Macleans Primary School

A message from Acting Principal, Mrs Wendzich



Teaching and Learning:
At Macleans Primary School the students and teachers are buzzing. Teachers have started planning our new Big Idea for Planning Period Two's Inquiry which will be lots of hands-on-learning through experiments. The Big Idea for the Phase 1 (Years 0 – 3) students will be "Changes in Food" and the Phase 2 (Years 4 – 6) students will be learning about "Kitchen Science". This will be a Science focus for our next planning period.
We ended off Planning Period One with a successful Open Afternoon on the 25th May 2026 and many parents came to celebrate their children's learning. Thank you to all our wonderful parents who attended this afternoon. Students were so proud of their learning and they were showcasing their work with pride in the classrooms for our school Whanau to enjoy. Here are some of the learning that took place.

Reporting to Parents on student learning:
At the Learning Conferences on the 15th June 2026 the Learning Conference sheets will look slightly different to previous years. We have incorporated the 5 Progress Descriptors that the Minisitry of Education has brought out for all teachers and schools to use to assess students in all New Zealand schools. It will also explain to you where your child should be at in their learning Mid Year and End of Year. Here is an explanation of the 5 Descriptors.
We are looking forward to meeting with you at our Learning Conferences. We will have Mrs. Fion Yim who will be available to translate for you.

Wellbeing: Building Relationships:
On Thursday – 4th June 2026 we are having a Meeting with our parents about how to keep your children safe online and when they are using Technology.
The meeting is going to support you by providing you with sufficient information. This is not a meeting for our Students to attend so please can you make arrangements for them so that you can attend.

STAFFING:
We would like to share the exciting news about our new teachers starting in Term 3.
We have an enthusiastic teacher – Morné Delport coming from Wellesley College in Wellington to Macleans Primary School to teach our wonderful Room 16 students. He will be the new classroom teachers from the 20th July 2026.
We are so happy to have Mrs. Jill Mcclenaghan and Mrs. Diana Ready as part of our staff who stepped into Room 16 to support our students to make the transition seamless up until Term 3 starts.
We are pleased to inform our parents that we have interviewed for the Year 2 teaching position in Room 9 and we welcome Mrs. Parul Kapoor on board. Mrs. Kapoor will be the teacher in Room 9 until the end of the year.
Miss. Georgia Spence has started in the New Entrant Class in Room 3 and she is enjoying the energy of our little sparkles who are starting school.

Macleans Primary School Sports Events:
Our sports teams are doing incredibly well and they are showing the Community how to live our Macleans Values – such as Respecting each other on the sports field, taking responsibility and achieving their best and working Cooperatively as a team to be the BEST THAT THEY CAN BE"
Thanks to Mrs. Hunkin for her time and endless hours that goes into the sports organization and our lovely Macleans Learners to train them up.

MAC MANIA CARNIVAL AT MACLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL: 27TH JUNE 2026
We are excited to share with you that we are going to have a CARNIVAL at MACLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL. This event is going to be SUPER EXCITING!!!! Please SAVE THE DATE in your calendars.
I am looking forward to sharing some more news with you in two weeks time.

Enjoy the next few weeks and then I will be back to share some more MACLEANS PRIMARY NEWS with you.

Kind regards
Mrs. Angelique Wendzich



We are very excited to announce the MacMania Canival which will be happening on Saturday **27 June 2026 from 11am - 5pm**!
The countdown is on - **25 Days** to go!

We have heaps of exciting vendors booked in as well as carnival games and activities. Please keep an eye out for donations needed as well as information about stalls, raffles and prizes.

We can't wait for this really fun and exciting day!

This week and next week we are please asking for donations of:

- Popcorn (kernals, bags and microwave popcorn)
- Lollies (any kind of bagged lollies)
- Cold Drinks (juice boxes, cans and bottled water)
- Ice Lollies

Please drop these off at the school office or your child's classroom!

If you are wanting to get involved and be the parent rep for your child's class, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

Remember "together - the best we can be"







JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

Celebrating Learning and Looking Ahead

We are officially midway through the term, and our classrooms are buzzing with exciting teaching and learning!

Thank you to all the parents and whānau who joined us to round off PP1! We had a fantastic turnout of visitors eager to see our students' Inquiry work. The children loved having the opportunity to showcase what they have been working on over the last 10 weeks, and the creativity on display was truly amazing. Thank you for coming along to support and learn alongside your children



Last week, our teaching team was fortunate to work with Jordan Priestly for some professional development. Jordan modeled maths lessons across all year levels, beautifully demonstrating just how interactive, engaging, and fun maths can be for both teachers and learners. Our staff walked away inspired and ready to bring these fresh ideas into the classroom!

This week, we are diving into PP2, which is all about Kitchen Science: Changes in Food. To kick things off, learners will explore an introductory slideshow before choosing a specific angle that sparks their curiosity. They will then draft their own "wondering" questions to guide their research. Over the coming weeks, classes will be conducting hands-on experiments and diving deep into their chosen topics. We can't wait to see what our mini-scientists discover!

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE



Last week, our Senior School community came together to celebrate the conclusion of our first planning period, "Famous People." The children were absolutely thrilled to share their hard work with their families, and I was completely blown away by both the spectacular projects on display and the immense depth of learning the students demonstrated. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support our learners.

This week, we leap straight into our next exciting unit: "Kitchen Science." We have some fantastic "Hook-ins" planned to spark curiosity about real-world chemistry, highlighted by a special excursion where all senior school children will enjoy a day of hands-on learning at the Chelsea Sugar Factory and attend their onsite cooking school. It promises to be an unforgettable culinary experience.

Outside the classroom, our sports calendar is absolutely buzzing with activity! Our senior students are bringing incredible energy to dodgeball, hockey, rippa rugby, and both girls' and boys' football. On top of that, our Year 5 students are busy developing fantastic safety habits through the Cycle Skills program, and we have officially kicked off cross-country training.

HPPA DODGEBALL

Macleans took 1 mixed team of 8 year 6 players to the HPPA Dodgeball tournament. Dodgeball is a sport that is new to the HPPA primary school list of sports, and it is one that is growing fast. What an absolutely fantastic day we had! The skill shown by our team was next level. A total of 8 fast-paced, high-energy games were played. The fitness, speed, and agility on display was incredible. The ducking, blocking, dodging, and evading of opposition balls was amazing to watch.



Our team represented the school with enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the entire day and ended up finishing 5th from 16 teams. What a brilliant effort by everyone involved!
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There are opportunities for your child to play dodgeball outside of school. Weekly sessions are run on Mondays at Sunnyhills in the evenings and they provide regular opportunities to play competitively with leagues and tournaments. If you've got a team that wants to train, or your child wants to play, or get better, then send an email to Michael Davidson (Teacher at Sunnyhills Primary) at dodgeballforall@gmail.com

HPPA GIRLS FOOTBALL





The girls' football team competed over two exciting days at the HPPA Competition, with a total of 26 teams taking part.

On Day 1, the girls played four games and finished on top of their pool with four impressive wins. The girls played competitively throughout the day, showing great skill, teamwork, and determination. A special mention goes to Aria Prasad, who scored an incredible total of 19 goals. The team's outstanding performance secured them a place in Pool A for Day 2, competing for a top-six finish.

Day 2 brought fierce competition, with the team recording strong wins against Owairoa and Shelly Park. They also earned a hard-fought draw against Sunnyhills. Although they were narrowly defeated by Wakaaranga Primary and Mellons Bay Primary, the girls continued to show resilience throughout the tournament.

What an amazing achievement! Finishing in fourth place overall out of 26 teams is a fantastic achievement, and the girls should be extremely proud of their efforts and success.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Learning Conferences are coming up on Monday, 15 June. On this day, school will close at 12pm. Learning conferences will run from 12:30 with the last appointment being at 6:30pm. This is a really important time for you to meet with your child's teacher about their academic progress. This is a vital part of our mid-year reporting process.

All the information for these conferences can be found below:



Parent-teacher meetings for Term 2, 2026 will be held on Monday 15th June at:

- 12.30pm – 6.30pm

To book your interviews, go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code** in your browser, and enter the event code **zsy7u.** Then follow these three simple steps:



First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address.

If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.



On the next page, choose the teachers you want to meet.

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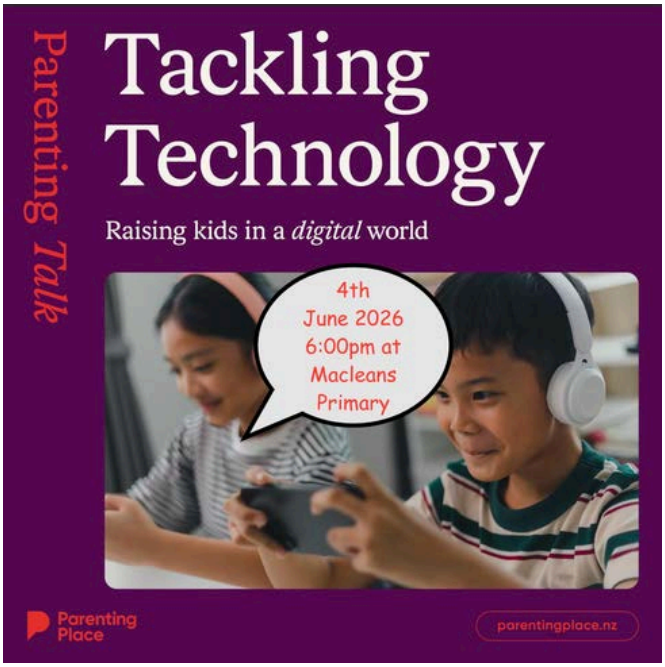
Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and enter the event code **zsy7u** again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you need help, please contact the office (phone 09 534 5191) for assistance.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Come along and join us at 6pm on Thursday 4th June. This talk by The Parenting Place is about raising children in a digital world. This talk is for parents only - please no children. See you Thursday!





OUTSTANDING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS





Year 6 student Romeo Garcia has enjoyed a successful representative basketball season, earning selection to both the Hi5 and Pinoy Mavs representative programmes.

From 3–6 April 2026, Romeo represented the Hi5 Under-12 (U12) Representative Team at the SAS Easter Slam Tournament held at East Coast Bays Leisure Centre. The team finished with an impressive 4–1 record, earning a Bronze Medal. Individually, Romeo was one of the tournament's standout performers, finishing as the 4th highest scorer out of 90 players. Across five games, he scored 100 points, averaging 20 points per game.

More recently, on 31 May 2026, Romeo was selected to represent the Pinoy Mavs Under-13 (U13) Representative Team at the King's Cup Tournament held at Macleans College. Although Romeo is currently an Under-12 player, he was selected to compete in the older Under-13 division against taller, older, and more physical opposition. Romeo and his teammates rose to the challenge and secured another Bronze Medal finish.

Romeo's representative season is continuing with the Wucha Cup, where he is again representing the Pinoy Mavs at Eventfinda Stadium, one of Auckland's premier basketball venues.

Representing multiple representative programmes and competing successfully at both Under-12 and Under-13 level reflects Romeo's dedication, perseverance, and passion for basketball. We are proud of the way he continues to challenge himself, develop his skills, and represent his teams with sportsmanship, humility, and confidence.

ENVIRO NEWS

The MPS Enviro Kaiawhina Team were lucky enough to have Mrs Dunbar join our session and teach us all about Moth Pods! Students learned how to identify moth plants and moth pods, why they are harmful to our environment, and how to safely spot these invasive pests around our school grounds and community.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Dunbar share her knowledge and expertise with us. Her guidance helped students become more confident in recognising these pests and understanding the importance of protecting our local environment. Students were so excited to continue helping keep our school pest-free! We will continue removing this plant around the community too and are more prepared for next year's competition.



YUMMY FRUIT STICKERS



Did you know that as a school we collect the Yummy Fruit Stickers and labels? At the end of the year we send these in and earn some really cool sports gear for our school. You can help us by:

- Getting a yummy fruit sticker sheet from the school office and putting your fruit stickers on there.
- Asking your neighbours and friends to keep their stickers for you.
- Returning your stickers to the school office.
- There are also sticker collection sheets in all classrooms so you can put your stickers in there.

THE MORE STICKERS WE COLLECT THE MORE SPORTS GEAR WE WILL GET!

JUMPING JUNE AT MPS



This term, our school is excited to be taking part in Jumping June, a fun nationwide skipping challenge supporting the Heart Foundation.

Jumping June is all about getting active, building confidence, and encouraging students to give things a go while helping support heart health across New Zealand.

Our school event will take place on: Friday 26 June 2026

Over the next few weeks, students can create their own online fundraising profile through our school's official Jumping June event page with support from family or whānau.

Our schools event page is :
https://www.jumpingjune.org.nz/register/macleans-primary/defaultregistrationform

You will be asked to enter a password when registering:
Password: macleans

Once registered, students can safely share their personal fundraising link with friends and family to help support their fundraising efforts.

Every donation helps support the Heart Foundation's important work, including heart health education, research, and programmes that support Kiwi families and communities. This is completely optional to do!

Friday 26 June will be a wear red Cazh Day with a gold coin donation which will be donated to the Heart Foundation.

IMPORTANT TERM TWO DATES

Monday 1 June - Kings Birthday - School Closed
Tuesday 2 June - PTA meeting at 6pm in the staffroom
Wednesday 3 June - HPPA Hockey & Ready Set Go
Thursday 4 June - Parenting Talk - 6pm
Friday 5 June - HPPA Rippa Rugby Day 2
Wednesday 10 June - Ready Set Go
Thursday 11 June - Year 5 Cycle Skills
Friday 12 June - Year 5 Cycle Skills
Wednesday 17 June - Ready Set Go
Thursday 18 June - Year 4 Chelsea Sugar Factory Trip
Tuesday 23 June - Information Afternoon
Wednesday 24 June - HPPA Boys Football
Thursday 25 June - HPPA Boys Football
Saturday 27 June - PTA School Carnival
Thursday 2 July - Last day of Term 2
Friday 3 July - Teacher Only Day





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