



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

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 November 27th

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From the Principal's Desk

Over the past four weeks students in grades 3-6 have been learning about the game of bowls with volunteers from the Macarthur Bowling Club, as a part of their Physical Education lessons. This has been a great opportunity for the children to test out their skills in a sport that is rather challenging to master. I would like to thank Fred Schroeder for helping to organise this event along with his team of volunteers, for donating their time to assist our students with this program. At the conclusion of the program Fred commended all students on their efforts and improved skills, along with their terrific behaviour throughout the sessions. It is always great to hear this sort of feedback when our students represent our school in the wider community.

Our students who are currently away on Somers Camp, from all reports, are having a terrific time at this event, making the most of all activities they are faced with. We look forward to them returning on Wednesday night of this week to then hear all about the great things that took place.

Since last Monday we have been fortunate to have Miss Elisha Burns working with our students whilst Miss Mulder has been away on Somers Camp. Her role over the two weeks has varied depending on which students were away from

the school on any given day and she has taken these changes in her stride and been very flexible to meet the needs of our school. Unfortunately for us Miss Burns will not be available to work with us in 2014, as she will be spending 12 months living and working in England. We wish her all the best with this adventure and hope to see her back here again in 2015, and thank you also for the terrific work she has done at Macarthur Primary.

Staff has been busy in recent weeks not only completing formal assessment and reporting requirements, along with organising end-of-year activities, but also with planning for 2014. This process also involves working with School Council and the Macarthur Parents' Association to put structures in place such as the school's finances, to catering for the teaching and learning needs of our students. A separate notice has been sent home to families with this newsletter, explaining some of the changes that will take place next year.

Our grade 3 and 4 students departed today for their camp at Grampians Retreat near Dunkeld, joined by students from Penshurst Primary School. I am sure our students will have a wonderful experience and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return on Friday.

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Transition programs are an important element of any school program as we work towards preparing students for the next stage of their schooling. It has been great to start at Macarthur and see that there are already very strong programs in place, such as the recent transition days for our new Prep students. Students in the senior grades have important days in their transition process taking place at present, with some grade 6 students attending Hawkesdale P-12 on Monday and Tuesday of this week as they prepare for life after primary school. This will continue with more days scheduled on December 9^h and 10th for children attending year 7 at Hawkesdale next year. The state-wide transition day will take place on Tuesday December 10th - all grade 6 children will attend their secondary school for next year, we will be joined by our Prep students for next year, and all other children will move up a grade level on this day.

Have a great week!

Ben Kelson

UNIFORM COMMITTEE – CALLING FOR RECRUITS

Leonie Margrie will be stepping down from the Committee next year as Sam will be moving on to Secondary School. I would like to spend more time concentrating on Fundraising efforts.

We are calling for recruits to form the Uniform Committee for 2014. If you are not currently volunteering for the school this would be a great way to become involved in the school community.

The committee could be made up of two, three or four persons. We would love to see a Prep/1/2 parent involved.

Please give me a call if you would like to discuss the opportunity further.

Lei Kelly

0418 810 398

junior school council
casual dress day
friday december 6th
gold coin donation

Special Birthday wishes to

Brae Todd
(26th November)-



UKULELES

I have been in contact with the ukulele firm I will be ordering from. They said we should be able to get a discount and the ukuleles will be delivered by the end of term. If you wish to place an order please put your details on the form on my desk by Friday 29 November.

Christine Unger

MPA Newsletter Term 4 2013

MPA Newsletter

The Lions Club Dinner was again this year a great fundraiser for our school. The night was a success and the Club were very happy with their meals.

We raised an amount of \$2,178.00 for our efforts. This is our single biggest fundraising event of the year.

Many thanks to the numerous parents who made donations.

Thank You to those parents that helped on the day.

A special thank you to the Wortley Family for their generous donation of both time and goods.

This year the MPA has raised funds through, running the Canteen at Pedrina Park, School Discos, Catering for the Warrnambool Walkers Club, Election Day Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle, Mac Pub Raffles and Catering for the Lions Club Annual Dinner.

These events have enabled us to raise an amount of \$5,963.00 for the year.

The MPA would like to thank all parents who have donated either their time or goods for our school.



These extra funds now mean that an air conditioner can be purchased for the 2/3 classroom for the comfort of our students, along with subsidising the costs of each child for the swimming program, buying sports ribbons and providing finances to support excursion travel throughout the year.

The next MPA meeting will be our end of year breakup. As such we will forgo a formal meeting and have Afternoon Tea at the B & B on the 13th December, 2013 at 1.30pm. It would be great to see you all there.

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Holidays.



Lei Kelly, Nikki Belleville and Tamara Hardy

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

	\$
Big Pie	3.70
Party Pies	1.10
Sausage Rolls	2.00
Lasagne Pasta Blasta	3.20
Pizza	
Ham/Pine Pizza	1.60
Dim Sims ea	0.80
Chicken Breast	1.50
Chicken Dinosnack each	0.70
Fish Bites each	0.70
Yoghurt	
Strawberry	1.70
Raspberry	1.70
Drinks	
Strawberry Milk	1.30
Chocolate Milk	1.30
Apple 250ml	1.10
Orange 250ml	1.10
Tropical 250ml	1.10
Icecreams	
Lemonade Icpoles	1.10
Raspberry Icpoles	1.10
Chocolate Billabong	1.30
Triple Swirl Billabong	1.30

Term4			
25	Monday	Sue Logan	
27	Wednesday	Jenny Nield	
29	Friday	Kathy Ross	
Dec 2	Monday	Tamara Hardy	
4	Wednesday	Sally Gay	
6	Friday	Lei Kelly	
9	Monday	NO CANTEEN	Volunteer required
11	Wednesday	NO CANTEEN	Volunteer required
13	Friday	Leonie Dyson	

dec 16-20 Canteen closed for 2013

To every volunteer, who assisted with canteen duty this year, a huge thankyou. Your help has been invaluable.

Canteen News

From now until the end of the Canteen year (13th December), menu items will start to dwindle as we try to have nil stock-on-hand by the last day.

VEGIES FROM THE GARDEN

Leeks \$1 bag
Broad Beans 50¢ bag



Casual Dress Day
JSC (Junior School Council)
Friday December 6th
Gold coin donation

Hawkesdale & Purnim Districts Tennis Association Incorporated

(A0013379U) 40 Davis Street, Warrnambool, Victoria
P 0438 017 569 F 5562 8817 E hpdt@outlook.com

The results and ladder after **Round 5-**

Broadwater Green 7 sets 49 games def Broadwater White 2 sets 39 games
Minhamite Red 8 sets 49 games def Willatook 1 set 17 games
Illowa/Mailors Flat 7 sets 51 games def Wangoom Hawks 2 sets 22 games
Hawkesdale 9 sets 54 games def Minhamite Yellow 0 sets 4 games
Wangoom Owls 7 sets 43 games to Woolsthorpe 2 sets 30 games

Illowa/Mailors Flat	44
Woolsthorpe	43 (208%)
Wangoom Owls	43 (165%)
Hawkesdale	37
Broadwater Green	36
Minhamite Red	35
Willatook	15
Wangoom Hawks	9
Broadwater White	9
Minhamite Yellow	4

Kate Schultz Secretary

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The MACARTHUR TENNIS CLUB INC.

A0005378V



Tennis practice for Junior players

Monday Afternoons

4:30pm

Macarthur Tennis Courts, Market Square

All students and parents welcome

- non-members and members

For further details contact:

Secretary: Jill Millard - phone: 55761224

Treasurer: Mark Todd - phone: 55761179

Macarthur Tennis Club has been kindly supported by Telstra

Macarthur & District Community
Fundraising event for
Bruce Addinsall & family.
Friday November 29th 6pm
at Macarthur Rec Reserve

BBQ tea available salads & sweets
\$25 family \$8 single
Cricket Club bar open; Raffles; Auction

Proudly supported by Macarthur Cricket Club,
Golf Club, Lions Club

Contact Mike Williams 0418 569 695
Denise Grant 0488 060 052

Corangamite Library @ the Macarthur Primary School

It's a **free** service

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

**Due to Wednesday after-school
activities, students may
exchange/ return items during
the lunch break.**



Julie Timms

Macarthur Swimming Pool AGM

Thursday 28 Nov 7pm

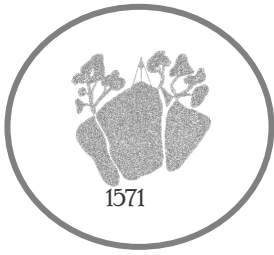
Venue: Pub
Help support our pool
Be early for a parma
Enquiries to Brendan
0429334522

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
- AIS - Artist in School
- SMV - South South Victoria 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25 -Somers Camp	26 -Somers Camp	27 -Somers Camp -Camp 34 - BK-Prin Mtg Warm (am)	28 - Art -Camp 34	29 -Camp 34 -AASP	30
Dec 1	2	3 -AASP	4 -JSC 1pm	5 - MARC	6 - JSC - Casual Dress Day - School Council Dinner	7
8	9	10 - Statewide Orientation Day	11	12 - Art	13	14
15	16	17 -Reports -Volunteers' Morning Tea	18 - School Concert & Presentation - End of school for students	19	20 - End of school year	21
Term 1 2014: Tuesday 28th January (staff start) student free day Wednesday 29th - school starts						





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Wednesday November 27th 2013

SCHOOL STRUCTURES - 2014

Dear Parent/s,

I am writing this letter to inform you of some classing structures that will take place next year. These changes will take place as a result of our anticipated increased enrolment. We currently have 65 students enrolled at Macarthur and are expecting 70 students in 2014.

Staff has spent significant time consulting over what structures we can put in place to get the most out of our teaching and learning programs. If we chose to retain the current class arrangements, the numbers in each class would range between 22 and 26 students. Whilst these numbers are manageable, we feel that we could better optimize our resources available by moving to four classes in 2014. Our plan for classes in 2014 is as follows:

Prep class of 11 students - taught by Miss Thomson (full-time)

Grade 1/2 class of 24 students - taught by Mrs Unger (full-time)

Grade 3/4 class of 21 students - taught by Mr Hilliard (full-time)

Grade 5/6 class of 14 students - taught by Miss Mulder (0.9 - 9 days per fortnight) and myself on the other day.

Whilst we have made these plans for next year, we also recognise that there has been a tremendous strength in the way Miss Thomson and Mrs Unger have worked together to team teach in the lower grades. We are also planning for this to continue as much as possible in 2014, but also for these classes to work separately at times to allow our new Prep students to work independently when required. This will allow our new cohort of students to make an even smoother transition into school life at Macarthur.

At present we need to make provisions for a new classroom within our school environment. I am currently working through the process with School Council to utilise the funds we have available to make modifications to divide the library. The southern end of this building will become the home for our new Prep students. Mrs Unger, Mr Hilliard and Miss Mulder will remain in their current classrooms.

As a staff we are very excited about these changes and are confident that the model explained will provide the best learning environment and outcomes for our students. We will continue to deliver a MARC and Art program, along with continuing other valuable programs including Specialist Subjects (Music, Physical Education and Languages) along with our current Environmental Students (garden, cooking and science) along with regular classroom subject areas.

One final area we have planned to make a change is with the provision of teaching a Language at our school. The Department of Education (DEECD) has a goal that by 2015 all Prep children will be learning a language, with this spread to all students in years Prep to 10 by 2025. Whilst we have been teaching French in recent years due to the skills of staff in the school at the time, we feel that in the long-term we will be better placed to change this language to Indonesian, something that has been taught at our school in the past. This will also better align our curriculum with one of the priorities of the Australian Curriculum, Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia. Some staff members have knowledge and skills in teaching Indonesian, and at a local level there is more potential in the future to recruit staff members (possible even native speakers) in the area of Indonesian than there would be in French.

As we plan ahead to 2014 with excitement, there is still much to work towards and achieve this year. We look forward to working with each family of the Macarthur Primary School community to achieve the best possible outcomes for each and every one of our students.

Regards



Ben Kelson
Principal