



# Macarthur Primary School

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## Office Hours 2010

Monday – Friday  
8:30am – 9:00am  
Mon, Tues, Wed  
11:00am – 3:30pm  
Thurs  
11:00am – 2:30pm  
Fri  
11:00am – 1:00pm

## Term Dates 2010

**Term 1** 1 February (students start) to 26 March

**Term 2** 12 April to 25 June (26 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday and 11 June will be a student free day)

**Term 3** 12 July to 17 September

**Term 4** 4 October to 17 December

Special  
Birthday  
wishes to



March

Mac Petersen (5th)

## Newsletter Date March 3rd

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### From the Principal's Desk

#### School Council Elections

The 2010 School Council Election process is now complete. As the number of nominations received matched the number of vacancies there will not be an election.

The following parents have joined School Council for 2010 -12:

Colin Petersen, Andrea Drendel, Peter Musson and Leonie Margrie.

The DEECD member joining council for 2010-12 is Coral Shepherd.

I would like to thank retiring members Des Purcell and Sharna Cunningham for their valued contribution to School Council over the past years. I would also like to thank Leonie Dyson and Frank Pye for their two years of service as Community members of School Council.

School Council will meet on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The AGM will be followed by the first meeting of the 2010 School Council. Our two community member positions will be filled at this meeting.

#### Circus Oz Visit

Today the school received a visit from Circus Oz, a travelling circus group who introduced circus skills to the children. This is one of our cultural/ arts activities for the year. I am sure all students will have enjoyed the experience this afternoon.

#### Swimming Sports

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy with swimming including our swimming lessons, time trials, House Swimming Sports, District Swimming Competition and Zone Swimming events all happening in the last week.

The house sports on Monday was well attended by parents and enjoyed by students. Purple house won the day

but it was very close with all students swimming well for their house. Thanks to parents who helped to run the events and the BBQ. We can't do it without you. Also, a big thanks to the brave parents who competed in the student parent relay even though the weather was not the best. It certainly makes the day when parents join in with these events.

Last Friday 17 children attended the District sports in Hamilton and swam very well indeed. We had many wins, both individual and relay events, and I know the children were extremely proud of themselves. One of the organisers said to me at one stage, "What has been happening down at Macarthur?...": we were doing so well. Congratulations to all students who competed and also to Sam Lambevski and Laura Nield who were the 9 and 11 year old overall champions for the day. Laura also broke 2 district records in butterfly and backstroke. Well done, Laura. You are now in the record books.

Yesterday 4 students attended the zone swimming competition at Portland. Congratulations to Sarah Cassidy, Taylah Sharrock, Temika Gay and Laura Nield for their efforts in reaching this level. All girls swam very well and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the relay event.

Thanks to all parents for transporting students to these swimming events and a special thanks to Brendan Gay for his work with our swimmers.

### **Athletics Sports**

During the rest of this term students will be practicing for the Athletics Sports events to be held later in the term.

Our school House Sports will be held on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We will invite Penshurst Primary School to join us on this day. Parent helpers will be needed to run events so please put the date on your calendar and let the school know if you are able to help out.

The district Athletic Sports will be held on Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pedrina Park in Hamilton which is the last week of term 1. We will send home more information closer to the event.

We will be practicing athletics again this Friday afternoon. Next week practice days will be Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Parent helpers most welcome. The more help we have the better for training students. Thanks to the many helpers over the last two weeks Trudy Sharrock, Leonie Margrie, Andrea Drendel, Sue Logan and Ange Jones. The children are showing great improvement and confidence due to your help.

### **Ultrahet**

This year the government will be releasing the Ultrahet, an online educational learning community facility for all schools. This will be available for all students, teachers and parents. The date for our school to come online will be the week beginning July 26<sup>th</sup> 2010. I have attached some information on the Ultrahet to this newsletter.

Last night our district Ultrahet coach, David Stevens, made a presentation to staff about the Ultrahet and how it may look and be used by schools. It is certainly going to change the way we communicate as a learning community with the use of ICT in education at it's core. I believe our school is well set up to move forward with this initiative with the investments we have made in technology in recent years, including installation of Interactive whiteboards into classrooms and the extension of the netbook program into our upper grade classroom. As more information is released to schools I will keep the community informed.

### **Labour Day Holiday**

A reminder that next Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, will be a public holiday for Labour Day. No children attend school on this day.

*Lynn Lyles*

## ***The Ultrahet***

### **Information for school community**

The Ultrahet is an online learning environment, which will support high quality learning and teaching, and connect students, parents, teachers and school administrators, anywhere, anytime. The Ultrahet will rollout to schools in stages during 2010. The Ultrahet focuses on the key priorities of teaching and learning and a parent portal. The parent portal will not be available to any schools prior to term 4. The Ultrahet will be available online anywhere, anytime. It will be available during and outside regular school hours, on weekends and school holidays.

### ***The Ultrahet is designed to***

Give students their own online workspaces, personally tailored education programs, direct feedback from teachers and better access to curriculum.

Allow students to learn in an environment that will ensure that they have the cutting edge ICT skills they will need in the 21st century workforce.

Ensure that every child will have a complete record of achievement across all years of schooling

### ***Why have an Ultrahet?***

The Government understands that to prepare students for the innovation and knowledge economy of the 21st century, schools must provide students with access to ICT environments that increase their participation, engagement and achievement in education. The education system faces irrelevance unless it recognises and minimises the gap between how students live and learn in the digital and multi-media world. Progressive and effective integration of ICT into education planning and delivery is needed.

Schools will be supported to achieve this goal through the implementation of the Ultrahet.

### **Tissues**

Each year we ask all parents to supply a large box of tissues for student use in each classroom. Tissues can be left with the class teacher.

## Student Banking

Join the Dollarmites in  
2010!!!  
Banking will be on  
Wednesdays.

The Commonwealth Bank  
have revamped the  
student banking program.  
Students are able to  
collect tokens and redeem  
them for Dollarmite  
items.

Drop bank books into  
the Dollarmite  
container at the Office  
each Wednesday  
morning.

*Sylvia Luke*  
Co-ordinator

## CIRCUIT TRAINING

**NEW:** Monday @ 11am (minimum  
of 5 to maintain program)  
&

Monday @ 7.30pm  
Macarthur Recreation Reserve  
Full Use of Gym Equipment &  
Qualified Instructor  
**COME AND GIVE IT A TRY!**



## YOGA

**PHONE MACARTHUR  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
TO REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST**

**555 22000**

## ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL APPEAL

I would like to thank so much

Jo Moore and family  
Anna Wortley and family  
Sharyn Muldoon

who have done some door knocking for the Good Friday Appeal in their  
area or road. Many thanks.

They will be collecting anytime now.

Also I will be running a raffle (\$1.00 per ticket) which will be drawn  
Good Friday and the Hotel.

Thankyou so much to the community for their continued support for such  
a worthy hospital.

Suzy Millard  
Co-ordinator

## Macarthur Tennis Club Social Tennis

Begins **Monday 8th March** for  
4 weeks

Juniors at 4 - 5:00pm  
Social Tennis from 5:30pm onwards

Sausage sizzle and drinks available  
Everyone welcome.

Contact Jill Millard 55761224  
Bruce Addinsall 55761303



Our fantastic  
swimmers  
who went to  
Hamilton last  
Friday.

**RE (Religious Education)**

Fiona Musson is looking for people who may like to help teach CRE (Christian Religious Education) at Macarthur PS. A session is only 30 minutes. You are provided with simple training and material to follow. You do not need a teaching background, just a love for our great Macarthur students who are keen to learn, respectful and a joy to teach!

If you would like information, phone Fiona on 55761222

**Corangamite Library:**

Monday 3:30 - 4:30pm

Wednesday 1:30 - 4:30pm

Jullie has an extensive range of books, talking books, DVD's etc

AND if it's not in the library, she can order it for you.

Come in a see her.

**HAWKESDALE MACARTHUR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB  
JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING  
- ALL WELCOME**

Our first training run will be at Macarthur on **Wednesday 10th March 2010.**

Junior coaches for 2010 season.

17&u - 5.30pm to 6.30pm - Coach Nicole Bigham –  
Ph: 55721030 / 0407 621 301

14&u – 4.30pm – 5.30pm - Coach Bec Beard

12&u – (coach to be announced) from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

All new and existing players welcome.

These times and venues may be subject to change in the next few weeks so stay in contact with the relevant coaches to avoid confusion.

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MADA will be holding the  
**Macarthur Community  
Auction**

combined with a

**Car Boot Sale**  
**Sunday 21st March 2010**  
Macarthur Recreation Reserve

**Site bookings –**

**Merilyn Cook 55761113**

**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Saleable Items only please for the auction

MADA Secretary – Mark Todd

We're on the web!  
www.macarthurps.vic.edu.au

**Calendar 2010**

PD Professional Development  
Conf Conference  
PM - Principal Meeting  
JRC - Junior Red Cross  
JSC - Junior School Council

LL Lynn Lyles  
JM Jacinta Mulder  
SC Shama Cunningham  
CS-Coral Shepherd  
SM Suzy Millard  
JT Jullie Timms  
SL Sylvia Luke



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	<b>March 1</b> Swim Carnival	2	3 -World Maths Day – Mathletics - 1:30pm Circus Oz	4 MARC	5  -SGSSA Swim Hamilton B/up day	6
7	8 Labour Day Holiday	9	10 Music/Art	11	12	13
14	15 -Music/Art -Bully Busters Parents 7:30	16 - a.m. Bully Busters -2:30 Golf Gr 3-6	17 -Music/Art  -SC—AGM	18 MARC  -RE begins	19 House Sports	20
21	22 -Athletics @ Pedrina Park	23	24 -Music/Art  -B/up Aths day	25	26 End of Term	27
28	29 Holidays	30 Holidays	31 Holidays	April 1 Holidays	2 Holidays  Good Friday	3