



Newsletter Issue 12, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## IMPORTANT JANUARY 2021 DATES

GENERAL OFFICE - 8.30am - 4.30pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January **OPEN**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January **CLOSED**  
**REOPENS** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

### FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY

9am - 12pm Primary & Secondary NOTY Book Pick up - Hall  
9am - 12pm Secondhand Uniform Shop Open

YEARS 1 - 12 STUDENTS START - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

9am Years 1 - 10

10am Years 11 & 12

PREPS & VCAL START - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 9am

## Principal' Report

### Staff Acknowledgements and Farewells

On behalf of the Macleod College Community I would like to thank all the staff both teaching and non-teaching for all that they have done to support our students this year. I congratulate them all for the academic success achieved and for the exceptional level of pastoral care provided to each student.

### Staff Leaving:-

Bethany Duncan, Beverly Nguyen and Roger Chapman.  
Sylvia Petrovska & Alyce Hinton who were on leave and not returning.



### New Staff beginning in 2021:

Science/Maths - Chuong Ly  
Biology - Klaudija Lavrans

Lonni Allan - Learning Specialist - Personalisation in Learning  
Integration Aides - Caz Occhipinti & Irene Lyu

### Retirement - Margaret Nigro

Margaret first came to the College to relieve in the Library before taking up a permanent position as receptionist/first aide in the General Office. Her children Fabiano and Giulia studied at Macleod College and Fab is now a teacher here. She has been an asset to the College and will be missed by students, staff and parents.

As an accomplished artist she will now have the time to follow her passion. I am sure we will still see her as she will be relieving in the office from time to time.



College Principal: Mario Panaccio

Assistant Principal: Michelle Wallis

College Council President: Wayne Richards

College Captains: Rhea Singh & Clarissa Indranada (Secondary)

Dea Lulo & Meghna Thomas (Primary)

International College Captains: Uyen Danh & Anya Sariddisuk

Music Captain: Angus Campbell-Burns

## Christmas Wishes

I take this opportunity to thank you, the Macleod College Community, for your ongoing support throughout the year and to all the parents and carers who successfully took up the challenge of remote learning.

I would also like to thank the School Council, under the leadership of Mr Wayne Richards and all the other volunteers whose work is so valuable and appreciated.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Take care and I look forward to working with you in 2021.

## Mario Panaccio Principal

### Prep - Year 6 College Council Awards

Year Prep/1	
Excellence in Studies	Jacob Yeung
Determination in Studies	Eden Cavanagh

Year 1	
Excellence in Studies	Mia Roberts Hazel Crill
Determination in Studies	Nidia Vidal Ashwika Sreekumar

Year 2	
Excellence in Studies	Katelyn Lavcanski
Determination in Studies	Maria De Guzman

Year 3	
Excellence in Studies	Teliah Grobbelaar
Determination in Studies	Mitchell Crane

Year 4	
Excellence in Studies	Chloe Shatilko
Determination in Studies	Labhansh Dembla

Year 5	
Excellence in Studies	Jingxuan Guan
Determination in Studies	Tanya Grobbelaar

Year 6	
Excellence in Studies	Eddy Roberts Amirali Siyahyali
Determination in Studies	Frankie Marsicovetere Molly Burgio-Spooner

### Year 7 - 9 College Council Awards

Year 7	
Excellence in Studies	Charlotte Allen Jason Zhang
Determination in Studies	Tianah Conforto Sofia Tsetinis Kushdeep Dhillon

Year 8	
Excellence in Studies	Dan Coulter Mia Stefani
Determination in Studies	Keesha Tucker Klaudia Ugrai

Year 9	
Excellence in Studies	Ivy Campbell-Burns
	Alex Saveski
	Liam Walker
Determination in Studies	Amber Kershaw-Richards
	Michelle Biju

Determination in Studies	Dalia Tucker
	Chak Ming Wong
	Wenyan Wu
	Maggie Ripiloska
	Natasha Gemin

# Prep – Year 6 Awards



## Prep – Year 6 Outgoing Leadership Group



## 2020/2021 Primary Leadership Captains:- Dea Lulo and Meghna Thomas



## House Leaders:- Daniel Toumeh (Shepherd), Tanya Grobbelaar (Scarff), Mayah Shute (Carter) and Angelina Lavcanski (Ramsay).



# Year 6 Graduation



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## Year 9 Art Project



## The Generous Fox

Hudson Dean

Once upon a time there was a big and beautiful red fox. Inside and out this fox was beyond just himself, with a way of thinking not at all common among these furry creatures. This fox asked questions such as 'what is the point of being able to walk if I can only walk by myself?' Step by step the fox marched through the forest, encouraging others to stride along, attempting to spread the foxes' way of thinking to others, although no one dared go near the fox. All the other animals ignored her as if she wasn't there, they were scared of her as foxes have gained a dangerous reputation. The animals asked questions such as 'if I don't walk alone and safely, then what is the point of being able to walk?' Then all the animals walked away; leaving the fox in the darkness of the forest, walking step by step, alone.



Each step that the fox took felt purposeless, meaningless, no reason for walking but still moving forward. Somehow it always felt like everything was moving further away, especially the ground, she couldn't seem to reach it anymore. Then it seemed as if the floor reached out at her, CRASH! The fox felt a warm liquid fall out of her eyes and stream down her face, the fox wondered, 'why are my tears so warm if I am so cold?' Then the fox laid there and closed her eyes falling into an ocean of blackness. Each memory that the fox had about how she was treated brought her deeper into the salty water of the cold and dark ocean, pressure only got higher and higher.

She fell a little more, the pressure had almost completely crushed her, then the pressure started lowering, the fox was rising out of the depths of the sea. She opened her eyes, the ocean had been reduced to a puddle on the floor, it began evaporating as sunlight shone through the trees, the darkness was below her now, she held it firmly, standing tall and still, as still as the trunk of a tree. As the fox stood there taking in the music of the forest, a bird flew down from the sky and perched itself on the foxes head. The light washed the darkness away from the fox, making the fox's mind clear and collected. They both travelled together, walking together, step by step.

## The Horrors of Horse Racing

Charlotte Allen

Horse Racing kills 25,000 Australian horses each year,  
Torn ligaments, broken bones and guns,  
So humans can sit around watching and drinking beer,

Forced to run,  
Forced to race,  
They know no better,  
Good thing journalists are on the case,  
Good thing we have joined the chase,

Forced to run too fast, to catch the eyes of buyers,  
Young horses, fillies and colts, children,  
Squealing and screaming, like the sound of screeching tires,

Forced to run,  
Forced to race,  
They know no better,  
Good thing journalists are on the case,  
Good thing we have joined the chase.

And as they fall, and as they fail the impossible speeds,  
Injuries and injuries and injuries,  
*Unsurvivable* injuries,  
Forced to run,  
Forced to race,  
They know no better,  
Good thing journalists are on the case,  
Good thing we have joined the chase.

After the horses have done all they're told,  
Have run their races and won their money,  
They grow old.

# OUR ROTTED BEAUTY

Abbey Beard

I see the world in its fresh beauty,  
Untouched by humans who had not yet lived.  
Then we came, were born from the animals.  
What we would come to destroy. Inhibit. A new generation was born.

As we progressed through the ages.  
Adapting. Analyzing.  
We have evolved.  
But now that nature is touched  
By our rotted fingers  
Spreading and spreading through the lands  
We cannot stop it.  
Do you see the damage? The damage of our land?  
Or are you instead blinded by the same of your own kind?

We look back.  
Others are blinded by illusion. Others can see.  
They have broken through, opened a door to a vision.  
To see the pain we have caused to our planet.  
Nature, animals, next will be our people.  
The land that gifted us once will be destroyed.  
Temperature rising,  
One degree by another.  
Melting our lands of ice,  
And building up barriers of fires.  
Our land burns. It floods. It intensifies every second.  
But we do not care.

Open. Open up your eyes.  
Do you see beauty? Is it a reality, or is it not?  
How are you blinded by destruction?  
Choose a door, and make it right.  
Help people see the door, lead them through.  
Work, Work, Work. Guide the masked.  
A person can change, do not falter the fact.  
Oh, protect our land from all the hurt and pain.  
For soon it might be our very last day.

# My Australia

Sophie Ellis

Sand between our toes and freckles on our nose  
My Australia is a beautiful place  
Parched dry sands, dark flooded lands  
My Australia is an unpredictable place  
Linx body spray, too many eshays

My Australia is a gross place  
Tradie's on smoko, vacays for Scomo  
Sad place, lazy pace, cowardly country.  
My Australia is different, diverse and unique.  
But how do you run a country with politicians so meek?



## Monster Poem

R H

The monster stirs,  
After a millennium long slumber,  
From the undiscovered depths,  
Of the vast Pacific Ocean,  
The time has come for,  
The plan to be put into action,  
It's kind used to populate another dimension,  
But now that they are dying out they have sent their Alpha,  
To prepare Earth, to take over,  
The Old One knows its instructions,  
It's eyes open like the clouds clearing the sky,  
It's body moves like a rumbling mountain range,  
It advances across the sea floor,  
Creating waves that dwarf the human-made ships sailing above,  
Lengthy tentacles trail behind it,  
As large, powerful limbs propel it forward,  
To the coast,  
Where feeble humans,  
Started to make farms and bronze tools,  
The Old One was a wolf hunting the scent of blood.

## Perspective Poem

Henrietta Wilson-Hoare

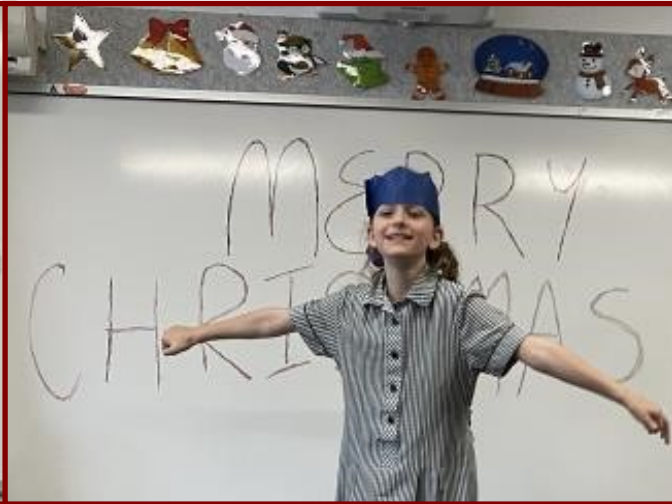
'Put out your fire and pack up, we have to evacuate'  
What?  
My gut felt as if it had been punched  
My heart skipped a beat.  
The wildfires had gotten to us.  
  
20 minutes,  
Just 20 minutes to grab and leave.  
Stuffing all my clothes into a bag,  
Scavenging through the tent to save what I could.  
  
Looking in the shower, to save my mums scrubbing glove.  
Looking in my parents tent to saved a blanket that my Great Grandma had knitted for my Mum.  
  
Time was nothing to waste.  
Kids bursting into tears once realising the reality.  
Seeing cars passing by, driving back on the bridge.  
The sky was in a sunset at 1pm.  
The sun , dark red.  
The smoke could have passed for fog,  
And temperatures were rising.  
  
However, we had been lucky,  
Lucky to leave, lucky to bring clothes,  
Lucky to survive, lucky to escape.  
We witness the bushfires firsthand.  
  
Driving home with the radio on,  
To hope that the roads we have to take aren't shut down.  
Driving scared, worried and  
And now lets hope they do not come back.

## My Australia

Jason Zang

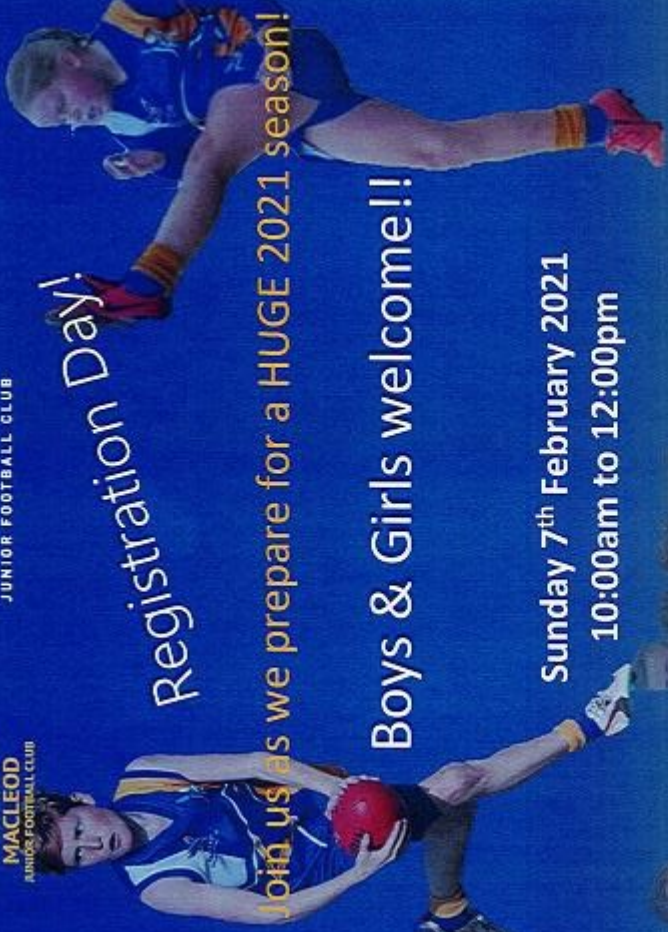
My view on Australia is  
The only place where everyone can have a different view.  
From those who refuge from a terror waved land to the  
Welcomers of both inhabited and conquered.  
All agree that Australia is the comfortable home where they all live,  
A home that can bicker, divide, welcome and support while staying true to themselves.  
A home that prides its unified diversity.

OSHC Christmas Party





**MACLEOD**  
**EAGLES**  
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Registration Day!

Join us as we prepare for a HUGE 2021 season!

Boys & Girls welcome!!

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
10:00am to 12:00pm

Macleod Park  
Chapman Street, Macleod

Training drills for all skill levels

Meet our 2021 coaches

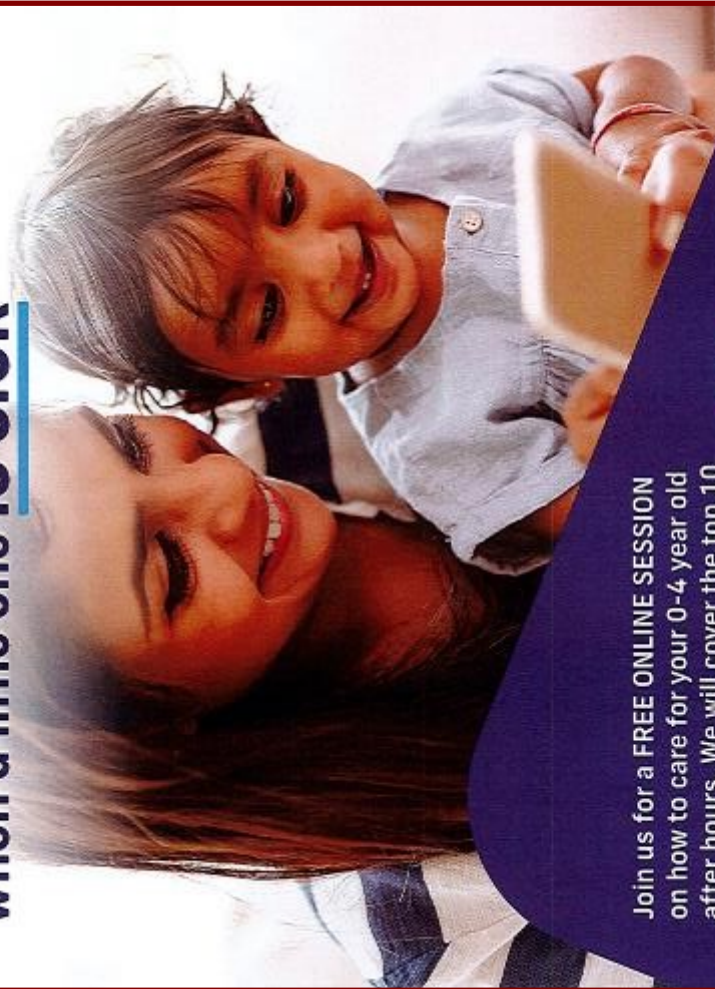
MEMBERS 2021  
SECTION FREE BACK

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# KIDS HEALTH

What to do  
when a little one **IS SICK**



Join us for a **FREE ONLINE SESSION** on how to care for your 0-4 year old after hours. We will cover the top 10 most common illnesses.

**FREE**  
Kids Health  
resource  
pack

Time: 60 mins Cost: Free

Register via [www.asthma.org.au/kidshealth](http://www.asthma.org.au/kidshealth)



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# DVCS YOUTH PROGRAMS

DVCS Youth Programs have developed in response to the growing number of local young people needing assistance & experiencing financial and personal crisis.



## Support DVCS Thrive Packs!

DVCS Thrive Packs help young people experiencing financial and/or housing crises with basic necessities including hygiene products and items that provide warmth to those sleeping rough.

Thrive Packs include hygienic products like soap, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, sanitary items and more.



## Strengthening Opportunities for All Children in our community.

KidsAssist grants go towards IT devices, text books, camps, uniforms & other educational essentials.

# HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

We are calling on schools, community youth groups and other organisations to work with us by creating your own fundraising or advocacy events, projects or activities that will help us support youth with emergency relief in our local community. These events or campaigns can be as small or as large as you want them to be and will contribute to the DVCS Youth Programs.



## Examples of Projects:

- Host a youth charity auction, Sausage Sizzle, Car Wash Donations Drive
- Launch a Crowdfunding Campaign: Host a Parent's or Peers Afternoon Tea Party
- Fundraising Raffle, Jeans or Casual Dress Day, Bake Sale
- Online advocacy campaign...

The possibilities are only bound by your imagination!

If supporting our KidsAssist grants, funds raised will go towards providing families and young people in financial crisis with grants for up to \$500 to go towards educational items and activities.

If supporting Thrive Packs, you can donate items, or funds to purchase the items, that make up a Thrive Pack. This includes:

- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes & Mouthwash
- Hairbrush, Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant & Soap & Face washers & Towels
- Pads/Tampons, Sanitary Bags
- Sun Screen & Water Bottle
- Beanie, Scarf & Sleeping Bags



YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## WHAT TO DO NOW TO PARTICIPATE?

We would love you to partner with us and work towards our goal of providing more support to youth in the local area, and combined with the efforts of other groups & our youth we can all make a big difference.

Please contact:  
Kerr Wellington on [volunteers@dvcsupport.org.au](mailto:volunteers@dvcsupport.org.au)  
Client Programs and Volunteer Coordinator

Sawin Watson on [es@dvcsupport.org.au](mailto:es@dvcsupport.org.au)  
Executive Officer



Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am - 4:30pm

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Web: [www.dvcsupport.org.au](http://www.dvcsupport.org.au)



On any given night in Australia more than 100,000 people are homeless - sleeping rough, couch surfing, in refuges or boarding houses. Nearly half of these people are under 25 (Mission Australia 2018)

Youth disadvantage, unemployment & underemployment continues to grow in Australia. Youth unemployment is twice that of the overall population. (YouthAction.org.au 2018)

A 'free' public school education can cost \$1,300 per child per year. Education essentials are simply out of reach for many struggling families. This can have a devastating impact on a child's education - if they can't afford the right uniform or the books they need, and feel as though they don't fit in, school becomes a place they don't want to be (Smith Family, Jan 2018)

Economically disadvantaged young people report higher levels of concern about domestic/family violence, bullying/emotional abuse and suicide (Mission Australia 2019)

Young Australians face greater financial and emotional challenges through the impact of - Conflict or family breakdown - Sexual, physical and emotional abuse in the home - Lack of access to employment opportunities - Rising housing costs & insufficient income to pay rent and living costs - Difficulties in accessing Youth Allowance and other support payments - Drug and alcohol issues, and Mental health issues (Foundation for Young Australians 2018)