



# Macarthur Primary School

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Principal: Ben Kelson

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:

10:40—11:00am

Lunch: 1:00 - 1:50pm

End of Day: 3:20pm

## Term Dates

### 2013

Term 4: 7 October to 20  
December— students finish  
18/12/13

### 2014

Term 1: 28 January (school  
teachers start) to 4 April \*

Term 2: 22 April to 27 June

Term 3: 14 July to 19

September

Term 4: 6 October to 19

December

\* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

## Newsletter Date December 18th

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### From the Principal's Desk

Wow! What a great term it has been, full of a range of activities both in and out of the classroom that have enhanced the learning opportunities for each and every student.

This has included camps, excursions, visiting performers and sporting events just to name a few, along with class based activities with students working on a range of different tasks and projects. But we will talk about all of this some more at our concert this evening, which will be a terrific celebration to conclude what has been a very positive learning experience for our students.

Term 1 of next year is already shaping up as being a very busy and exciting year. Further in this newsletter I have provided a summary of key dates for you to mark on your calendar in preparation for coming events.

I am very much looking forward to being a part of my first Macarthur Primary School Concert this evening, taking place at the Macarthur Town Hall and starting promptly at 7pm.

Students have been busy rehearsing in class over the past few weeks with more formal practice rehearsals taking place each day of this week at the hall. We hope you enjoy the evening which is a great chance to celebrate together the great work

being done by our students and for them to showcase some of their talents.

In advance I congratulate our awards winners on their achievements and also congratulate students who have been selected to take on important leadership roles within our community next year, all of which will be announced this evening.

Earlier this year students in grades 4-6 were very fortunate to be a part of the Artists in Schools program that resulted in the creation of the Light Chamber Observatory, a significant feature within our school grounds that looks great and is used regularly by students as a relaxing place to spend some time.

Yesterday we were finally able to launch the weather balloon, measuring six feet in diameter and filled with helium. Attached to it was a triangular frame fitted with a GPS tracking device, a GoPro camera to record the journey and a data unit to measure the atmospheric changes as the balloon travelled, rising to approximately 80,000 feet in the air. The balloon rose almost vertically before being carried off in the jet streams above and then landing just near Lake Bolac a couple of hours later. Becky then headed off to hopefully find the device, which we were able to track on its journey via the GPS and a website.

Mrs Lyles was also thrilled to come back to Macarthur and be a part of this final stage of the project, which she has done a great job to oversee since its inception. Becky now hopes to edit the movie for us to see footage of this journey at a later date.

Attached to this newsletter is a roster for watering the garden over the holiday break. As you can see, there are still numerous gaps that we need to fill to ensure that our garden is still intact when we return from the holiday break. If you are able to assist please let me know before 2:30pm on Friday when the school will close for the Christmas holiday period.

Yesterday we held a morning tea for our volunteers who have helped throughout the year. Whilst the numbers in attendance were small, it was still nice for our school captains Kyle and Lucy to be able to say thanks to those who have assisted. I must also thank my partner Louise for the great job she did in catering for this event!

We have a significant amount of items in lost property that are not named. If you think items of your child's school clothing are missing, please call in and check to see if any of it is yours.

Earlier this week student reports were sent home for each child, providing a detailed analysis of the progress made by your child throughout the second semester of this year. Also included was a short survey for you to complete regarding the content and structure of these reports. Please take the time to complete this information and return to school ASAP to assist us with the future development of these reports.

Finally, I would like to say farewell to our departing grade six students. I may have only known them for a very short period of time but have been very impressed by their high levels of passion, enthusiasm and dedication towards their education at Macarthur Primary School. They are a high achieving bunch of students and I'm sure they will go far in whatever field they choose to pursue in future. To the Milgate/Dyson and Lambevski/Margrie families we also say goodbye and thank them for the contributions they have made to our school. They say as one door closes another one opens, and this is certainly true for these students as they enter the next chapter in their lives. Thank you and good luck!

To you all, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year and we look forward to once again working with all students and their families in the new year as we continue to strive forward and achieve excellence for our students

Have a great holiday break!



### **Corangamite Library**

will be closed for the school holidays commencing 5pm on Wednesday 18/12/13 and re-opening on Wednesday 5/02/14 from 1pm till 5pm.

If you wish to change your books during this period they are able to be exchanged in Port Fairy.

Wishing you a safe and happy Xmas.

*Jullie Timms*

### **Special Birthday wishes to**

*Dale Todd  
(18th December)*



## HOLIDAY GARDENING

We need your help! If you are able to donate some time over the Christmas Holiday break to assist with some watering (and weeding if required) of our school vegetable garden, please fill out the details below and return to the school office by this Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. A roster will then be sent home to families during the last week of term.

**Please tick a box/boxes on a day where you will be able to assist.**

Sun. Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tues. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs. Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat. Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mon. Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>
Petersen Family			Wortley Family	Wortley Family
Wed. Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fri. Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun. Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tues. Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs. Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>
			Wortley Family	Wortley Family
Sat. Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mon. Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fri. Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun. Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Tues. Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs. Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat. Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mon. Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>
				Students resume

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for your assistance with this task.

## TERM 1 KEY DATES

**Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>** – staff resumes (office open from 9am – 3:45pm)

**Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>** – all students resume

**Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>** (except Wednesdays) – swimming

**Wednesdays in February** – Prep students do not attend

**Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>** – Macarthur Primary Swimming Sports

**Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>** – SGSSA Swimming at Penshurst

**Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Peter's Project Student Leader Congress in W'bool (grade 6)

**Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>** – South West Division Swimming Champs. In Hamilton

**Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>** – LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>** – PUPIL FREE DAY

**Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Macarthur Primary Athletics Sports

**Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>** – Visiting Performance "Ghana"

**Friday March 21<sup>st</sup>** – SGSSA Athletics in Hamilton (back-up day Tues. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>)

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Grade 6 GRaSS Camp (Dunkeld)

**Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>** – last day of term 1 (2:20pm dismissal)

### To the Macarthur & District Community

Mike & Denise would like to say a very big Thankyou for your donations and support in aid of Bruce Addinsall's Fundraiser.

We are pleased to tell you that \$8935.25 was raised.

The donations and support from everyone was overwhelming, such a fantastic effort.

Thankyou

Have a merry Christmas and a great 2014

Kindest regards Mike Williams & Denise Grant

### POOL NEWS

The pool will open at 1:00pm on Thursday & Friday.



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## Calendar 2013

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

Staff -  
BK - Ben Kelson  
JM - Jacinta Mulder  
DH - Darren Hilliard  
CU - Christine Unger  
RT - Rachel Thomson  
AM - Anne McNaughton  
JT - Jullie Timms  
SL - Sylvia Luke



### Hawkesdale & Purnim Districts Tennis Association Incorporated

(A0013379U) 40 Davis Street, Warrnambool, Victoria  
P 0438 017 569 F 5562 8817 E [hpda@outlook.com](mailto:hpda@outlook.com)

#### Round 10

Wangoom Owls 5 sets 39 games defeated Hawkesdale 4 sets 34 games  
Willatook 5 sets 41 games defeated Minhamite Yellow 4 sets 32 games  
Woolsthorpe 6 sets 45 games defeated Wangoom Hawks 3 sets 34 games  
Broadwater White forfeited to Minhamite Red  
Illowa/Mailors Flat 9 sets defeated Broadwater Green 0 sets (complete score not received yet)

Illowa/Mailors Flat	80.5
Wangoom Owls	73.5
Hawkesdale	64.5
Woolsthorpe	62.5
Minhamite Red	63.5
Broadwater Green	44.5
Wangoom Hawks	35.5
Willatook	31.5
Broadwater White	18.5
Minhamite Yellow	15.5

Kate Schultz Secretary

### Breakaway Creek/Knebsworth Christmas Tree

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm, at the Breakaway Creek/Knebsworth Hall,  
Cameron's Line, Breakaway Creek  
Finger food dinner (savouries & slice)  
BYO Drinks

Santa will arrive at approximately 8.30 pm

BYO Santa presents for primary school age and under (to \$20 value)

Enquiries to Carolyn 55784203 or Rachael 55784293



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17 -Reports -Volunteers' Morning Tea	18 - Class Parties -School Concert & Presentation	19 -No tudents	20 - -No students - End of school year	21
Term 1 2014: Tuesday 28th January (staff start) - student free day Wednesday 29th - school starts						
January 26 Australia Day	27 Public Holiday	28 Staff commence Student Free Day	29 Students commence	30	31	Feb 1

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Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2013**PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS - 2014**

Dear Parent/s,

At a recent School Council meeting a motion was passed to keep the Parent Contributions for 2014 at the same cost of **\$140.00** per child. This money is used to cover the costs associated with:

- School Swimming Program - \$40.00  
- pool entry - additional \$10 for non-members
- Visiting Performances - \$40.00
- Student Requisites (stationery etc.) - \$40.00
- Garden Contribution - \$10.00
- Excursions Contribution - \$10.00

These costs are reduced for families through the wonderful fundraising efforts throughout the year, with a \$20.00 subsidy for each child to reduce the cost of the swimming program and \$10.00 per child also allocated to budgets to support excursions. This is a total of \$2,100 to support both programs.

This year the Macarthur Parents' Association raised just over \$6,500 which is thanks to the terrific support received right throughout the school community. The remainder of this money is going towards a new split system air-conditioner in the current grade 2/3 classroom, ribbons for our sporting programs, more ukuleles in our music program to allow each student to have an instrument to play, more iPads for student use and to support the running of some of our extra-curricular activities, such as the clubs program in term 3.

These will all be areas of terrific benefit to our students and I strongly encourage you to continue supporting the MPA where possible to provide our students with resources to assist with their learning and development.

Please do not send any payments yet for the \$140.00 Parent Contributions for your child, as invoices will be sent out early next year.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Kelson'.

Ben Kelson  
Principal

# MACARTHUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2013 SCHOOL CONCERT

7:00pm

Welcome

Presentations - leaving families

Prep to 2 Music

Hazel's Music Group 1: Keyboard

Grade 2/3 Songs

Grade 3 to 6 - Music

Grade Prep/1 Song

Hazel's Recorder Group

Hazel's Music Group 2: Guitar

Music Groups

School Council item

UNSW Maths & English Awards

Bus Awards

Citizenship Awards

School Captain's Speech

Grade 6 Graduation

Awards 2013- Encouragement Awards for English/Maths

- Trixie Green Citizenship Award

- Sports Award

2014 Student Leadership announcements

Finale: All students

Santa (MADA sponsorship)

