



Macclesfield Primary School

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Term 1 Week 1 Friday 31st January

Week 2 - Kindness

Monday 3/2/20

Tuesday 4/2/20
Kerry in

Wednesday 5/2/20
Ice blocks for sale 50c

Thursday 6/2/20
Kerry in

Friday 7/2/20

Week 3 - Integrity

Monday 10/2/20

Tuesday 11/2/20
Kerry in

Wednesday 12/2/20
Iceblocks for sale
Acquaintance night/Governing Council AGM

Thursday 13/2/20
Kerry in

Friday 14/2/20
'Dental for Schools' Van visit

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Welcome

We welcome the following new Reception students to our school; Hamish Rochfort, Mason Pinchbeck, Claire Lake, Lillian Beke, Letoiya Pinchbeck, Chelsea Lions, Kai Lewis, Matilda Morphet, Charlotte Meese and Ellie Miles. While some of these people already have older brothers and sisters at the school, some students and their families are new. We hope they enjoy being part of the Maccy family.

We also welcome back our known families and wish them a happy and busy 2020.

I believe that most of you have already met Kane and Sally. They have settled in well and are ready to get involved with our school.

Acquaintance Night and AGM

Earlier in the week you will have received your invitation to the 2020 School Acquaintance Night and Governing Council Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 12th February from 6pm (AGM at 7pm)**.

We look forward seeing many of you here on that evening.

Kerry's Review

Kerry Crowden will have her review with School Ministry's Group (SMG) again this term. Students, parents and staff are all given the opportunity to feedback to the SMG about the impact they see of Kerry's work. These are very good ways to affirm the wonderful work Kerry does.

Kindness focus

This term we have a whole school focus on 'Kindness'. It is our first Character Strength focus for the term, and we plan to continue using the language of kindness.

Before School Care

Happy Haven are now offering Before School Care from 6.30 am.

Please remember that unless your children are booked in with the OHSC, they are only supervised in the yard from 8.30am.

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ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO USE FEELING AND VISUAL THINKING TO SOLVE UNFAMILIAR MATHS PROBLEMS

According to a new study by Dr Carol Aldous of Flinders University, solving novel maths problems without implementing some aspect of intuitive, non-cognitive thought is almost impossible.

The study sought to identify what role creative thinking, including processes like imagination and unconscious association, played in maths. She gave novel maths problems to 400 Australian students and teachers, and the results were conclusive.

"Relying solely on cognitive processes is not possible," Dr Aldous states. There has to be a degree of feeling, or unconscious thought that goes into it. "People have told you that feeling interferes with solving a problem, but what nobody has told you is that in the absence of feeling you won't solve the problem.

Dr Aldous contrasts the responses from maths professionals, such as teachers and lecturers, with those from students. One problem asked that a geometric shape be divided into four pieces of equal area. A Grade 11 student, "Chelsea", who was chosen because she was a proficient mathematics problem-solver, relied exclusively upon cognitive, rule-based approaches, and struggled to solve the problem.

Two high-school maths teachers began with analytical approaches, but only solved the puzzle after a process of intuitive reflection. One teacher reported letting her brain go "fuzzy" before solving the problem, while another said she needed to "sit back and see how she felt" to get an answer.

A professional mathematician solved his problem intuitively first, then went back to formally check the answer.

"The teacher experts ... drew on cognitive and non-cognitive systems of reasoning to solve novel mathematics problems, but Chelsea ... relied largely on cognitive rule-based forms of reasoning and took much longer to solve the problem. Had a novel problem requiring non-cognitive processing been used, Chelsea might not have achieved a successful outcome."

.....to be continued

Character Strength

Kindness

Kindness consists of giving your time and doing good deeds for others without expecting personal gain. Your strength of generosity means you find joy in the act of giving and helping other people, whether or not you know them well.

If you have the strength of Kindness...

- You are good at getting people to achieve things together in an efficient and friendly way
- You are often able to plan a course of action for a group, who are subsequently happy to follow you
- People look to you to help solve complex problems or resolve conflict
- You usually take the initiative in social situations

Novel Coronavirus

SA Health has provided advice to us about coronavirus, which is occurring in the Hubei Province of China and has also been reported in other parts of mainland China, and several other countries. Their advice is that preschool/school students and staff, even those that have travelled to Hubei Province, are able to return to school unless they are close contacts of a confirmed case, or they have symptoms consistent with the virus. Those symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, and sore throat. All students and staff who have travelled to mainland China, and especially Hubei Province, should monitor themselves for the 14 days from their departure from mainland China for symptoms of coronavirus. The latest advice is available on the Australian Government Department of Health <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

We ask that all adults working at the school have a 'Working With Children Check'. Please check at the office for details.

Calendar

A calendar for Term One is attached to this newsletter. Dates change from time to time so please continue to keep a look out for updates on future newsletters or on our Web or Facebook pages. Classes will also continue to communicate with families using Class Dojo.

Learn to move with ease, unclutter your mind, increase stamina, strength, flexibility & general Health

Rebecca McFarlane
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YOGA

in Maccy

Beginners courses commencing
Sat 15 Feb 8am &
Mon 17 Feb 6.30pm

6 weeks
\$150

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Rebecca McFarlane is a certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher

The course is offered once a year
& prepares you for general classes
held on Wednesdays @ 6.30pm



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Jack & Jill & the BEANSTALK

An Environmental Tale

Sat 22nd February 7pm & Sun 1st March 2pm

The Living Arts Centre,
27 Sims Road, Mount Barker

In-School Shows Available
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Tickets: \$28 adult \ \$23 conc
\$16 child \ \$80 family

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Macclesfield Primary School – Term 1 2020



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 27/1 Australia Day Public Holiday | 28/1 Kerry in Back to School | 29/1 Ice Blocks 50c | 30/1 Kerry in | 31/1 Newsletter |
| 3/2 SAKG Gardening | 4/2 Kerry in Finance Meeting | 5/2 Ice blocks 50c | 6/2 Kerry in | 7/2 Assembly 2.50 - Year 5/6/7 |
| 10/2 SAKG Gardening | 11/2 Indonesian Kerry in | 12/2 Ice blocks 50c Acquaintance Night 6pm AGM 7pm | 13/2 Kerry in | 14/2 Newsletter – Year 3/4/5 'Dental for Schools' Van visit |
| 17/2 SAKG Gardening | 18/2 Indonesian Kerry in | 19/2 Ice blocks 50c | 20/2 Kerry in | 21/2 Assembly 2.50 Year 3/4/5 Newsletter – 5/6/7 |
| 24/2 SAKG Gardening | 25/2 Indonesian Kerry in | 26/2 Ice blocks 50c | 27/2 Kerry in | 28/2 Newsletter – 5/6/7 |
| 2/3 SAKG Gardening SANFL Football Clinic | 3/3 Indonesian Kerry in | 4/3 Ice blocks 50c | 5/3 Kerry in | 6/3 SAKG Cooking Assembly 2.50 - Year R/1/2 |
| 9/3 Adelaide Cup Holiday | 10/3 Indonesian Kerry in Finance Meeting | 11/3 Ice blocks 50c | 12/3 Kerry in Newsletter – 3/4/5 | 13/3 Sports Day |
| 16/3 SAKG Gardening | 17/3 Kerry in Governing Council Meeting 7pm | 18/3 Ice blocks 50c | 19/3 Kerry in | 20/3 SAKG Cooking Assembly 2.50 - Year 5/6/7 |
| 23/3 SAKG Gardening NAPLAN Online Practice Day | 24/3 Indonesian Kerry in | 25/3 Ice blocks 50c | 26/3 Kerry in | 27/3 SAKG Cooking Newsletter – R/1/2 |
| 30/3 SAKG Gardening | 31/3 Kerry in | 1/4 SAPSASA Athletics Day | 2/4 Kerry in | 3/4 Assembly – School Leaders |
| 6/4 | 7/4 Kerry in | 8/4 | 9/4 Kerry in | 10/4 Good Friday |