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Resilience

Responsibility

Pride

Respect

Honesty



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES



Friday 26 th October	Sports Day 9am – 3pm
Monday 29 th October	7pm Governing Council Meeting
Thursday 1 st November	9am Assembly – Rm14 9:45am 'Count Us In' Science Show
Wednesday 7 th November – Friday 9 th November	Narnu Farm Camp Rooms 6 & 11
Thursday 15 th November – Wednesday 21 st November	Book Fair

From the Principal

Sports Day Friday 26th October



Students will arrive at school at the usual time as the event is a full day program. Wearing house colours is encouraged. Clothing needs to be sun safe (no singlet style tops). Decorating/spraying hair colour is accepted but must be done at home. Broad-brimmed hats will be worn / required between events.

Looking forward to an active and enthusiastic day!!

History of the Sports Day Houses

WICKHAM - BLUE

Benjamin Wickham arrived in South Australia in 1836. The name Wickhams Hill acknowledges the many Wickham families that lived at the bottom of the hill in the big house - Wickham Park.

LESLIE - YELLOW

Donald Leslie bought the property on Pearn Lane, McLaren Flat in 1841. The Leslie home is said to be the first brick house in McLaren Flat. The Leslie "Ten Acre" vineyard is one of the oldest in the district.

ELLIOTT - GREEN

The Elliots came out on the "Duchess of Northumberland" ship in 1839. They originally settled near McLaren Vale in 1840. Not long after they moved to McLaren Flat. Descendants of the Elliott family have children attending the school today.

STURT - RED

Everlyn Pitfield Shirley Sturt, a brother to Charles Sturt the explorer, purchased land on Sand Road in 1839. He was one of the first residents in the district.

Congratulations to our House Captains - I know they will lead their teams with pride and enthusiasm.

Elliott: Louie G & Jessie O.

Wickham : Chloe H & Jayden H.

Sturt: Blake W & Katelyn W.

Leslie: Alex F-C & Elsie P.

Stuart Hage
Principal

Planning 2019 - Classes

Staff will be looking at class placement for 2019 in the next few weeks. This is a time consuming process and we give parents an opportunity **to submit information in writing.**

During the placement process we will only take into consideration information from you regarding your child's placement that relates directly to:

- **Your child's previous schooling history**
- **Medical, family and/or social issues**
- **Friendships**
- **Student learning needs**

Please remember that teachers leave or join us each year and those who remain do not necessarily teach the same year level/s as this year and therefore **it is not possible to request a particular teacher.**

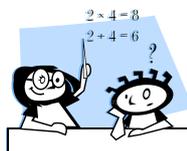
All parent information needs to be lodged by **Wednesday 14th November.** Information received after this date will not be considered.

No guarantees will be given regarding class placement and the final decision regarding a student's placement rests with the Principal of the school.

Stuart Hage
Principal

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who completed their Maths Challenge. The standard of work was extremely high, and each of you deserves to be proud. This year we had two entries that won awards in separate categories.



Lucy Jones has been awarded "Highly Commended"; and the Room 15 year 3 Class has been awarded "State Winner". They will be attending an awards ceremony next Friday. Well done!

Sports Day BBQ



The Fundraising Committee is hosting a BBQ on Sports day as a fundraiser for the school (students have already pre-ordered). Sausages and steak sandwiches will be available for parents for lunch, plus there will be soft drinks and water available to purchase.

They have also organised a coffee van for the day so parents will be able to buy coffee.

Pastoral Care Worker

encouraging hardworking
incredible patient
kind caring helpful
grateful funny
creative professional
respectful easygoing
inspiring optimistic

I wonder if you can guess what these words have been used to describe? **Our teachers!!**

World Teacher's Day is celebrated this year in Australia on October 26th. This special day was established by UNESCO in 1994 to acknowledge the important role of teachers in building a better future for the world's children and celebrate the ways that teachers change lives *every day*.

I believe that the relationship between parents/carers and teachers is a partnership, demonstrating commitment to each child's wellbeing and lifelong learning. The teachers here at McLaren Flat display genuine care for their students and truly want and work towards what is best for every individual. That is something worth celebrating!!!

Here are two of my favourite quotes about teachers to share with you this World Teachers' Day!



Karen Prenzler
Pastoral Care Worker

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

We are holding a **Book Fair** in the Activity Room this term, from Week 5, Thursday 15th November until Tuesday 20th November. So put these dates into your phone calendar now!

Each day the Book Fair will be open from 8.30 to 8.50am and from 3.00 to 3.30pm.

It is a great opportunity to stock up on some great books for Christmas and help the school at the same time (we get a percentage of sales to purchase books for the school!!)

You can also put your hand up to help at the Book Fair – a note inviting you to volunteer will be coming home soon.

See you at the Book Fair!

Gabrielle Anderson - Teacher/Librarian



1st

2nd

3rd

The school also made, and sold, cheese and nibbles platters to patrons at Flicks at the Flat. A huge thank you to Kate Peel who worked with me to organise all the donations for the platters. Kate, along with Sally Osmond and Jim Bell did an amazing job of putting the platters together on Saturday morning. We would also like to thank the following parents who could help on the day: Sharon Lovell, Paisley Lowe, Carla Payton, Brianna Waters, Eileen Sweeney and Michela Locke. Without your help, we could not have sold all of our lovely platters. Thank you for also letting people know about our photo voting system.

We would also like to acknowledge the following businesses who kindly donated produce for the platters:

- **B-d Farm Paris Creek**
- **Romeo's Foodland McLaren Vale**
- **Brian Swanson (formerly of Brian's Olives) Arkwright Estate.**
- **Maxwell's Grocery Aldinga Beach**
- **Yummy Nuts**
- **Coles McLaren Vale**
- **Scott Pearson for lending us his cool room**
- **Bendigo Bank for the gazebo**
- **Nick West from Family Pet Vet McLaren Vale for presenting prize**

Count Us In

Our students will once again be taking part in the Australia wide 'Count Us In' day performance. This is a chance to take the appreciation of music to the community. It will be held on **Thursday 1st November at 9:45am (following on from the assembly)** and our choir will support the whole school in sharing the 2018 song, plus a few added tunes.

Flicks at the Flat

Last Saturday, many of our families took the opportunity to attend this year's Flicks at the Flat. This event started 5 years ago with a small group of enthusiastic community members, known as the McLaren Flat Working Group, who wanted to bring families together in our lovely little town. I have been a part of this group since the beginning and, I have to say, that 2018 turned out to be one of my favourite years. We had the theme of pets with 'The Secret Life Of Pets' being the feature film. Our school community had the opportunity to enter the 'My Favourite Pet' photo competition. We had fifty-five entrants and the competition was very tough! Our students and teachers voted for their favourite twenty and these were on display at Flicks at the Flat. The general public could then place their fifty cent votes under each photo to find an overall winner. Winners on the night were: 3rd prize: Ethan Fuller, 2nd prize: Ava Woodford and 1st prize went to Max Sutton. Thank you to everyone who took part – there were some very creative photos and lovely pets!



ROOM 8 GENIUS HOUR

During Term 3 Room 8 students were provided with one hour a week to develop their Genius Hour projects. Genius Hour has provided students with the opportunity to engage in self-directed and meaningful learning dedicated to a topic they are passionate about. After researching and collating all of their information students prepared a presentation to share their learning with the class.

We loved watching everyone's presentations and learning about so many interesting topics!

