TEXT BOOK FEES DUE NOW

Principal’s Message

Annually, schools complete an evaluation of performance during the year in a number of areas including school management and school curriculum. Our school management area for 2014 is communication and the curriculum area is Science and Technology. This evaluation is done via a surveys process involving students, school staff, families and community members. Surveys will go home shortly as part of the week 4 school newsletter.

Also at this time of year, schools are developing their management plans for the future.

This year, the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has begun what is called the New School Plan (NSP) model. Our School Plan (which will last for three years) will focus on three specific strategic directions. Each direction will define key improvements to be made, will be evidence based and data informed and will be able to be measured. Each direction will be devised using a 5P Planning Model which will consider the purpose, the people, the process, the practices and the product of the direction. Each direction will then be monitored regularly for progress.

Your input is valued and integral to the Maclean Public School New School Plan’s success. We are all different and we lead different lives. With this in mind I have included a form to be completed by you and returned to school by Friday, 24th October. The form asks your opinion on how we can meet with you to discuss our school plan and future school directions.

We value your input and look forward to meeting with you.

Kind Regards,
Sandra Armstrong
Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING MADE EASIER

Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for children to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare his/her speeches and presentations at home will really boost confidence and self-esteem. Here are practical tips any parent can use:


NEW SEATING

You may have noticed the new timber seating that has been constructed around the base of three of the top COLA posts. This area is where children sit to eat their recess and lunch. The new seating has solved a problem – the trip hazard that existed around the base of the posts where form work had been erected and rough concrete poured. The seats have also provided children with extra seating. I’m sure you will agree that they also look fabulous!
MOTIVATING “LAID-BACK” CHILDREN
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?

S.O.S. FROM THE GREEN CANTEEN!
The Green Canteen was red hot today! Mr and Mrs Lynch and their helpers were run off their feet with children ordering from the delicious additive and chemical free menu.

They are truly desperate for helpers, so if you have time to spare on a Thursday, please come along. If you have an interest in the links between student behaviour and learning and the food children eat, the Green Canteen is the place where you can trial new recipes while you work. You can then prepare them for your family at home.

Just contact the office. A message for Mrs Lynch can be left there. If Thursdays does not suit, Mrs Bush welcomes helpers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

TEXT BOOK FEES
Did you know that 42% of students have NOT paid for their text books this year! (This equates to $1425). These books are given to your children at the beginning of the year on the understanding that they would be paid for. This is done so that your child’s education is not jeopardised while waiting for this payment. If you are in this 42% could you please pay for the text as soon as possible.

As in the past, children who have not paid for texts may be prevented from participating in end of year special activities. Thank you to the 58% who have paid for texts.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
Your school contributions provide many items that are vital to your child’s educational experience. A big thank you to the 52% of families who have paid these fees this year. It would be greatly appreciated if you could pay your school contribution at your earliest convenience.

NEW SCHOOL PLAN
Please complete the note below and return it to school by Friday, 24th October. Your input is valued. This is a great opportunity for you to have your say in the future direction of our school.

Please indicate (tick) the most suitable option. You can choose more than one.

- Morning tea at school meeting
- Afternoon tea at school meeting
- Evening meeting at school with snacks
- Telephone meeting
- Email
### UPCOMING CALENDAR

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### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

For more information please contact Janine at the Sports Centre on 66455769