

What we do know, is that we have managed to maintain high levels of engagement and learning over the past few years, despite these challenges. Our curriculum, the way we teach, and consistency across the school means we are well positioned to manage variations in class structures.

Within any classroom, we see wide differentiation of at least 3 years. E.g. for any given curriculum area within reading, writing and numeracy, we will always have a minimum of 3 levels of understanding. Within that, there may be barriers to understanding around executive functioning that we need to cater for. In a Grade 2 class, we will have students working with content at a Level 1, 2, 3 at a minimum. We are confident that we can cater for the wide range of skill and experience with different concepts across any class.

Mean-On-Purpose-

Part of the resources we are using to support students build social and emotional skills across the school, relate to how we respond to Mean-On-Purpose behaviour. Whilst we wish our students did not experience any Mean-On-Purpose behaviour, we also know that this is not realistic. We want our students to feel confident and be equipped to challenge and respond to Mean-On-Purpose behaviour, as this is an important social skill we all need to develop.

At Macclesfield Primary School, we teach students how to:

Use a quick comeback e.g. not cool... we don't speak like that here... that's not ok....

Walk away

Report the behaviour to an adult.

If students feel the issue is resolved, and it is a once off, there might not be further follow-up from teachers. Teachers will also check in to see if the students are feeling ok. However, (and depending on the circumstances), teachers will follow-up and intervene if this behaviour is repeated and/or if it puts safety or wellbeing of others at risk. We will always

try to follow up with families when we are aware of Mean-On-Purpose behaviour that requires teacher intervention.

It is important that we know when Mean-on-Purpose behaviour is happening in the playground, so that we can support students to navigate the situation and work towards a positive outcome.

If your child does not feel comfortable speaking directly with their teacher, please contact the school office. We can record the information and pass it on discreetly to the appropriate staff member, helping us to better understand and resolve the issue.

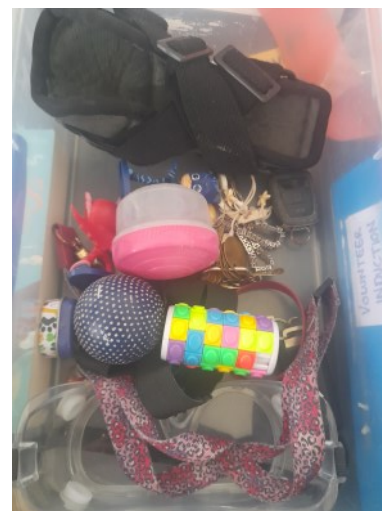
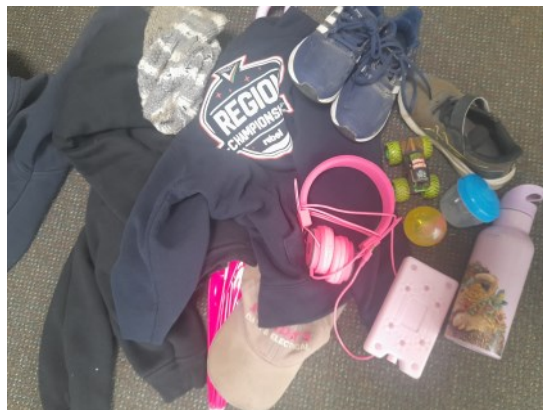
By sharing concerns with us, we can work together to support all students and ensure our playground remains a safe, respectful and positive environment.

Here is a helpful Mean On Purpose resource



LOST AND FOUND

Bag left after 3-6 Camp



Many uniform items find their way to the hooks in the breezeway. Please take a moment to check the lost property area as you pass by to see if any of the items belong to your child.

The school office also has a collection of lost property items, so be sure to check there as well.

To help us return lost clothing promptly, please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Father's Day Stall



THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

All Classes given allocated time to shop

Gifts range from \$2-\$12 (Cards \$1)

Please bring a bag to carry your gift home.
Multi-Purpose Room

Also available Friday 4th September 3:30-4pm





order by
2 SEPT

**FOR PICK-UP AT YOUR
SCHOOL DURING WEEK
STARTING 7TH SEPTEMBER**



Scan me shop!



Immediate dispatch also available for auspost orders

HOT CHOCOLATE—FRIDAY FORTNIGHTLY

Check the newsletter for dates

Please bring along a PLASTIC reuseable cup, with your students name clearly labelled.



\$2 Hot Chocolate with Marshmallow

**** Please advise the office if you require a Dairy Free Option ****

Hot Chocolate Friday will run every second Friday in term 3

Thankyou to Katie G for coordinating this event

if you would like to help Katie on a Friday, please let the office know.

BREAKFAST CLUB—CAN YOU HELP ?

We are looking for volunteers to help with our **Breakfast Club program in Term 4**. Breakfast Club runs a couple of times each term and is a great way to get involved in our school community.

Breakfast Club runs from 8:15am – 8:45am

Volunteers are generally needed from **8:00am – 9:00am**.

Volunteers may help with:

- Setting up
- Serving breakfast
- Supporting student Breakfast Club helpers
- Cleaning up and packing down
- Helping with menu planning

If you would like to be involved, please **contact the school office**.

Please note: Anyone volunteering to help with school activities or events is required to have a valid **Working with Children Check (WWCC)**.

We would love to have you join us!

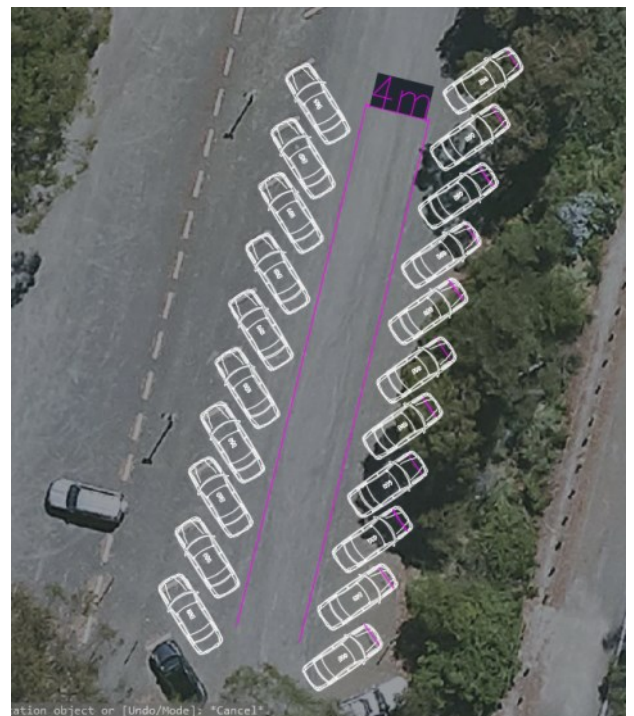
PARKING

Message from Yarra Ranges Council:

A request has come through the Council Traffic engineering team regarding limited accessway space for buses or larger vehicles in the unsealed car park north of Macclesfield Primary School.

Please remind parents to park up to wheel stops as the accessway may be reduced below the 3m requirement if parked incorrectly.

4m of accessway width should be available even if large vehicles are parked in the spaces. Buses have a maximum width of approximately 2.5m.



YOU'RE INVITED!

KINETIC

Art

STUDENTS IN **GRADE 3-6**
HAVE BEEN WORKING ON
KINETIC ART THIS TERM!

COME AND
TOUCH • FEEL • PLAY

WITH THE DIFFERENT TYPES
OF ARTWORK!

WEEK 9
THURSDAY
10 SEPT

3:30-4:00

HELD IN THE
ART AND JAPANESE ROOMS

All Welcome!

STUDENTS FROM ALL GRADES
AND FAMILIES

TERM 4—IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 14 October	Parent Information session—2027 Prep Students
Wednesday 28 October	2027 Prep transition session—9:15am—11:15am
Friday 30 October	Japanese Day
Saturday 7 November	Family Trivia Night

Book Week—Week 6—9th November –13th November

Wednesday 11 November	2027 Prep Transition 9:15-11:15am
Wednesday 25 November	2027 Prep Transition 9:15-11:15am
Friday 27 November	Pizza Lunch Day
Saturday 28 November	Election BBQ and Market
Monday 30 November	First Aid in Schools Program

Prep –2 Swimming Week 10 Monday 7 December—Friday 11 December

Tuesday 8 December	Statewide transition Day
Friday 11 December	Grade 2 Sleepover
Thursday 17 December	Final Day of Term 4—3:30pm Finish
Friday 18 December	Curriculum Day

Please keep an eye on the newsletter as more dates become confirmed.



Out in the Playground with Shilo and Kendall



Wednesday Tinker Club—Will, Taylen, Heath, Will and Charlie

ART CLUB

★ CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION

♥ **THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to all the parents and families who have donated materials for our Art Club Creative Construction activities!

The students have been having a wonderful time using their imagination and creativity to turn everyday materials into their own unique creations.



WE CURRENTLY HAVE
PLENTY OF MATERIALS
TO KEEP US GOING!



PLEASE HOLD OFF
ON SENDING IN ANY FURTHER
DONATIONS FOR THE TIME BEING.

When we need more materials, I will ask again.



Thank you again for your generosity and for helping make Creative Construction such a fun and creative experience for our students!



MS READATHON

This year, Macclesfield Primary School is excited to be taking part in the **MS Read-a-thon!**

The MS Read-a-thon is a wonderful opportunity for students to enjoy reading while raising funds to support people living with multiple sclerosis. Every page read helps make a difference!

To join our school team:

1. Visit the **MS Read-a-thon** website.
2. Select **Schools** and search for **Macclesfield Primary School**.
3. Click the **"Join Us"** button to register.

We already have **four enthusiastic students** who have joined our school team, and we can't wait to welcome many more readers on board!

Let's see how many books we can read together while supporting this fantastic cause.
Happy reading!



MS Online—Members of our School

Acacia

Isobel

Austin H

Harvey F

So far we've raised
\$1195.47 to help **41** families impacted by MS

2027 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are excited to be welcoming our new Prep students for 2027. If you have submitted an online enrolment application for Macclesfield Primary through Student Insight, you should now have received an enrolment offer via email, which needs to be accepted. If you have not received your offer, please contact the school.

Our 2027 Prep Information Session will be on **Wednesday 14 October 7-8pm**

2027 Prep Transition at Macclesfield Primary School will consist of 4 sessions.

- * Wednesday 28th October 9:15am -11:15am
- * Wednesday 11th November 9:15am - 11:15am
- * Wednesday 25th November 9:15am - 11:15am
- * Tuesday 8th December 9:15am - 1.00pm

More information will be sent to our 2027 Prep families once the enrolment process has been finalised.

LUNCH DAY—FOOTY

Our next lunch day will be **supported by our Grade 5/6 parents**.

If you are able to volunteer and help out on the day, we would love your support. Please let the **school office know** if you are available to assist.

Thank you to our Grade 5/6 families for supporting our school lunch program!

Lunch Order forms went home with students this week.



MACCLESFIELD PS OSHC

Before/After School Program

MONDAY TILL FRIDAY

WHAT WE
PROVIDE

Supervised care
recreational
Activities

- Nutritious food

For Science Week, our OSHC family dove into hands-on activities! We explored minerals by making our own with air-dry clay, enjoyed string pull painting, and shared a love for books. Plus, our weekly Dishwasher of the Week and Chef teams keep the kitchen buzzing! We also have our community "Helping Hand Hero"



For OSHC registrations and bookings, please contact us at:

Email: Macclesfield.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Phone: (03) 5968 4734

We're here to help!



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Gather your
team, bring your
brainpower and
get ready for a
night of fun, facts
& friendly rivalry!



FAMILY TRIVIA Night!

**NEW DATE!
SATURDAY
7TH
NOVEMBER**

**DETAILS TO
FOLLOW!**

RUN BY



**FRIENDS OF MACCLESFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



All proceeds go towards supporting our school community

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver /Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2025.**

In addition there will also be a Morning Tea in the Library on **Thursday 3rd September from 9am to 10am** as a way to encourage as many parents as possible to complete the survey. If you'd like to wait until then to complete the survey, feel free. We will have computers set-up for you. and Damien and Andrew will be there to answer any questions about the questions!

While some school's limit the responses (there is an option to generate a random sample of parent emails), we want as many families to take part, so we can get a better picture about the things we are doing well, and the things we can improve.

PARENT PAYMENT REMINDER

We would like to sincerely thank all the families who have made a **parent contribution** to the school this year. To date, **46% of families** have made some form of contribution.

The learning environment and resources we enjoy today are the result of the ongoing support and generosity of our parent and carer community over many years. **Voluntary parent contributions make a significant difference** to the quality of the programs, facilities and resources we are able to provide for our students.

These contributions help us continue to offer a wide range of **learning opportunities, experiences and resources** that benefit all students.

It is **not too late to make a parent contribution**. If you would like further information, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our school community.



Macleodfield Primary School Fundraising/Calendar events for 2026

Term 2, 21st April – 26th June / Term 3, 13th July – 18th September / Term 4, 5th October – 17th Dec

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
BBO's						Christmas Concert BBQ Friday 18th
CURRICULUM DAYS		Friday 14th				
Major Fundraising Events	Fri 31 st Mystery Movie Night **				Sat 7 th Family Trivia Night ** Election BBQ and Market 28th November **	
Stalls			Thu 3 rd & Fri 4th Fathers Day Stall **			Mon 14 th Grade 5 & 6 Xmas/Market Stall **
Fundraisers (Gold coin / donation to charity)	Fri 24 th Pyjama Day					
	31 st 100 days Prep Book Fair 31 st July to 5 th Aug **	Science Week 17th August Book Fair 31 st July to 5 th Aug **	Walk to School Day Thu 10 th **	Japanese Day Fri 30 th	9 th Nov Book Week	Grade 6 Graduation ** Mon 14 th Christmas Carols and Market ** P-2 Swimming 7 th -11 th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES						
SPORTS DAYS	Division Netball Mon 27 th Soccer Fri 31st	EDEC Basketball 17th Aug	Division Athletics 16th September	Division Summer Finals TBC Region Athletics 22nd October	EDEC Gr 5 Indoor Soccer 16th November	Prep-2 Swimming 7th-11th December
	Fri 24 th Hot Chocolate ** Wed 29 th Breakfast **	Fri 7 th Vietnamese Lunch Gr % T/I parents ** Wed 19 th Breakfast ** Fri 7 th & 21 st Hot Chocolate **	Fri 18 th Footy Lunch Gr 5/6 Parents ** Wed 9 th Breakfast ** Fri 4 th & 18 th Hot Chocolate **	Fri TBC Japanese Lunch Gr 3/4C parents ** Wed 21 st Breakfast **	Fri 27 th Pizza Lunch Gr 2 Parents ** Wed 11 th Breakfast **	Wed 2 nd Breakfast **
Lunch Day/Breakfast						
Working Bees				TBA		
International celebration days			R U Ok Day 10 th	Mon 5 th World Teachers Day	11 th Remembrance Day	
SWPBS end of term rewards						
Camps & Excursions		Grade % Excursion 12th Aug Grade 5/6 17 th Aug				Grade 2 Sleepover Fri 11 th

Items marked with ** will require parent helpers