



Macarthur Primary School

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Principal: Lynn Lyles
School Council President: Peter Musson

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

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From the Principal's Desk

Great Start

It has been a fantastic start to the school year with 62 students enrolled at the school. The term looks to be jam-packed with activity and learning for our children. I would like to congratulate the children on a wonderful start: lots of happy faces in classrooms and the playground.

Welcome Back

I would like to officially welcome back Sharna Cunningham to our staff this year in our Prep/One classroom. It's great to have Sharna back on board and joining our fantastic staff team for 2011.

I would also like to welcome back Ann McNaughton who will be returning to run our art program this year and Liz Beavis who will be replacing Alison Hatherall in the MARC Van library role while Alison is on leave.

Welcome all to our great small school.

Staffing and Grades 2011

Prep One: Sharna Cunningham
2/3: Darren Hilliard
4/5/6: Jacinta Mulder
Reading Recovery: Coral Shepherd
MARC Van: Alison Hatherall/ Liz Beavis
Art: Ann McNaughton
Additional Specialist Roles:-
Music: Jacinta Mulder
Phys Ed: Sharna Cunningham
/ Darren Hilliard
Kitchen Garden Program
/LOTE (French): LynnLyles

Learning to Learn program

During our first week of the year we have been running our "Learning to Learn" Program in all classrooms. The focus of this program is on school organisation and expectations, with all classrooms setting up procedures and

classroom/ playground rules and establishing a good school environment for learning and happy relationships. A feature of this year has been to revisit the "Cool, Calm Kids" Program which we introduced last year during our Bully Busters program. This is set to be ongoing throughout the year as we focus on developing essential social skills.

School Fees

Invoices will be sent home over the next week for our 2011 school fees. This has been set at \$120 for 2011 which includes the cost of our school swimming program. Parents with a membership of the Macarthur Pool will have the fees for each student reduced by \$10 which will be deducted from the cost of the swimming program component of the school fees.

School Council Meeting

Our first School Council Meeting of 2011 will be held next Wednesday February 16th at 7.30pm in the school library. The election process for the new 2011 School Council will begin soon and information sent home over the next week.

MPA Meeting

A meeting of the Macarthur Parent Association will be held next Wednesday, February 16th in the multi-purpose room.

School Procedures

Could all parents please note the following school procedures? This is important for us to run the school efficiently and ensure the safety of all students and community members entering the school.

Signing In

All visitors need to sign in to the school when visiting unless just dropping off or picking up students. This is very important for our emergency management. We need to know who is in our building at all times. The visitors book is located at the school office.

Bus Travel

We need a note sent to the school if there are going to be any changes to children travelling by school bus.

Picking Up Children

Please remember to send a note if there is a change to your end of day pick up arrangements for your children. This includes children being picked up early prior to the end of the school day. Parents will need to sign their children out of the school if they are leaving before 3:30pm. Register will be kept in the visitors book at the office.

Appointments with Teachers

Could parents please ring the office to make an appointment to see teachers. We will then make a time which is convenient for all so you are ensured of uninterrupted time with the teacher to discuss your child's needs.

Swimming Program

Our swimming program begins next week. I have attached an information sheet outlining the swimming program times and arrangements. There is also a permission note which needs to be returned to school before Monday. Please return all Splash Factory forms by tomorrow as I will be forwarding the on Thursday to Jason Lamb to organise groups for Monday.

Athletics Training

Thank you to the many parents who have offered to assist with our athletics training this year. Today we ran our first session and this will run for the next 5 weeks on a Wednesday afternoon. Please come along and help. I can't do it without you. You will be most appreciated by the children and myself and probably have lots of fun. Hopefully we will also get some great results at the district sports day, too, which would be a bonus.

**Fire Readiness**

The school has a comprehensive fire plan in place for students. I have attached some Bushfire Plan Information for parents and we will be conducting fire drills with students over the next week.

We need woollen blankets to store at the school for student protection in case of a bushfire. Last year we "borrowed" a number from families in the community which we returned at the end of the fire season. If you can help with this please send blankets to the school. Coral Shepherd is coordinating this so blankets can be dropped off to her at school.

Lynn Lyles

Special Birthday wishes to

February

Dallas Kawau (9th)
Ruby Hill (12th)

**EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)**

The closing date for the first semester EMA applications is February 28th 2011. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Further information is printed on page 4 of this newsletter.

Corangamite Library:

This year 2011 will see a change of times for the library.

As from 9th February 2011 the Corangamite Library will be operating **1 day only**.

(There will no longer be a Monday afternoon 3.30pm - 4.30pm session)

The Wednesday afternoon session will be extended. 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.



Macarthur Parents Association (MPA)

We would like to welcome all families to join our Macarthur Primary School Parents Association (MPA). We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 2.30pm in the Multi-purpose room for a quick 1hr meeting.



Our aim is to keep these meetings as concise, yet informal as possible. This is your chance as a parent to keep up to date with what is happening at your child's school while having a say in important issues and connecting with other parents.

Legal requirement is a once a year gold coin donation, making you a financial member and therefore giving you the chance to vote for what the MPA does, and what is reported back to School Council.

*Due to our late school start, our first meeting will be held **WEDNESDAY 16th FEB**, 2.30pm in Multi-purpose room.

Fiona Musson
President



First day at school and school captains' first assembly



We have had our first assembly with our new school captains last Friday. School captains, Laura and Bailey, went very well. All parents are welcome to come to assemblies at 3:00pm every Friday.

Nikki Milgate - Publicity Officer

CBA Student Banking

Wednesday

Place deposit book in container at the office window.

Collect tokens each week and receive bonus gifts.

This year new items - drink bottles, lunch boxes, wallets.



Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

EMA - Newsletter Information 2011 / English



Education Maintenance Allowance information for the school newsletter

Information for 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2011) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (18 July 2011).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2011 for the first instalment and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$230 for primary students and \$460 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 18 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 80.50	\$ 161.00
	School	\$ 80.50	\$ 161.00
Two	Parent	\$ 34.50	\$ 69.00
	School	\$ 34.50	\$ 69.00
	Total	\$ 230.00	\$ 460.00

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 28 February 2011 and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

**Macarthur Tennis Club
Annual General Meeting on
Monday 28th February at
7:45pm at Clubrooms.**

News:

At last the new synthetic courts are ready to be played on. As there has been no organised tennis for sometime it would be great to get this happening. So as we can get coaching clinics organised we need parents with children interested to attend meeting on Monday 28th at clubrooms.

On Monday morning 21st Feb there will be a social hit of tennis for ladies interested, again if you are interested please contact any committee member—
Jill Millard (55761224);
Gwen Picken (55761009);
Narelle Smitten (55761279); or
Andrea Mooney at the Milkbar.
Monday morning may not suit but perhaps this can be changed.

It is also intended to have netball, one night a week as soon as the rings are obtained. This will give the courts a multi-use.

Every town needs tennis courts and we are very fortunate to get synthetic surfaces, so hopefully the community will appreciate them and support this venture.

We have a great facility right in the middle of town.

Swimming, Tennis, Bowls.

'GIVE GOLF A GO' - A "Come & Try Day" will be held on Tuesday February 15th at the Port Fairy Golf Club followed by a 3 Week Beginners Women's Clinic to be held on Tuesday February 22nd, March 1st and March 8th.

Clinics start at 10.00 a.m. and run for 1 hour. Equipment provided.
"Cost: \$30 for 3 Clinics"

Funded by VicHealth and Golf Victoria

For more information contact: Annette Learmonth - 0427608506

**Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club
Pre Season Senior Netball Training**

Pre Season Senior Netball Training will commence at 6pm on Wednesday the 16th of February 2011 at the Hawkesdale Recreation Reserve.

Any enquiries or apologies can be made to
Jeanette Carmichael, President on 55 76 1190
or Brenda Noonan on 55 607 245.

Junior training will not commence until March.

Music instruments for hire

Hamilton Community Music Programme, based at Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, offers a wide range of instruments for hire at very reasonable rates. These are particularly suitable for primary school students who want to try out an instrument for the first time.

Instruments available are flutes, clarinets, trumpets, small sized violins and cellos and are available. For further information and to hire instruments,
please call the Performing Arts Centre on 5573 0429.

Thank you.

*Ken Cameron, Manager
Hamilton Performing Arts Centre
Locked Bag 685
HAMILTON 3300
PH: 03 5573 0428 FAX: 03 5572 2910*

**Macarthur Golf Club
Ladies General Meeting &
Working Bee
Thursday 17th February at
9:30am.**

**Trouble with Bed Wetting?
It can be fixed.
FREE help.
Phone 55522000**

Circuit Training

Monday 7:00pm
Wednesday 9:30am
Cost: \$5.00

Instructor: Jodie Nicholls

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Don't forget the Tyrendarra Show—12th February 2011

Hot News: There's a special new section this year in the scarecrow competition at the Show. Called 'Guess the Character', there will be a scarecrow at the Show which looks like a character from a well-known book. Entry is free, prize is a voucher from 'The Little book shop' in Portland. In the event of more than one correct answer a draw will be held.

Other attractions—Tony Golder & his performing horse, pet competition, rabbit trap display, mobile animal nursery, stage coach rides, camel & horse rides, jumping castle, merry-go-round, lego competition, junior show kids, photography, farm & garden, flowers & cooking.

More information contact Robyn on 55295271

Forward Notice:

March 14: Labour Day Holiday

23: House Athletic Sports

25: District Aths Sports Pedrina Park

28: Life Ed Van

April 5: Zone Athletics

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 Sharna Cunningham
DH Darren Hilliard
CS-Coral Shepherd
SM Suzy Millard
JT Jullie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9 - No Preps -Athletics p.m.	10	11	12
13	14 -Jane Langley CircleTimePD -Swimming	15 -Swimming	16- No Preps -Swim Time Trials 9:30 -Athletics p.m. -Schl Council	17 -MARC van -Swimming	18 -Swimming	19
20	21 -Swimming	22 -Swimming	23- No Preps -Athletics p.m.	24 -Art -Swimming	25 -Swimming -Dist Swim @ HILAC	26
27	28 -Swimming Carnival	March 1 -Zone Swimming	2- No Preps -Athletics p.m.	3 -MARC van	4	5
6	7 Specialist Programs commence	8	9 - 'Making Friends' Perf P-6 10:00am -Athletics p.m.	10 - Art	11	12