

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## TYLDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 10

Friday 8th Dec 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### DECEMBER

##### 2024 Prep transition visits

Tues 12th 9am-12pm

Friday 8th

##### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

CANCELLED

Thursday 14th

Xmas Carols - Visit to aged care facilities

Friday 15th

Gr6 Big day out

Monday 18th

Grade 6 Graduation 7:30pm

Tuesday 19th

Last day of term 4.  
3.30pm finish

Wednesday 20th

Curriculum Day

#### 2024

#### JANUARY

Monday 29th

Book Collection day

Tuesday 30th

First day of school all grades

#### FEBRUARY

Wed 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Prep Rest days

#### MARCH

Saturday 23rd

Annual School fair



Scott

Elliot

Jed

Holly

### Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another very busy week at school this week. The swimming program has progressed smoothly and it has been wonderful to see the students making so much progress with their confidence and skills. The program finished today.

Yesterday the students in grades 3—6 participated in the House Swimming Sports. It was a very busy morning with a large number of events and very high participation levels from students. Congratulations to the Wedge Tailed Eagles on their victory at the carnival. The score between the three houses were very close this year. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the sports carnival and to all staff for their work to make the sports run so smoothly.

Congratulations to our interschool girls' Tee Ball team for a fine performance on Tuesday at the state finals in Melbourne. It is a terrific achievement for our small school's team to qualify for the state finals, and it is not the first time we have done so. Well done to all of the team for doing so well, and thank you to Mr Bracher and Sarah McRae for coaching and supervising the students for this event. It was a big day!

A large group of students will visit 3 local aged

care facilities on Thursday 14th December.

They have been practising with Mrs Redman in their lunchtimes for some weeks, and everyone is looking forward to the excursion and performances. This year, some of the songs will be accompanied by the local U3A Ukelele Group. Sincere thanks to the members of this group for their work with our students.

We are fast approaching the end of the school year with only one and a half weeks left until our final assembly on Tuesday 19th December. As previously advised, students in grades 1—6 next year will have a transition session in their 2024 grade on Tuesday morning 9am—11am. (the transition visit for 2024 Preps is longer, and they will stay until 12 noon). We expect to send the semester reports home on Wednesday 13th December, with optional parent/carers—teacher interviews available on Wednesday 20th December.

Please note that the Family Fun Night has been cancelled due to the forecast bad weather. This is a shame, but safety must be the first priority.

Have a lovely weekend!

Lee MacDonald  
Principal

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Pictured:

L-R Back

Abi, Grace & Oscar

Front:

Lydia, Amelia & Ella

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Grace**— For displaying such a positive attitude towards swimming. You give everything a go and always try your best. Well done!

**Amelia**—For displaying the school values of resilience and personal best. I am so proud of your progress in reading. Keep it up!

**Abi R**—The effort you have put into improving your multiplication facts has been great to see. You have worked hard and persistence has paid off. Well done!

**Tia**— For being responsible during our swimming. You are always the first out of the change rooms, making sure you have all your belongings. Keep it up!

**Oscar**—For putting in a terrific effort into the Geography unit. Well done, keep it up!

**Lydia**—Well done Lydia on being such a great role model for your peers. Keep up the great work!

**Ella O**—Well done Ella on giving of your personal best during bush dancing rehearsals.

## UKELELES AT THE CHRISTMAS SINGING REHEARSALS

It has been wonderful to have members of the U3A Ukelele Group performing with our Christmas singers this year. They have come to school to practise with the students, and will come to the performances next week. The photos below show some of the ukelele group playing with our students at a recent lunchtime rehearsal.



## WEDGIES VICTORY

It was a very busy morning at the annual House Swimming Sports. There were lots and lots of events, involving different distances and swimming strokes with the emphasis on involving as many students as possible in the races. Our students are fantastic at giving things a go, and giving each other support. The noise of cheering was almost deafening at times!

Congratulations to the Wedge Tailed Eagles on their victory. The perpetual swimming sports shield was presented in assembly today.



## TEEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS





## MANGAHIGH AWARDS



These senior students received MangaHigh awards this week. MangaHigh is an online maths program our students use to improve their maths skills.

**L to R:** Sam received a Gold Award, Jed received Silver and Lincoln received a Bronze Award. Well done!

## LIBRARY BOOKS

The end of the year is fast approaching which means it is also time to start investigating bookshelves and under beds and all those other places that library books tend to hide themselves.

All library books will need to be returned by 11<sup>th</sup> December to allow enough time for me to complete the annual library stocktake. Children are still able to borrow books up to that date.

Thankyou for your cooperation.  
Wanda Bird



## 2024 SCHOOL FAIR

You can start preparing for the 2024 school fair right now, and over the summer holidays.

### Jobs for now:

- Use your contacts and connections to source raffle prizes.
- Mark the date Saturday 23rd March 2024 in your diary.

### Jobs for the holidays:

- Start to collect items and prepare mystery jars.
- Re-gift unwanted Xmas gifts as donations for the silent auction.
- Sort out items for the Trash 'n' Treasure stall.
- Use contacts and connections to source some donations for the silent auction.
- Consider volunteering to be a stall coordinator.

## THIS WEEK IN OSHC

In the morning OSHC sessions, we have enjoyed our healthy breakfasts and then done a variety of Christmas crafts. On the fine mornings, we have also had some games outside. In the afternoons everyone has been pretty tired after the swimming program. While we have enjoyed our games outside, we have also loved doing craft activities and cooking. The pizzas we made on Monday were amazing! On Thursday, we made gingerbread cookies and we will decorate them next week.



## VACATION OSHC : JANUARY 2024

If you have not indicated yet and would like to use the vacation care could you please contact the school by email as soon as possible.

We are planning to offer the following dates: Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th January plus Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th January. Likely hours of operation are 8am—6pm.

We will work out a booking system that can be accessed during the holiday period, But at this stage it would be helpful to get an indication of possible numbers for the program. Please email the school office [tylden.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tylden.ps@education.vic.gov.au) if you believe your children will access vacation care and the possible dates they will attend.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Macedon Ranges  
Summer holidays**

# Creative Writing Workshops & Competition


Workshops are for children aged 8 to 14 years old and are a \$50 investment for 2 hours. All materials are provided. Dates and times are to be announced but will be in the week starting 15 January.

**Poetry Basics:** Students will undertake hands on activities which will have them explore haiku, odes, limericks, pantouns and more. They will receive examples and templates, look at common literary techniques used in poetry and leave with a folio of works, of which they could submit several into the Summer Writing Competition.

**Short Story Editing:** Students are encouraged to bring their work in progress or completed short story to refine, shape and polish with the option to submit to the Summer Writing Competition due in on 27 January 2024.

Email [kbuttigieg@macedonrangeswriters.com](mailto:kbuttigieg@macedonrangeswriters.com) to register your interest.

**Poetry and Short Story Competition:**  
Opens November 27th, closes January 27th and is open to Grades 3 to 8.  
Entry is FREE. Scan the QR Code to view the Terms and Conditions and entry form.




## HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING & FUN

Thurs 18th & Wed 24th January  
Other workshop dates, individual & shared sessions by arrangement

**APPLEWOOD EQUINE**  
Tylden, Macedon Ranges  
[applewoodequine.com.au](http://applewoodequine.com.au)

10AM-2.30PM

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

Fun activities in nature with horses, that help with life skills such as regulation, anxiety, confidence, increased social participation, horsemanship, boundary consciousness, physical skills, positive/kind thinking & more.

Contact Mel: 0402 842 233  
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**APPLEWOOD EQUINE**  
Personal development and healing with horses  
Equine Assisted Learning

THE MACEDON RANGES

## CHILDREN'S READING CLUB

IS OPEN FOR NEW MEMBERS!

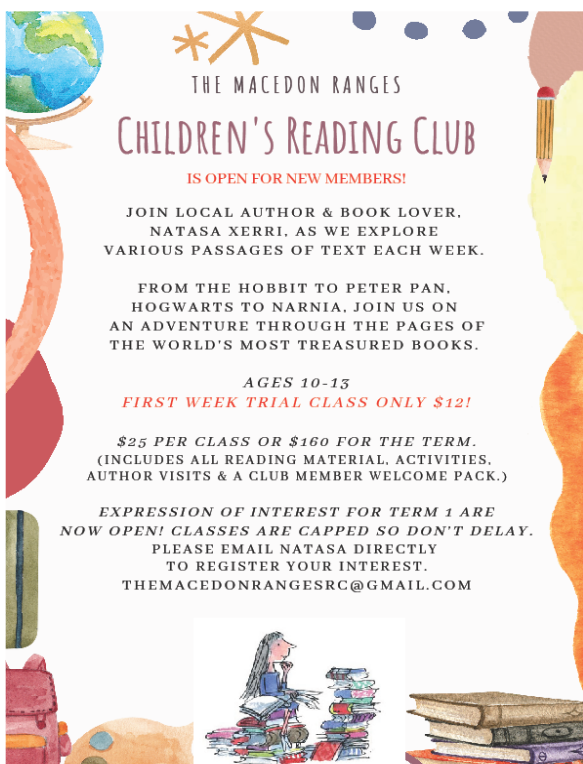
JOIN LOCAL AUTHOR & BOOK LOVER, NATASA XERRI, AS WE EXPLORE VARIOUS PASSAGES OF TEXT EACH WEEK.

FROM THE HOBBIT TO PETER PAN, HOGWARTS TO NARNIA, JOIN US ON AN ADVENTURE THROUGH THE PAGES OF THE WORLD'S MOST TREASURED BOOKS.

AGES 10-15  
FIRST WEEK TRIAL CLASS ONLY \$12!

\$25 PER CLASS OR \$160 FOR THE TERM.  
(INCLUDES ALL READING MATERIAL, ACTIVITIES, AUTHOR VISITS & A CLUB MEMBER WELCOME PACK.)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR TERM 1 ARE NOW OPEN! CLASSES ARE CAPPED SO DON'T DELAY.  
PLEASE EMAIL NATASA DIRECTLY TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.  
[THEMACEDONRANGESRC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEMACEDONRANGESRC@GMAIL.COM)



Staff roles for 2024
Prep—Allira Dickins
Grade 1/2C—Sarah Crosbie
Grade 1/2O—Elle O'Keefe
Grade 3/4M—Lincoln Miller
Grade 4/5B—Paul Bracher
Grade 5/6F—Maddi Flens
Performing Arts—Louise Farrelly
Literacy & Numeracy Support—Sarah Hughes
Physical Education & ICT—Sarah Hughes
LOTE (German) - Lee MacDonald
Education Support—Kerry Cross, Wanda Bird, Jeff
Business Manager—Livia Bourke

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Victoria  
and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

Our School Values are: Integrity—Personal Best—Kindness—Resilience—Creativity

