



# Macarthur Primary School

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School Council President: Richie Belleville

## Office Hours 2013

Monday - Wednesday  
8:45am - 9:10am  
9:40am - 3:45pm

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

### 2013

Term 3: 15 July to 20  
September  
Term 4: 7 October to 20  
December

Special Birthday  
wishes to

**Jack Wortley**  
(13th July)  
**Paris Dyson**  
(19th July)



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## Issue 21 2013

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to everyone to term three which is set to be another busy and eventful term. Staff met last night to set dates for the term and it looks like once again we have lots happening throughout the term. We begin today with Hoop-Time basketball for children in grades three to six who have visited St Joseph's Primary School Penshurst today to arrange teams. Next week we will hold student conferences and the kitchen/garden program begins again. Enrolment week is only a few weeks away and it will soon be Literacy Numeracy Week and Book Week. We have the annual Book Fair booked later this term and, of course we have the most popular Clubs Program running near the end of term. There is certainly plenty to look forward to over the next few weeks.

I am feeling some mixed emotions at the moment as this is my final term as principal of the school as I will retire at the end of term 3. The process to select a new principal has begun and will be completed this term prior to my retirement which will enable the new principal to begin at the start of term 4.

#### Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are planning to hold student/parent/ teacher conferences next Wednesday July 24th. This will give parents the opportunity to visit classrooms, view student's work and talk with your children and the classroom teacher about the work and achievements of your child during the first half of the year. The conferences will be 15 minutes and be held during school time and after school for those

parents who cannot come during the day. Children will attend school on Wednesday and an alternative program will run to enable teachers to run conferences. I have attached a note for parents to request times for the conference. Please return by this Friday. I will allocate times on a first returned basis.

#### Welcome New Students

This week we have welcomed two new students and their families to our school. Welcome to cousins Kix and Xif Pellazar who are both in the grade two/three class. We hope they settle in quickly to life in Australia and are happy and successful at Macarthur Primary School.

#### AASCP

The Active After School Community Program will begin in week 3. Leonie Dyson is once again coordinating this program for the school and has attached a note with information for parents. This term's sport is soccer and coaches will be Ange Jones and Jodie Nichols. Thank you all for your commitment to the program.

#### Kitchen-Garden Program

Our Kitchen Garden Program will begin next week on Tuesday afternoon. Ange has once again offered to help me run the garden group and Denise Grant and Trudy Sharrock have offered to run the cooking program. If anyone else is interested in helping with cooking please let me know as it would be great to have a number of helpers with cooking as back-ups in case of illness or unexpected events.

### Enrolment Week

Enrolment Week will begin on August 5<sup>th</sup>. I will be distributing enrolment packs soon to the Macarthur Kinder and I will also be running an information session for Kinder parents on Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. If anyone is aware of other families in the district who may be looking to enrol here next year can you please let me know so we can ensure they have all necessary information.

### Head-lice Checks

As I mentioned last term we will be conducting a whole school head-lice check next Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please check children's hair regularly so we can keep on top of this problem. We will contact parents should head-lice or eggs be detected during the check.

### Thanks Sue

I would like to say a big thank you to Sue Logan for the wonderful biscuits she brought in to supply the whole school on the last day of term. This was a lovely addition to our traditional sausage sizzle and appreciated by us all. I must admit to sampling quite a few of the shortbreads.

### Premier Reading Challenge

The Premier Reading Challenge is on again. If anyone is interested in participating could they please contact the school and we will enrol you in the challenge.

Lynn Lyles

### Do your children have asthma or allergies?

Are you a part of the local footy team, scouts club or netball club?

Do you worry about your children's asthma when they are not at home?

Learn practical strategies for helping your children to **live well with asthma** each day from **people who know**.

Join The Asthma Foundation of Victoria's online forum. Ask a question, share your story, meet with others in your area. Call (03) 9326 7088 for more information or follow the link below\

[forum.asthma.org.au](http://forum.asthma.org.au)



*Please phone, email or send a note if your child is absent from school*  
**If there is a planned absence, please contact the school prior to the absence.**  
**It's not OK to be away**

### Student Absences

In line with the government's commitment to enforce compulsory attendance laws, all student absences are required to be explained to the school. Children are expected to attend school each day and if children are not in attendance the school needs to be provided with a note explaining the reason for the absence (eg Illness, Religious/Cultural, Family Holiday with approval from principal). The government has now removed the code parent choice from the recording system and replaced it with two new codes for absences that are not health related, religious/cultural or family holiday. These are:

- Parent Choice Unauthorised: Includes going shopping, visiting friends or relatives, missed school bus
- Parent Choice School Approved: Includes Special circumstances, family member illness.

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		<b>Jul 15</b>	Monday	Michelle Rundell	
. Big Pie	3.70	<b>17</b>	Wednesday	Rachell Dettling	
Party Pies	1.10	<b>19</b>	Friday	Leonie Margrie	
Sausage Rolls	2.00				
LasagnePasta Blasta	3.20	<b>22</b>	Monday	Maryanne Fitzgerald	
Pizza		<b>24</b>	Wednesday	Jodie Nicholls	
Ham/Pine Pizza	1.60	<b>26</b>	Friday	Leonie Dyson	
Dim Sims ea	0.80	<b>29</b>	Monday	Sue Logan	
Chicken Breast	1.50	<b>31</b>	Wednesday	Jenny Nield	
Chicken Dinosnack each	0.70	<b>Aug 2</b>	Friday	Kathy Ross	
Fish Bites each	0.70				
Yoghurt		<b>5</b>	Monday	<b>Curriculum Day</b>	
Strawberry	1.70	<b>7</b>	Wednesday	Sally Gay	
Raspberry	1.70	<b>9</b>	Friday	Tamara Hardy	
Drinks		<b>12</b>	Monday	Nikki Belleville	
Strawberry Milk	1.30	<b>14</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>	<b>Volunteer required</b>
Chocolate Milk	1.30	<b>16</b>	Friday	Tamara Hardy	
Apple 250ml	1.10				
Orange 250ml	1.10	<b>19</b>	Monday	Michelle Rundell	
Tropical 250ml	1.10	<b>21</b>	Wednesday	Rachell Dettling	
		<b>23</b>	Friday	Leonie Margrie	
Icecreams					
Lemonade Icpoles	1.10	<b>26</b>	Monday	Maryanne Fitzgerald	
Raspberry Icpoles	1.10	<b>28</b>	Wednesday	Jodie Nicholls	
Chocolate Billabong	1.30	<b>30</b>	Friday	Leonie Dyson	
Triple Swirl Billabong	1.30				
		<b>Sep 2</b>	Monday	Sue Logan	
		<b>4</b>	Wednesday	Jenny Nield	
		<b>6</b>	Friday	Kathy Ross	
		<b>9</b>	Monday	Nikki Belleville	
		<b>11</b>	Wednesday	Sally Gay	
		<b>13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>	<b>Volunteer required</b>
		<b>16</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>	<b>Volunteer required</b>
		<b>18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>	<b>Volunteer required</b>
		<b>20</b>	Friday	EOT BBQ	NO CANTEEN

**NO longer available  
at the canteen**

- Supreme Pizza
- Spaghetti Pasta Blasta.

### Education Maintenance Allowance **Instalment Two**

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

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the 'direct deposit' or 'pay direct to school' payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. **Applications close on 2 August 2013.**

Eligibility information can be obtained from: [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm)

**Contact: School Office for an application form and further information.**

## Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences Wednesday July 24th 2013

Next week we will be giving all parents the opportunity to attend a conference at the school with your child and child's teacher. This is an opportunity to follow up from both the goal-setting meetings held earlier in the year and the written reports sent out last term. We hope parents will be able to attend and take this opportunity to share with your child and child's teacher the work and achievements of your child.

Please indicate if you would like to attend a conference and indicate times you would prefer by numbering boxes 1,2,3.

We will send out appointment times early next week on a first returned basis.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Times.

9.30am -.11.00am	
11.00am-1.00pm	
1.00pm - 3.00pm	
3.00pm- 5.00pm	
5.00pm- 6.00pm	

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Thankyou to everyone who donated time, money, bought items at the auction, went in the raffle or just game me good wishes. I have just returned from my trip to Canada/America and had a fantastic time. The results from my competitions are as follows:

29/6/13—30/6/13 Youth/Women 16/17yr  
Javelin 8th  
Discus 4th  
Shot put 2nd

6/7/13—7/7/13 Youth/Women 16/17yr  
Javelin 5th  
Shot put 5th  
Discus 3rd

Level of competition was high and of a good standard. The year – level I competed in was different to what I would normally do here, as they include the 17 year olds. Here I would be only competing against 16 year olds.

I could never have imagined that throwing the discus here at primary school could one day end up taking me overseas.

Casey Pye.

## Corangamite Library

It's a **free** service

Operates Wednesday afternoons from 1pm - 5pm, at the school.

*Jullie Timms*

## Calendar 2013

- LL Lynn Lyles
- JM Jacinta Mulder
- DH Darren Hilliard
- CS Coral Shepherd
- CU Christine Unger
- RT Rachel Thomson
- AM Anne McNaughton
- JT Jullie Timms
- SL Sylvia Luke
  
- PD Professional Development
- Conf Conference
- PM - Principal Meeting
- NWM - Network Meeting
- JRC - Junior Red Cross
- JSC - Junior School Council
- AASP - Active After School Prog
- AIS - Artist in School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 14	15 - Term 3 commences	16	17 -Hooptime prac @ Peshurst	18 - MARC	19	20
21	22	23 -Garden 456	24 -Conferences	25 - Art -Hooptime 3/4	26	27
28 Literacy Numeracy Week	29 -Hooptime 5/6	30 -Garden 456 -AASP	31 -Numeracy Activity	August 1 MARC	2 -EMA closes -AASP	3
4 Enrolment Week	5 -Curriculum Day -Sheepvention	6 -Garden 456 -AASP	7 -Kinder Info Session 9:30am	8 - Art - Balloon Launch?	9 -DressUp Day -AASP	10
11 Bookfair	12 - Science Day	13 -Garden 23 -AASP	14	15 - MARC -Interscl Golf @ Hamilton Gr5/6	16 -AASP	17



**Active After School Program (AASP) - Term 3**

This term the AASP sport will be Soccer on a **Tuesday** 3:30 -4:30pm at school. Commencing Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013, runners and drink bottle required. Coaches: Jodie Nicholls & Ange Jones. Children to be picked up at 4:30pm. Bus form is also attached if you wish your children NOT to be on the bus for the duration of the 7 week program. Please return with your consent form.

**Friday afternoon** session (part of school sport 2-3:00pm) sport will be Martial Arts and Golf. The first three weeks on a Friday will be Martial Arts for the P-3 and Golf for the 4-6 grades. Below is an expression of interest form for the **Grade 5-6 children** to participate in an Inter School Golf Day in Hamilton on the 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2013. This is a free day and with the training on a Friday would be a great opportunity for the children to participate. After the 3 weeks Grade P-3 will have the opportunity to do Golf as part of our Clubs Program.

Registering your child/ren has altered a little for this term and will be in the form of a Government Consent Form which has to be filled in for your child to participate. This form is required to enable the Government to gauge if the Government Initiative to fund AASP is successful. Unfortunately, all families will receive the form because of the Friday afternoon program. You might receive a phone call in term 4 for 'Newspoll' which is an independent survey provider to collate responses to the success of our program and if funding will be continued. This is a voluntary survey and you are not obligated to participate.

Any queries please do not hesitate to call me Leonie Dyson 0438 586 762. I will be sending these out next week and would greatly appreciate them in before the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday session).

*Leonie Dyson*  
*AASP Co-ordinator*

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**Interschool Golf Day at Hamilton – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013 (Students in Grade 5 & 6)**

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in attending the above day.

Depending on numbers, the children will be transported by car and will be in school time and free of charge.

Signature of parent/guardian: .....Date: .....

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**BUS NOTE:**

..... (child/ren) will be attending AASP Tuesday Program and will **NOT** be travelling on the bus.

Signature of parent/guardian: .....Date: .....

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