



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

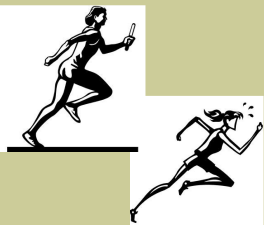
2011

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 Carnival

Next Monday we will be holding our annual Swimming Carnival at the Macarthur Pool. This is a house event and house captains will be involved in organising teams for races and events. We begin with a BBQ lunch at 12.30pm followed by the first event at 1.00pm. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. Thanks to Tamara Hardy for offering to organise our BBQ and Brendan and Sally Gay for the work they have done in helping organise events and producing a booklet for the day. The booklet will be available at the pool and we are asking for a gold coin donation to cover costs of production. Don't forget to bring your swimming gear: we need parent volunteers to compete in the student parent relay. This is always a highlight of the day and great fun for all involved.

Swimming Competitions.

Many of our students are competing at district and zone level over the next week. 17 children will travel to Hamilton on Friday to compete at district level and we wish them all luck at this event.

Special congratulations to five students Laura Nield, Taylah Sharrock, Temika Gay, Jayden Dark and Sam Lambevski who have qualified to compete in Portland next Tuesday.

Maths Trolleys.

We have purchased new maths trolleys for each classroom this year which have just arrived and are now installed in each room. We have also purchased a large amount of new maths equipment for each room as part of our school priority in 2011 to

improving our maths curriculum. The maths trolleys have been purchased with assistance from fundraising over past years and will certainly assist all classrooms to provide students with an enriched maths program.

School Council Elections

A reminder that nominations for election to School Council are due this Friday, February 25th by 4pm. Nomination forms are available at the school office.

Junior School Council

The Macarthur JSC leaders are currently asking for children to nominate for a grade representative role on Junior School Council. Students wishing to be on the JSC are asked to collect a form from Will, Tahlia or Ruby and return to school by next Monday. We will announce the JSC for 2011 next week.

Grievance Policy

I have attached a copy of our current Grievance Policy which outlines the process for parents to follow if they have any concerns or grievances. This policy is up for review and I would appreciate any feed back before this is reviewed by School Council.

Working Bee

School Council will be holding a working bee on March 18th beginning at 3.30pm. Jobs include clearing out our shelter shed ready for its conversion into a sports shed and storage space and work in the school grounds. Please put this date in your diary as many hands are needed. More information will follow closer to the date.

Back to School Asthma Checklist

Back to school time presents a phenomenon called the 'Back to School Spike', which is a well-documented occurrence of an increase in asthma hospital admissions in children. This trend occurs two weeks after school goes back, with the spike generally occurring in mid to late February. Ensure your child with asthma is prepared for the new school year by following this simple back to school asthma checklist.

- o Doctor Review
 - o Updated Asthma Action Plan (*advise the school of any changes to their plan*)
 - o Medication Review
 - o Preventer medication scripts
 - o Technique Review (*good device technique will ensure more medication reaches the small airways*)
 - o H1N1 Vaccination

(A person with asthma who gets any type of flu has a greater chance for developing serious health complications from the infection. Anyone with asthma is recommended to get both the seasonal flu vaccine and 2009 H1N1 vaccine.)

- o School Asthma Action Plan returned

(This needs to be updated at least annually or as required)

- o Blue Reliever Medication & Spacer

(ensure your child has their blue reliever medication and spacer device available at all times. Remember to check the expiry date and amount of medication left in the canister)

- o Your child is aware of their asthma triggers

For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au



HAWKESDALE 150th celebrations FEB 25-27 2011

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH -
HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE -
Grandparent's Day & Activities**
11.15am - 3.15pm
Picnic Lunch

ART EXHIBITION
Hawkesdale Memorial Hall
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Exhibition of local art and
entries to art/photography competition
Announcement of category winners.

Cheese & Wine Tasting
Entry: Donation

SUNDAY
11.30am
Opening of Youth Walking Track/signage
Rotunda - Denis Napthine/Youth Members
Community Barbeque
12.00 noon
Hole-in-one - Racecourse Reserve
(Former Golf Club)
Hawkesdale Historical Society Open

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26TH
Hawkesdale Township - 10.30am - 4.30pm
Activities include:
Street Parade - 10.30am
(Leaving from P12 College - Assemble at
10.15am)

Market Stalls (more spots still available)
Spinning Wheel - HMFNC
Horse & Cart Rides
Hawkesdale P12 College open from
11.00am - 3.00pm
Kids Activities - Face Painting
/Jumping Castle/Rock Wall
Wood Carving - Kevin Childers
Paper Making (12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm)
Wooden Kits - to be made on site
(11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm)
BBQ available
Salad Rolls, Hot dogs - Hawkesdale Hall
Devonshire Teas - CWA
Historical Society "homesteads" - Guest speakers
Fabulous Woolsthorpe Pancakes
Emergency Services Display

SATURDAY EVENING
Dinner
7pm - (\$20 per head)
Registration Necessary. Bookings contact:
Anne-Maree Huglin 55 607232



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

Pre Season Senior Netball Training will commence at 6pm on Wednesdays 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.

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

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

Forward Notice:
March 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
AMcN Anne McNaughton
SM Suzy Millard
JT Jullie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	21 -Swimming	22 -Swimming	23- No Preps -Athletics p.m.	24 -LL-PM Warm -Art -Swimming	25 -LL abs -Swimming -Dist Swim @ HILAC	26
27	28 -Swimming Carnival	March 1 -Zone Swimming	2- No Preps -Athletics p.m.	3 -MARC van -LL/JM Numeracy PD -Gr1 Parent Interviews	4	5
6	7-Specialist Programs commence -Gr2/3 Parent Int 4-6pm	8 -Gr2/3 Parent Int 4-6pm	9 -CS/SC PD Warm - 'Making Friends' Perf P-6 10:00am -Athletics p.m.	10 - Art -LL- PD Warm	11	12
13	14 Labour Day Holiday	15	16 -Athletics	17 - MARC - LL-PM Warm	18 - House Aths sports	19
20	21	22	23	24 - Art - SC/LL -Lit Lead PD	25 - District Aths Sports @ Pedrina Park	26

