



# MACARTHUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Office Hours 2009

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 8:45am

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1:00pm - 4:00pm

## Term Dates 2009

### Term 1

28 January -  
30 January (pupil free days),  
2 February (students start) to 3 April

### Term 2

20 April to 26 June

### Term 3

13 July to  
18 September

### Term 4

5 October to 18  
December

## Newsletter Date 11th February

## Issue 02 2009

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Learning to Learn

The school year has started extremely smoothly with all students settling in well to their new classrooms and grade groups. It was refreshing to see all the smiling faces on Monday morning after the terrible events of the weekend. We hope all your friends and relatives are safe and well and have not been affected by the fires.

All classrooms have been working on our "Learning to Learn" Program over the past week where we set up classroom routines and school expectations so that the school year runs as smoothly as possible. Students are involved in setting up systems which will enable positive and organised learning environments to be established in classrooms. Student behaviour has been excellent with staff commenting upon the way students are behaving in classrooms and the playground. This is an excellent start to the school year and I would like to thank staff for the work they have put in to setting up classrooms and the students for

the wonderful attitude they are displaying towards school and their learning.

#### Prep Wednesday Off

A reminder that all Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays for the month of February. The first full week for Prep students will be the week beginning Monday, March 2nd.

#### Uniforms

It has been fantastic to see all students wearing full school uniform this year. I appreciate the effort parents have made to comply with our school uniform policy. Please make sure all items of clothing are named. The children look magnificent and this reflects positively on our school and on their attitude to learning.

#### Swimming Program

The school swimming program is now well under way. The students are enjoying the sessions despite the cooler weather and are already showing some improvements. Please remember there is no swimming on Wednesdays. We have been busy carrying out

time trials for those wanting to take part in the interschool swimming carnival. Teams will be announced next week. This year the interschool competition will be held at the HILAC, Hamilton on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 1.00pm.

#### School Council Elections

We have begun the election process for our 2009 School Council. Information regarding the elections was sent home on Monday. If you require a nomination form or any further information regarding the elections please drop by the office.

#### Roles and Responsibilities

Students play many roles in the school at Macarthur Primary School. As children progress through the school we hope to offer all students the opportunity to take on roles and responsibilities to assist in the development of social and leadership skills. This year many of our students will play a major role in our school and I am looking

forward to working with these students.

### 2009 Student Roles

- School Captains: Zoe Purcell, Jim Lambevski
- Junior School Council: President: James Cassidy,  
Vice President: Jessica Musson,  
Secretary: Aaron Dyson
- Purple House Captains: Zoe Purcell, Jim Lambevski  
Vice Captains: Kate Addinsall, James Cassidy
- Yellow House Captain: Leah Drendel, Harry Musson  
Vice Captains: Jessica Musson, Darcy Lamplough
- Jenny's Bus Monitors: Darcy Lamplough, Chantelle Dunn
- Sullivan's Bus Monitors: Aaron Dyson, Leah Drendel

### Home /School Communication

It will be much appreciated when communicating with the school or your child's teacher that you write a note and not rely on verbal communication from the children. This will avoid confusion especially when arrangements have been changed.

### Netbook Computers

Good news for our Grade 5 students! The Netbook computers will soon be here. We are expecting them to arrive between February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow shortly.

### Swimming Program Changes

Please note that due to problems finding qualified swimming instructors the YMCA will be running our program between 9.30am and 1130am for the rest of this week and probably next week also. This will enable them to complete the program within the two weeks.

## Recorder Group

Any student who would like to join the Recorder Group are welcome to, as long as they are willing to give up 15 minutes of recess or lunchtime each Monday. Recorders are available from Hazel for \$8.00. If you are interested please see Hazel. Also can all recorder students please remember to bring their recorders and scrapbooks each Monday.



## Special Birthday wishes to

Ruby Hill (12th)

Jessica Musson (13th)

## Monday Night Netball

Monday Night Netball has started again with a kids game commencing at 5:30pm.

Cost is \$2.00  
BBQ & drinks supplied for a small cost.

Any queries please contact  
Narelle 55761279  
Tammy 55761258

## 2009 Parent Contributions

The School Council approved a motion at its November 28, 2008 meeting that the Parent Contributions of \$110 per student be used for Cultural & Arts Performances (\$40); Technology/Internet (\$10); Student Requisites (\$40); and Swimming (\$20).

The swimming program has been subsidized by a further \$20 per student from CAP funding.

Parents are asked to pay the voluntary parent contributions of \$110 per student as soon as possible.

If you would prefer to pay these contributions by regular instalments please see me in the Office.

*Sylvia— Business Manager.*

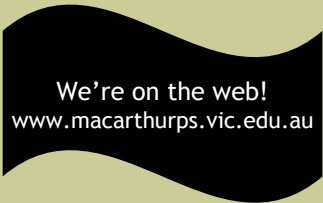
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**Royal Childrens Hospital**

A reminder that we are having another **Garage Sale**, due to an overwhelming response, on **February 21st** commencing at 8:00am. Out front of Hartwich's Store.

So if you have had your Christmas clean up, you can drop goods (no junk please) at Suzy Millard's 55761 210 or

Sandra Addinsall's 55761303 or we can pick it up for you.

Once again we will be doing our annual collecting for the Good Friday Appeal, with help from some very special people.

You all have been fantastic with donations & we hope you can continue with your support.

As you know it's a great hospital with many of our kids attending for treatment.

All monies raised from any of our fundraising & donations given go to the hospital.

So dig deep and thanks again.

*Co-ordinator – Suzy Millard*

**Canteen -**

The Term 1 roster will be sent home on Friday, along with a canteen price list. If you are able to help filling the 'no canteen' days please contact Sylvia in the Office.

Canteen will commence on Monday.

To parents who have offered assistance and are yet to complete the Working With Children form, thankyou. Unfortunately you cannot be included on the roster until your card is received.

**Calendar 2009**

PD Professional Development  
Conf Conference

LL Lynn Lyles  
DB –Don Beaton  
JM Jacinta Mulder  
SC Sharna Cunningham  
CS-Coral Shepherd  
SM Suzy Millard  
JT Jullie Timms  
SL Sylvia Luke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> - Swimming	<b>10</b> - Swimming	<b>11</b> - No school for preps - Bowls Corp Cup	<b>12</b> - Art - Swimming - DB-Netwk Prin meeting	<b>13</b> - Swimming	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> - Swimming	<b>17</b> - Swimming	<b>18</b> - No preps - DB-PD Warm - Puberty Talk - Bowls Corp Cup	<b>19</b> - MARC - Swimming	<b>20</b> - Swimming	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> -Swimming Carnival	<b>24</b> PE & LOTE	<b>25</b> - No preps - Bowls Corp Cup	<b>26</b> - Art	<b>27</b> - EMA applications close - Intersch swims	<b>28</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> - DB-PD Warm	<b>5</b> - MARC - RE Starts - Zone swims	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> - Art	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>

