**Principal’s Message**

**Chess Tournament**
The MECS Interschool Chess Tournament was held on Thursday 4/6/15. Eleven Macleay Education Community Schools took part with 108 students from Years 3-6 playing some very intense, mind boggling games of chess. Games started and finished with a handshake but perhaps the best part was seeing students learning from one another and making new friends. It was such an inspiring tournament where sportsmanship was at its best. With a hall full of students, you could hear a pin drop when games commenced. All participating schools battled it and whole school points were close. Congratulations to South West Rocks Public School who took home the perpetual shield, this time. First place winners for each year level included Jeremy Bruce-Smith (FPS), Dylan Smith (APS), Luke Frederick (KWPS) and Darby Lancaster (KEPS), second place winners were Peter McElroy (FPS), Charles Welch (FPS), Baden Ashman (APS) and Dylan Harris (SWR). The second MECS Interschool Chess Tournament for 2015 will be held on Thursday 15/10/15 and all students are in the meantime keen to refine their chess skills and strategies.

Thanks to Mr Ingram who plays chess with our team on a regular basis, for taking our team to the tournament. Our school came a close 2nd. Well done!

**ART Competition**
Our ART Competition is underway. Entry forms have been sent home. Children are allowed to enter as many times as they like. Each entry is $1 and needs to be on the entry form.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**
Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx) or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

**Debating**
Last week we hosted a Debating Gala Day at our school. Smithtown and Bellbrook Debating Teams visited us and participated in a number of debates. Our team also travelled to Frank Partridge PS to participate in the Premiers Debating Challenge.

After assembly next week our debating team will conduct a debate about Homework. Please feel free to stay after assembly to see these students demonstrate their developing skills in constructing and delivering strong arguments to support their position.

**Important Dates:**
There are a few important dates coming up, so please ensure you have them in your calendar:

- **16th June:** Our students perform at the Dance Festival. Please ensure that you purchase your tickets from our school office as soon as possible.
- **17th June:** Cartooning Workshop. Please be sure to send in your $3 to participate in this activity. Not only does your child learn to draw cartoons, but Joffa discusses the important message around resilience and anti-bullying.
- **17th June:** Closing Date for the ART Competition
- **19th June:** Star Award Assembly and an opportunity for guests at our assembly to vote for the “People’s Choice” Award in our Art Competition.
- **22nd June:** Kindergarten Open Day. Please invite friends who have children who will be starting school next year. This is a great opportunity for people to come and have a look at the great programs we offer here for our Kindergarten.
- **24th June:** NAIDOC Day Celebation. All are welcome to join us for a great day of activities.
- **26th June:** Last day of term 2.

**Schools certainly are busy places!**

Mrs Debbie Bradshaw  
Principal
**KD News**  
Hope all our families had a great long weekend with the lovely weather we had. Today I am sending home the outlines for the Art Competition. If your child would like to enter please return the completed one with a dollar so they can be entered. Only 3 nights to do homework this week!

**1/2O News**

Could all 1/2O families please donate a box of tissues and send them in with your child as we are running very low.

Please remember to pack a piece of fruit or vegetable for your child to have during fruit break.

Many children within our class complete their homework and remember to hand it in each Friday which is fantastic! It would be wonderful if we could have the same number of children borrowing from the library each Wednesday - please remind you child to bring their library bags.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FREDERICKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Week 8**  
8th June – Queens Birthday Holiday  
9th June – Students return to school  
10th June - “Kids in the Garden”

**Week 9**  
16th June – “Kids in the Kitchen”  
16th June – Dance Festival – Melville High School  
17th June – “Toonschool” cartoonist  
19th June – Star badge assembly

**Week 10**  
22nd June – Open Day for Kinders 2016 – 10am  
24th June – “Kids in the Garden”  
24th June – NAIDOC Celebrations  
25th June – “P” Day – Break through Day

**Term 3 Week 1**  
14th July – Students return to school

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**Class Library Days are:**

**Monday:** 2/3W  
**Wednesday:** 3/4R and 1/2O  
**Thursday:** 5/6H and Kinder  
**Friday:** 4/5A

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**Indi Kassel helping out as a volunteer at Sunday’s Macleay River Running Festival, Indi’s help was invaluable and much appreciated by the organisers.**

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**Southern Network Dance Festival at Melville High on Tuesday 16th June.**

**WE NOW HAVE THE TICKETS FOR THE NIGHT PERFORMANCE AT THE OFFICE.**

$7 per ticket or $25 for a family ticket (mum, dad and siblings only)

There are still permission notes for travel by bus to Melville High School for the Matinee performance outstanding. If you have not returned this note please do so ASAP. If you have misplaced it contact the office for another one.
3/4R News

We had an enjoyable and busy learning time last week. Congratulations to the assembly awardees; Stanly, Peter and Jeremy. We are very proud of you. We would like to further congratulate Peter, Charles and Jeremy for an outstanding effort with the Chess tournament. Fantastic boys!

This week we are continuing our maths learning in Fractions and Decimals. We are furthering our understanding about Netiquette, which is discussing the importance of having online manners, what is required and safe practice when communicating with people via the internet.

Please encourage your child to read each night or morning and return their home reading journal daily.

We have seen an improvement in Homework returns this week, so well done and I commend students that are completing and returning their weekly homework. Homework can be returned earlier than Friday and Library books can be returned earlier than Wednesday (Library day) if they would like to borrow before their weekly lesson.

I hope all families enjoyed the Long weekend holiday and the beautiful winter weather. I am looking forward to catching up with more parents, before the end of term. Perhaps I will see you at the next assembly, which is a Star Badge assembly, The Dance Festival performance or NAIDOC.

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**CANTEEN SPECIAL THIS WEEK** – Curry Lentil & Lime or Cauliflower & Cheese Soup
Small $3 or Large $4

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**Rock Star Award** in the canteen. Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week’s winner was Mitchell White.

MITCHELL, please see Tracey in the Canteen.

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**House Ticket Tally**
Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s PBL draw –. The winning class was KD & 1/2O, the winning house was LAWSON. The five winning students were: Eden B, Indi K, Sophie B, Aston W and Matilda W.
MECS and Premiers Debating Competitions

My apologies for missing the names in last week’s newsletter. They were Kalinda, Arika, Makayla and Demi who debated against Smithtown. Emma, Hayley, Brooke and Megan who debated against Bellbrook and Megan Ella, Kalinda and Hayley who debated against Stuarts Point. Special thanks go to our Chairperson and Timekeepers – Shaetaya, Sally, Shi-Anne, Arika Demi and Lucy.

Ms Ransom
Debating Co-ordinator

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Students who have now completed the PRC:
- 2/3W: Aaliyah Hurley, Grace Clarke, Chyiane Martin, Ebony Haywood, Courtney Minns, Danielle Bubb-Edwards, Eliza Bennett, Laycee Cooper and Sophie Brandolini
- 4/5A: Lucy Bruce-Smith
- 5/6H: Demi Perrin and Shaetaya Allen

Students who are on the home stretch this week are:
2/3W Class: Zahkaylah Lane, Khiarn Allen-Gray, Chloe Donnelly, Montana Thompson and Rylan Mottee.
3/4R Class: Caelan Corcoran, Caitlin Dark, Charles Welch, Byron Cooper, Kimberleigh Lane, and Peter McElroy.
4/5A Class: Claire Haywood, Maeve Patten and Khayl Doherty.
5/6H Class: Hayley Andrews, Brooke O’Meally and Jason Saul

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Thank you to all the students who have remembered to return their books - your efforts are much appreciated.

Mrs Evans

“Kids in the Garden”

Mr and Mrs Wanstall would like to thank all the children who are involved in “Kids in the Garden”. They said they were all very polite and helpful.

Mr and Mrs Wanstall volunteer every second Wednesday to come in and show the students how to grow and tend the school vegie garden that supplies our canteen. Well done!!
Frederickton Junior Tennis Club

Frederickton Tennis Club is starting up! We are aiming to get Frederickton Junior Tennis Club going. But, we need YOUR help. The court needs a tidy up so we can play tennis in a safe and friendly environment. We need volunteers (any age) to help clean the court, ready for use. We are hoping to get a regular competition going, with BBQs, professional coaching etc.

We will be having a working bee next Sunday morning (weather permitting) - 14th June 10.00am -12noon
Any questions, please ring Debbie Clarke 65668050

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