



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

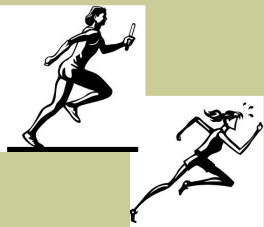
2011

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



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From the Principal's Desk

Swimming

Our swimming program has started off very well and we have been very lucky so far with the weather. Children are enjoying their lessons and learning valuable skills in swimming and water safety. The pool is looking fantastic with its new flags and lane ropes a great improvement to the facility. Thank you to all parents who have assisted with the program in the prep/one area. Your help is appreciated in supervising children with changing and walking to the pool.

Time trials were held today for children in grade 3 - 6 to select those children to compete at district level at Hamilton next Friday. Notes will go home soon to inform parents of which events children have been selected for.

Training: Tues / Thurs 6:00pm @ Pool.
Brendan Gay available.

Athletics

Athletics training started last week and once again it is being well supported by parent helpers. The House Captains are doing a wonderful job of setting up activities and last week ran like clockwork. I was so pleased to see all of our children getting the opportunity to train for all events so thoroughly. This is only possible with the support we receive from so many parents. Thank you all.

"Great Mates"

This term the school has been looking at the concept of "Great Mates" and what behaviours make a great mate. This is part of our ongoing focus of developing social skills in our students and creating a happy school environment.

As part of this we have introduced

"Circle Time" to students this week. Jane Langley, our regional Drug Education and Welfare coordinator, visited the school on Monday and ran demonstration sessions for all classes. We will be running Circle Time regularly this year to focus on specific social skills, such as taking turns, being fair, speaking kindly, sharing and areas identified by students and staff as important to our children's growth.

Student Leaders Roles

All of our grade 6 students have been given leadership roles in the school this year.

I would like to congratulate them on their work so far and will be working with them over the next few weeks to assist them in their roles. Some roles have already begun with School Captains, House Captains, Bus Monitors and School Reporters starting their jobs this week.

Next week we will look at Junior School Council elections and the role of the JSC leaders will begin.

School Leaders for 2011 are:

School Captains: Laura Nield, Bailey Belleville

JSC Leaders: Will Petersen (President), Ruby Hill (Vice President), Tahlia Purcell (Secretary)

Reporters: Nikki Milgate, Indi Jones

House Captains:

Napier (Purple): Ruby Hill & Tahlia Purcell

Eccles (Yellow): Bailey Belleville & Laura Nield

Bus Monitors:

Jenny's Bus: Ruby Hill, Hayley Malseed

Sullivan's Bus: Will Petersen, Nikki Milgate

School Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of School Council tonight at 7.30pm in the School library.

**2011 School Council Elections**

This is the time of year that we begin the election process for the 2011 School Council. There are 4 vacancies this year for School Council.

I will send home information this week with information and the timeline for nominations and elections.

Nominations will open this Friday, February 18th and close next Friday February 25th.

Lynn Lyles

Special Birthday wishes to

February

Bailey Belleville (18th)

Jullie Timms (19th)



Canteen will commence soon

Relay for Life: Hamilton

presents **Made in Dagenham**

Friday 18 February 7pm for 7.30pm movie

Tickets \$20 including nibbles and a drink

Tickets available from Faye Gumley PH: 5572 3209

Also

Very exciting news we have a date for THE KINGS SPEECH

We will be screening The Kings speech on the 17th of March.

We will hopefully have a date for the Black swan soon.

See you soon

Hamilton Cinema

Ph:(03) 55 730 472 Fax: (03) 55 722 910

**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**

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.

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.

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.



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.

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**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.

Hamilton Junior Basketball Upcoming Events

Please note that Junior and Intermediate basketball will commence on Friday night 25 February and Monday night 28 February. Further details will be provided in the Hamilton Spectator and on the HJBA Sportingpulse website in the lead up to these nights. Please check the website regularly for updated information on an ongoing basis throughout the season.

To assist with the start of the season the HJBA has arranged the following events which are open to anybody to attend:

- **Registration** nights on Friday night, 18 February and Monday night 21 February at HILAC between 4.30pm and 6pm sharp. All players must be registered with a club and be in a team before they can take the court in round 1. Club registration fees will also be able to be paid at these sessions.
- **Referees** night at HILAC on Monday night 21 February commencing at 6.30pm. This is a session for anybody who would like to consider becoming a basketball referee. Please contact Barry Hatherall for further information, if required.
- **Coaching** development night at HILAC on Wednesday 23 February. Owen Hughan a senior basketball coach with NBL and Australian Institute of Sport experience will be conducting a training session with one of our junior squads on court 4. You will be able to watch Owen conduct the session from start to finish and he will also be available for questions. The session will run from 6pm till 7.30pm and is for all coaches – senior and junior, experienced or beginners.
- **Scorer's** night at HILAC on Wednesday 2 March. The session will be held outside the squash court area from 6.30pm till approximately 7.30pm. Learn how to score so that you can take your turn and help your child's team run smoothly. The job shouldn't need to be left to the same person each week.

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
AMcN Anne McNaughton
SM Suzy Millard
JT Jullie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke

Forward Notice:

March 23: House Athletic Sports
25: District Aths Sports Pedrina Park
28: Life Ed Van
April 5: Zone Athletics

			Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			16- No Preps -Swim Time Trials 9:30 -Athletics p.m.	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 Carnical	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
13	14 Labour Day Holiday	15	16 -Athletics	17 - MARC	18	19

