WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

Principal’s Message

Welcome back everyone to Term 4! We have a very exciting 11 weeks ahead with something for everyone! Some term 4 events will be the Surfing Scientist visiting performance, a special Grandparent’s Day, 7 Steps to Successful Writing professional learning activity for teachers in stage 2 and 3, class visits to the Lower Clarence Retirement Village, Thursday’s Green Canteens, Kinder Orientation program, Big River Film Festival, School Musical, a variety of assembly spotlights, Year 6 Farewell dinner and Presentation Day. We hope you will be able to join us on many of these occasions as we celebrate learning and working with our community at Maclean Public School.

A focus area for school grounds improvement this term will be the strip of soil adjacent to the basketball COLA. We plan to construct alternate areas of garden and concrete with the addition of a set of steps in the centre. If you have expertise in landscaping, please contact our office as we would value your opinions and advice.

Did you manage to clean out the pantry last holiday? As mentioned in last term’s newsletter, over 30% of behaviour problems in children are a direct result of what they eat. The biggest problems are chemicals and other artificial additives. Hopefully you had a look at what additives are in the processed foods you buy. Teachers always have a focus on student health and eating is a large component. This term we begin our Green Canteens on a Thursday. The program will run for a 12 month trial with the aim to provide food that is both delicious and chemical free. Please support us in this endeavour by making your Thursdays chemical free at home also.

Kind Regards,
Sandra Armstrong
Principal

TEAM SPORTS –MORE THAN HEALTH BENEFITS

As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don’t go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits.

At a glance

- Team sports provide kids with important lessons on personal values.
- Children who play team sports are less likely to feel isolated.
- Team sports can encourage parents to become active with their kids.
- Team sports help kids deal with winning and losing.
- Team sports can help kids overcome shyness.

More info can be found at the SchoolAtoZ website or click here if you are reading online: http://bit.ly/HlgxVO
HAPPENINGS AROUND THE SCHOOL OVER THE HOLIDAYS
During the holidays Mr Anderson constructed bag hooks for all Mr Sozou’s students. The structure now allows for school bags to be stored high and dry during wet weather. Mr Anderson will also soon build some extra seating under the COLA for students during break time.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
The latest book club went home yesterday with all students. They are filled with some great Christmas gift ideas and holiday reading. All book club orders help our school with rewards for our school to spend.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

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THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS OF CAKES
Cricket Gala Day
Many thanks for the donations of cakes for the cricket gala day. The canteen really appreciates the donations towards these special days. A thanks also has to go to Jo Kapeen for running the school canteen for Kim on this day.

MACLEAN SPORTS CENTRE
Monday - junior squash - 4.00pm
Wednesday - junior squash comps - 4.00pm
Wednesday - junior futsal - 4.00pm
Thursday - junior netball - 4.00 (ages 6-12) - starting soon

Enjoying Red Kite Day Term 3