



Macarthur Primary School

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Principal: Lynn Lyles
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Office Hours 2012

Monday - Wednesday
8:45am - 9:00am
10:00am - 4:15pm

For appointments
please ring
03 55761245

Classes begin: 9:10am

Recess: Mon, Tues,
Wed & Frid
-10:40—11:00am
(Thurs 11:10-11:30am)

Lunch: 1:00 - 1:50pm

End of Day: 3:20pm

Term Dates

2012

Term 3:

16 July - 21 September

Term 4:

8 October - 21 Dec

*Please phone or send a
note if your child is absent
from school -
It's not OK to be away*

Newsletter Date August 22nd

Issue 26, 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported our Book Fair which was held last week. The school sold a massive \$1400 of books and was able to purchase \$400 of books for our school library. Thank you to Mr Hilliard for organising this and the students from grade 4,5,6 who assisted with setting up and packing up the Book Fair as well as helping with sales.

Weekend Working Bee

Thank you to the School Council Grounds Committee for organising a working party at the weekend to complete the edging of our new garden beds at the front of the school. The new garden plan has been approved by School Council and we are now able to go ahead with the planting of the new gardens.

Hopefully work will begin soon and our gardens will be completed for the beginning of term 4.

Strong Arms Needed

I am in need of a couple of people to assist me to move a couple of heavy items from the school to the shelter shed. If you are able to assist please see me. I will be most appreciative.

Celtic Music

Thank you to Mrs Shepherd for organising this afternoon's visit from a Celtic Music Group. All students participated in the session and thoroughly enjoyed the

afternoon.

Clubs

We now have 6 confirmed Clubs Groups. We still need another 2 activities so if you are able to help see Coral or myself as soon as possible.

Clubs Program begins Friday August 31st.

Activities so far include:-

Craft/Sewing: Sue Logan

Dance/Exercise: Jodie Nichols

Board Games: Jullie Timms

Card Making: Lei Kelly

Photography: Coral Shepherd

Gardening: Ange Jones (Any old pots would be very helpful)

Pet Day

Junior School Council are organising a Pet Day. This will be held next week during Literacy/Numeracy Week on Friday August 31st. Children can bring their pets to school on Friday morning and we will have a pet show on the basketball court at 9.10am. There will be awards for different categories of pets.

More news from JSC next week.

NOTE (From Lynn): Please make sure all pets are accompanied by an adult.

All pets must be taken home following the show.

All pets will need to be restrained in either a cage or on a lead.

Lynn will be having a strong cup of coffee after the show.

Healthy Start to the Day

I have been made aware that there are a growing number of children arriving at school without breakfast. Research shows that breakfast is a very important part of a day for children not only giving them a healthy start but also the energy needed to learn. Children who do not eat breakfast often find it more difficult to concentrate and this can affect their learning. Please try to ensure children have breakfast before school. There are many fast breakfast options including cereal, toast with spread, fresh fruit and yoghurt. We all want the best for our children.

Hot Food

I would like to remind parents that children are only able to bring food to be reheated for lunch on the days that canteen is operating. We do not have staff available to reheat food on other days. Our teacher aides either finish work at lunchtimes or have other duties and teachers are unable to leave grades unsupervised to reheat food.

Canteen days are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Thank you for your understanding.

Lynn Lyles

Healthy Breakfast Ideas



Special Birthday wishes to

Hamish Wortley (22nd)
Lorrie Leadbeatter (25th)

- **A smoothie.** Blended fruit, milk (and perhaps a dollop of yoghurt) and ice make a great breakfast.
- **A toasted sandwich.** Instead of boring old toast, make a cheese and tomato, or banana, toasted sandwich which, at a pinch, can be eaten on the way to school.



Corangamite Library:

Operates 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 and see her.

**Corangamite Library**

I am very pleased to
announce that Corangamite
Library will be changing our
books every fortnight
instead of once a month.
This will mean when you
have made a reservation
you will have them in a
fortnight instead of the
usual 4 weeks.

Jullie Timms

Canteen Order sheet	\$
Big Pies	3.30
Party Pies	1.10
Party Pastie	1.10
Mini Potato Pies	NA
Sausage Rolls	1.80
Dim Sims	0.80
Spaghetti Pasta Blasta	n/a
Lasagne Pasta Blasta	3.20
Pizza	
Ham/Pine Pizza	1.60
Supreme Pizza	n/a
Chicken Royales	n/a
Chicken Breast (85g)	1.30
Chicken Dinosnack each	0.70
Fish Bites each	0.70
Yoghurt	
Strawberry	1.70
Apricot	1.70
Raspberry	1.70
Drinks	
Strawberry Milk	1.30
Chocolate Milk	1.30
Apple 250ml	1.10
Orange Juice 250ml	1.10
Tropical 250ml	1.10
Icecreams	
Lemonade Icy poles	1.10
Raspberry Icy poles	1.10
Chocolate Billabong	1.30
Triple Swirl Bilbong	1.30

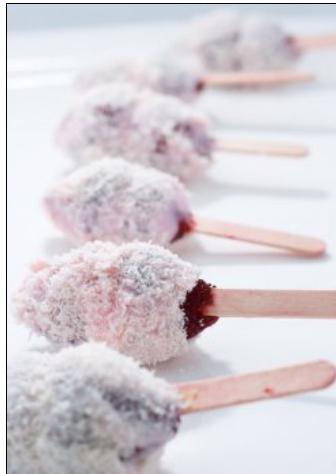
Canteen Roster—Term 3.

20	Monday	Carolyn Malseed	
22	Wednesday	Leonie Dyson	Julie Rissman
24	Friday	Leonie Margrie	
27	Monday	Jenny Nield	
29	Wednesday	Rachael Dettling	
31	Friday	Mark Todd	

Fruit Kebabs

- 1 apple (cut into small squares)
- 2 banana (cut into chunks)
- 2/3cup grapes (red & green)
- 2/3 pineapple (cut into chunks)
- 1cup reduced fat yoghurt
- 1/4cup coconut (shredded)
- Wooden skewers

1. Place fruit onto a large plate.
 2. Spread coconut onto another large plate.
 3. Slide pieces of fruit onto skewers. You can design your own kebab by putting as much or as little of whichever fruits you wish
 4. Once skewer is almost covered, hold at the ends and roll in yoghurt so all fruits are coated.
- Roll skewers in coconut and serve.**



Deliciously fresh and fruity -
This versatile recipe can be
made all year round by
simply choosing your
favourite fruits in season.

Fruit kebabs are a great treat
for children, especially after
they create their own!

Macarthur Primary School is
still collecting caps.
Please keep sending them in.



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JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Is on again!

September School Holidays
Monday 1st to Thursday 4th
October 2012 (2nd wk of hols)

Ages: 5 - 15 years

**Professional Coach from
Warrnambool Indoor Tennis
\$7.00 per child per day - 1 hour
session**

**Sessions - 9am and 10am
(Monday will be grading day)
at Broadwater courts
Equipment supplied**

ALL WELCOME

**For registration and informa-
tion: Please call Leonie Dyson -
55764251/0438 586762 before
5th September 2012**

**Or Jodi Fry - 55764213/0429
804197**

or jodifry@westvic.com.au

Please Note:
Change of dates

Calendar 2012

PD Professional Development
Conf - Conference
PM - Principal Meeting
NWM - Network Meeting
JRC - Junior Red Cross
JSC - Junior School Council
AASP - Active After School Prog
CRE - Christian Religious Ed

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 Book Week	20	21 -Garden 2-3	22 -Celtic Musicians -AASP	23 -Art	24 -AASP	25
26 Literacy Numeracy Week	27	28 -Garden 2-3	29 -AASP	30 -MARC	31 -Pet Show -Clubs	Sept1
2	3 -Gr6 Transition Baimbridge	4 -9:15 'It's a Mad World' Perf - Garden P-1	5 -AASP	6 -Art -LL -Ntwk Meet	7 -Clubs	8
9	10	11 -Garden P-1	12 -AASP	13 -MARC	14 -Clubs	15
16	17	18 -Garden P-1 -School Council	19	20 -Art	21 -Clubs -EOT BBQ/ Sport	22



CLUBS

Community groups, parents and grandparents are invited to share an activity with small groups over 4 weeks towards the end of term on Fridays. There are two sessions per day at 30 minutes each. There is a maximum of 9 per group and a mixture of ages so that the older students can assist younger students. A small budget will cover basic expenses.

We have 6 clubs activities committed already; thank you to those volunteers. There will be photography, card making, draughts/checkers, sewn animal, gardening, and dancercise. **We still need 2 more to proceed, please.** Why not share an activity with another tutor over the 4 weeks if the time commitment is too much? I have simple patterns for craft ideas if needed, please ask ASAP so I can order materials in time.

Consider these ideas

Card games (with real cards!)

Origami

Useful item to be made

Stress balls

Magic tricks

Cooking

Computer activity

Bocce, Archery

Brag book

Carpet bowls

Christmas decoration

Woodwork

Balloon animals

Pom pom creatures

Salt dough creations

Kite making (very simple pattern available)

Game making / Toy making

Old fashioned games e.g. cats cradle,

If you have ideas to share or wish to offer an activity please talk to Lynn or Coral ASAP
First two Sessions starts Friday 30 August at 1:50pm followed by assembly at 2:50pm

WANTED TO BORROW, Please!

Old but useable digital cameras for a Photography Club activity. 9 needed.

See Coral (Wed -Fri)

WANTED FOR GARDENING GROUP, Please.

Flower pots, 4" or larger. Contact Ange Jones or bring to school, thanks.

Science Olympiad Results

It was a busy day but it all went to schedule and the activities that the teachers organised were diverse, fun and provided useful science learning. It was great to see the energy and enthusiasm of the teachers who were here for the first time yesterday.

Again the results mean that most schools had someone take home a medal- I really like that. Jeanette McDonnell was here from the Bendigo Bank to present the medals and I had a chance to show her what was happening before that. Larry Walker (scientist) was here for the whole day, moving around the groups and working with the kids. He presented the certificates.

George St won the prize for the Lucky Bamboo- it was very impressive. Well done. Keep looking after them and we will see what happens in the next 12 months.

Here are the results.

1st (Oxygen)

Caleb Walker (Branx), Lucy Peterson (Macarth), Trey Smith (George St)

2nd (Sodium)

Cooper Hudson (Coleraine), Isaac Hanson (Dunkeld), Kyle Smitten (Macarth), Rachael Meissner (Branx)

3rd (Nitrogen)

Isobel Titcombe (Merino), Ky Ratan-Gilbert (George St), Zoe Baty (Branx)



Financial Assistance - Information for New Parents



Financial assistance available to parents with children commencing school in 2013

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery**. You can elect to have the EMA paid into your nominated bank account or receive a cheque.

In 2013, the annual EMA amount is:

- **\$200** for prep students
- **\$150** for students in years 1 – 6.
- **\$300** for year 7 students
- **\$250** for students in year 8 – until age 16.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA.

Closing Date: Parents/guardians need to lodge an EMA application form by **28 February 2013**.

For more information about the EMA, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/financial/ema.htm

Schoolkids Bonus:

From January 2013, a new payment called the 'Schoolkids Bonus' will be introduced by the Commonwealth Government. The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid by Centrelink in January and July each year to help families with school costs.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A will receive:

- up to \$410 for each child in primary school
- up to \$820 for each child in secondary school.

For more information about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/information/schoolkids-bonus