



# Macarthur Primary School

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## Office Hours 2011

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

## Term Dates

### 2011

Term 1: 1 February to 8 April (1st-3rd Feb -Staff only) 4th Feb -Students commence

Term 2\*: 27 April to 1 July  
\* (25 April is Easter Monday - a public holiday - as well as ANZAC Day. 26 April is a public holiday in lieu of ANZAC Day)

Term 3: 18 July to 23 September

Term 4: 10 October to 22 December

## Newsletter Date May 4th

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### From the Principal's Desk

#### May Race Day Holiday

A reminder to the community that tomorrow, Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>, is a public holiday and no children will be attending school.

#### MSO Concert

All children will be attending a concert in Warrnambool by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra next Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The children will travel by bus or private car and I will send home more detailed travel information this week. Parents with students travelling by private car will be asked to give permission for this to occur. All parents driving will be fully covered by comprehensive car insurance and will have a current Working with Children Check. We are unable to take toddlers on school excursions. I thank parents who have volunteered to assist with transport.

#### NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. This will involve students in grades 3 and 5. Parents requiring more information, please contact the school.

#### Specialist Timetable

I have been asked to confirm the specialist timetable for term 2. This is as follows and should remain for the rest of the year:

Monday PM: Phys Ed, Music

Tuesday PM: Phys Ed, LOTE/Kitchen garden

Thursdays are either MARC Van or Art for all grades with weeks alternating. Children will need to bring sport uniforms each Monday and Tuesday. Sometimes changes in days are necessary due to excursions, public

holidays etc. I understand this can be confusing to parents. We do try to keep parents informed of changes as soon as is possible.

This week is normally art but we have a public holiday. Next week is normally MARC Van but we are at the MSO Concert. MARC Van and art lessons will resume regularly in week 4. These lessons are always on the calendar which accompanies this newsletter if parents are unsure of what is happening each week.

#### Garden Health Surveys

I have been asked if families can return any outstanding garden health surveys by this Friday so I can pass these on to the Community Health Centre. Thanks to those families who have already completed and returned the survey.

#### Education Week

The week beginning May 16<sup>th</sup> is Education Week in Victoria. The school is planning the following events:

#### Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> - Open Day

School tours to be held from 9.30am followed by morning tea. Kinder families and community members invited to view our school.

Grandparent session from 12.00-1.00pm. Grandparents / family friends invited to visit classrooms. Picnic lunch with children.

#### Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> - Healthy Breakfast.

We will host a healthy breakfast from 8.30am onwards. Families invited to attend.

**GRaSS Camp**

A Grade 6 Camp will also be held during Education Week with our grade 6 students attending a camp with other grade 6 students from the Grampians Rural and Small Schools group. I will attend this camp with our grade 6 students. This will be held on Monday and Tuesday of Education week.

**Chocolate Fundraiser**

Thanks to Fiona Musson and the band of parents who assisted with organising this fundraiser for our school. Thank you also to the community for their support in selling the chocolates. All money raised will be used to purchase equipment which will benefit all students at the school. We appreciate everyone's support. I hope you did not end up consuming too many bars of chocolate, as I know I did. Thank you everyone who helped.

**Family Portraits**

A reminder that these will go ahead this Friday evening beginning at 4.30pm. Andrea Drendel is organising this event. Thanks Andrea.

**Parent Meetings**

There will be two parent meetings next Wednesday May 11th.

- \* Garden Committee Meeting: 1.30pm
- \* MPA Meeting: 2.30pm

Both meetings will be held in the multi-purpose room. All welcome to attend.

**School Council Meeting**

The next meeting of School Council will be on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Lynn Lyles

**EMA****(Education Maintenance Allowance)**

EMA cheques are now available for distribution for those parents who nominated cheque payments.

Please Call in at the office.

**CBA  
Student Banking**

Wednesday  
Place deposit book in container at the office window.

**Corangamite Library**

Wednesday afternoons from 1pm - 5pm.  
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.

**GARDEN COMMITTEE**

meeting @ 1.30pm  
11 May 2011

*followed by*

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Meeting @ 2.30pm  
11 May 2011

*Would be great to see some new faces.  
All families welcome to attend either one  
or both of these meetings.*

**Cadbury® Fundraiser**

Dear Parent/Volunteer,

This is just a reminder that we are waiting on a large number of money and/or unsold items to be returned to the school office, so please send these in as soon as possible. Thanks guys.

When all unsold stock is tallied up I will send out a note so anyone who is looking for more product can go ahead and buy/sell it.

Thank you once again.

*Fiona Musson*

**Ice Cream Day**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May Macarthur Primary School will be holding a fundraiser to raise money for the school.

It will be a Ice cream day . The cost is 50¢ for ice cream and cone and free sprinkles if wanted!

If student has not paid on the Friday they will be expected to pay on the Monday.

Thank You on behalf of Junior School Council



<b>Canteen:</b> Thank you those parents who are able to do Canteen			
May	2	Monday	Fiona Musson
	4	Wednesday	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>
	6	Friday	Leonie Margrie
	9	Monday	Kathy Ross
	11	Wednesday	Carolyn Malseed
	13	Friday	Leonie Dyson

Start time for duty is  
**11:45 am.**

Lunch is served at 1:00pm

The Term 2 Roster is attached to this newsletter. If you are able to volunteer to fill any of the "NO CANTEEN" spots, could you please contact Sylvia—55761 245.



### CANTEEN SPECIAL until sold out

Orange Juice 300ml-  
normally \$2.00.  
Now selling for \$1.50

### Royal Children Hospital

I would like to say a massive thankyou to all in the Macarthur District for their magnificent effort to help raise such a great amount of money for the GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL. We raised \$10,600 and that is such a enormous effort for such a small town. WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.

Thankyou to Sharon Muldoon and to Jo Moore and family once again for their continued support. Thankyou to Sandra and to AB Bunworth Tyres, Jo and Andrea Mooney and the Port Fairy Bike Riders who give a large donation while Jo & Andrea give them free coffee and buns, Thankyou.

Thanks to The Macarthur Hotel Ian/Wayne and Denise/Mike for their contribution. Also a big thankyou to all those who gave me cuppa's, egg/bacon muffins, etc—many thanks. For the lovely person who helped me out of the bog. And to all those who donated for our auction, Gary for doing to auctioneering on the night. I will be having a Garage Sale soon to kick-start our 2012 appeal .

*All I can say is THANKS Suzy Millard.*

## Asthma and Influenza

As the weather starts to cool down, the cold and flu season will soon be upon us.

### The Facts:

- > Approximately 2,800 Australians die every year either directly from the seasonal flu, complications due to the flu, or pneumonia.
  - > Adults and children with chronic illnesses (such as asthma) are at a higher risk of complications from the virus.
  - > Colds and flu can be a trigger for some people with asthma, and can make your symptoms worse.
  - > Flu vaccinations are the single most effective action in helping fight the spread of flu in the community.
  - > The vaccine provides protection from about two weeks after the injection, and lasts for about one year (so even if you were immunised last year, you need to have the vaccine again this year).
  - > The flu shot cannot give you the flu – as the vaccine does not contain any active virus.
  - > In Victoria, under the National Immunisation Program, the criteria state that an annual free influenza immunisation is available to children or adults with severe asthma.
- The vaccination is available now, so contact your doctor or immunisation provider to make an appointment. Many workplaces provide free vaccinations for staff to help prevent absenteeism during the winter months, so it is a good idea to ask your employer if this is available to you.



For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email [schools@asthma.org.au](mailto:schools@asthma.org.au)

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## Handbury Fellowship Information Sessions.

The Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Program is a community-university partnership scholarship fund that provides financial support to the Western Victoria community region in partnership with RMIT University staff or students to undertake projects that provide a direct and tangible benefit towards the sustainability of the region and surrounds.

Community information sessions are being provided during May at the following locations. Yaso Nadarajah (Fellowship Coordinator), Priyanka Patel (Program Officer), Cicely Fenton and past fellowship recipients will be at the information sessions.

**When:** Tuesday 17th May  
**Where:** Macarthur – at 11:00 - 13:00 pm at the Macarthur Hotel, 26 High Street, Macarthur VIC 3286  
Casterton – at 18:00 – 20:00 pm at the Glenelg Inn Hotel, 2 Henty Street, Casterton VIC 3311

**When:** Wednesday 18th May  
**Where:** Balmoral – at 10:30 – 12:30 pm at Balmoral Bush Nursing Centre, 26 Bell St, Balmoral, VIC, 3407

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/globalism/communityformation/handburyfellowship>

Forward Notice: School Council has approved the Pupil Free Day - Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>. (the day after long weekend.)

## Calendar 2011

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

LL Lynn Lyles  
JM Jacinta Mulder  
SC Sharma Cunningham  
DH Darren Hilliard  
CS Coral Shepherd  
AMcN Anne McNaughton  
SM Suzy Millard  
JT Jullie Timms  
SL Sylvia Luke



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		3	4	5 Warrnambool Cup Holiday	6 -Ice Cream Day -FamilyPortraits 	7
8	9	10 -NAPLAN- Writing  -PE & LOTE / Garden pm	11 -NAPLAN- Reading -Garden Club -MPA	12 -NAPLAN- Numeracy  -MSO Excurs Warrnambool	13	14
15 Education Week	16 -GRaSS Camp  -PE & Music pm	17 -GRaSS Camp  -PE & LOTE / Garden pm	18 -Open Day -School Council meet 7:30pm	19 -Art  -LL - OH&S PD Warm	20 -Healthy Breakfast	21
22	23  -PE & Music pm  -LL-PD Geel	24 -Somers Camp -PE & LOTE / Garden pm	25 -Somers Camp	26 -Somers Camp -MARC -LL/SC - Lit PD -Arts Perform Shekere Beats	27 -Somers Camp	28 -Somers Camp
29 -Somers Camp	30 -Somers Camp  -PE & Music pm	31 -Somers Camp  -PE & LOTE / Garden pm	June 1 -Somers Camp	2 -Art	3	4