



# Macarthur Primary School

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Principal:

Ben Kelson

School Council President:

Richie Belleville

## Office Hours 2014

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

### 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

## Special Birthday wishes to

*February*

Harry McDonald (2nd)  
Latisha Gay (3rd)



## Newsletter Date February 5

## Issue 02 2014

### From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to the students and staff on a great start to the new school year. It has been very pleasing how well the students have settled back in to school life. Our Preps have made a terrific start as they have adjusted to the different demands and expectations of being a school student. This period of transition will continue over the coming weeks for all students, with a variety of different programs and structures in place with our swimming activities followed by athletics. Art classes begin this Thursday with Mrs McNaughton and MARC classes begin next week with Mrs Beavis – both of these classes this year will take place in the multi-purpose room.

As mentioned, our Prep students have made a terrific start and during February will enjoy a well-earned rest on a Wednesday as a part of the transition process. Miss Thomson however will still be busy with assessment meetings scheduled, with Prep students coming in for one hour sessions on these days to assist us in completing Department testing requirements.

Communication between parents and staff is extremely important when trying to achieve the highest possible outcomes for our students. We encourage you to please contact the school to arrange an appointment when you need to see a staff member or myself. This year we aim to add to this communication by staging a Parent Information Evening here at school on Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm. During term 1 classroom teachers will send home information relating to the educational learning goals that will be set for each child. In the last week of term we will be staging Parent/Teacher Interviews to discuss the results of assessments that have taken place, the progress being made by your child and the future directions required during term 2. Student reports for semester 1 will be sent home in the second last week of term 2 (and also term 4) to allow parents and staff time to arrange a meeting in the last week of term if required. Three-way Conferences

between staff, parents and students will also be held in the first half of term 3 to set in place structures for the remaining part of the school year.

We have been informed that cases of head lice have been detected in the school since returning from the Christmas holiday break. We ask all parents to please be vigilant and regularly check your child and treat if required. Mrs Luke will be performing a check of all students across the school next week and parents shall be notified if further action and treatment is required.

We are very pleased that we are able to offer students various leadership positions across the school each year in an effort to help them grow and develop their leadership skills through becoming active members in both our own school and also in the wider community. This year our student leaders are: Brae Todd (School Captain), Jessica Tippet-Nield and Addison Gay (School Vice-captains), our Junior School Council will be led by Hamish Wortley (President), Jessica-Tippet-Nield (Vice-president), Addison Gay (Treasurer) and Claire Logan (Secretary). Our Houses will be led by Addison Gay and Molly Hardy (Captains) and Zebb Nield and Matilda Fitzgerald (Vice-captains) for Napier (Purple) House whilst Eccles (Yellow) House will be led by Mac Petersen and Claire Logan (Captains) with Hamish Wortley and Brae Todd (Vice-captains). The School Reporters for this year are Latisha Gay and Paris Dyson and the Bus Captains are Cody Ross and Claire Logan (Jenny's Bus) and Hamish Wortley and Latisha Gay (Brad's Bus). Caleb Morgan has been given the role of Grounds Manager. Our Junior School Councillors will be announced in the coming weeks. I look forward to working with each of these students in their leadership roles throughout the year.

Each Friday afternoon, starting at 2:50pm, we hold an assembly for all students which is led by our school captains. Parents are more than welcome to attend these assemblies and share in on some of the great achievements being made by our students.

Swimming has started this week with our students working very well with instructors from Jayson Lamb's Splash Factory. Earlier today students in grades 3-6 also participated in trials ahead of the District and Zone Swimming Sports in a few weeks' time. Our school swimming sports will take place on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a BBQ lunch at 12:00pm with our sports scheduled to start at 12:30pm. Further information will be sent home prior to the event.

Following our swimming program we will move into athletics practice ahead of our school and the district events later this term. Starting from Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> (no Preps for the first week) we will be having training sessions for all students in the school, from 2:00 – 3:00pm. These sessions will run through until Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> and will require the assistance of many parents so if you are able to help, please contact myself.

Finally I would like to remind all families of our bell times for this year. We request that students are dropped off at 8:45am (no earlier please) to then go into classrooms and complete daily reading for 10 minutes. Children then play outside before the music starts at 9:05am, prior to the bell being rung at 9:07am to commence our assembly. Children will then be in class at approximately 9:10am to commence lessons. Recess runs from 10:40 until 11:00am and lunch from 1:00 – 1:10pm (eating in classrooms) before spending time outside from 1:10 – 1:50pm. Our day then concludes at 3:20pm

Our staffing for this year will be made up of the following people. I look forward to working with each and seeing the various contributions they will make to our school.

Staffing:

Rachell Thomson	- Prep
Christine Unger	-Grade 1/2
Darren Hilliard	-Grade 3/4
Jacinta Mulder	-Grade 5/6 (Ben Kelson every second Friday)
Jullie Timms	- Classroom Support/Corangamite Library (Wednesdays)
Liz Beavis	-MARC Van on alternating Thursdays
Anne McNaughton	-Art classes on alternating Thursdays
Sylvia Luke	-Business Manager (Monday to Wednesday)
Ben Kelson	-Principal and classroom support teaching roles
Liz Wythe	-Cleaner
Ange Jones	-Grounds Maintenance/After School Sport Coach
Jodie Nicholls	-After School Sport Coordinator
Rachael Dettling	-After School Sport Coach

We are still working on arranging some final details on some staffing arrangements and these will be made known to you in the coming weeks.

Have a great week!

*Ben Kelson*

Congratulations to

**Hazel Lehman**  
following her marriage to  
Dean Forrest on  
28th December 2013.



**What can parents and carers do to help their child's asthma at school?**

Ensure that your child has their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school

Ensure that you have provided your child's school/preschool with an **updated Asthma Action Plan**

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly

Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms

Ensure that your child's asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child's school/preschool)

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on

1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

**Education Maintenance Allowance 2014**

The EMA provides financial assistance to families on a low income to help with the cost of essential educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

EMA is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink/Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

In 2014, the EMA amount is \$200 for parents of eligible Prep students, \$150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students.

Critical Dates: Semester 1

28 February 2014—closing date for parents to lodge EMA application forms

7 March 2014—closing date for schools to enter EMA applications

Mid-March 2014—direct deposit payments (to either school or parent) will be made

Late March 2014—EMA cheques expected to arrive at schools.

If you hold a Concession card please contact the office for an EMA application form.

	Prep	Years 1 - 6
<b>Semester Instalment One</b>	\$140	\$105
<b>Semester Instalment Two</b>	\$60	\$45
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$150</b>

**Macarthur Tennis Club**

Monday tennis will resume on Monday, 10th of February at 4 30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all after the break.

There is also coaching available by an accredited coach depending on numbers. If you have children interested please contact Ange Jones 55761146 or Jill Millard, 55761224 or Mark Todd, 55761179

**Parent Contributions 2014**

At the December 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  
Children who do not hold a pool season pass will be required to pay an additional \$10.00 (\$1.25 per session) to pay for pool entry costs.
- Visiting Performances - \$40.00
- Student Requisites (stationery etc.) - \$40.00
- Garden Contribution - \$10.00
- Excursions Contribution - \$10.00

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.

**Student Banking**

(Commonwealth Bank)

Operates **Tuesdays** - Drop your deposit book into the box in the office

**New bankers**— applications available via

1. **Online** by logging into netbank.com.au (existing CB customers only)
2. **In branch** by visiting any CB branch
3. **Over the phone** by calling 132221 ;  
or
4. **Application form** (paper-based) in the kit or available from school office.

Contact Sylvia if you have any queries.

**Art News:**

Art classes resume on **Thursday 6th February.**

**All children need to return their clean art smocks.**

They can place them in their class art tubs in the art room before then if they wish.

For new parents/students to our school, an old shirt would be fine.

Just as long as it is not too large for young children.

Some of our paints and glues are most unforgiving, so it's important that each child has their own art smock.

Thankyou

Anne McNaughton

**CANTEEN**

Please note that the Canteen will not be operating until after the swimming program.

A roster form is included with this newsletter

Please complete & return.

Canteen will open on Monday 24th February.

**Active After School Program (AASP) – Term 1 2014**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Active After School Community Program is a Government Initiative which is funded by a grant, and provides children with an opportunity to experience all types of sports and keep them active. This sporting program is free of charge and runs for an hour after school on Tuesdays at the School, a healthy snack is also provided. Pick up is at 4.30pm. (If you are unable to collect your own child/ren, you will need to notify either myself or the school.)

**All children need to wear runners and have a drink bottle.**

The Active After School Community Program 2014 (AASCP) will commence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 3.30-4.30pm free of charge. The program will go for 7 weeks until the end of term. The sport for this term is NETBALL with our accredited coaches, this term we are pleased to announce Rachael Dettling will be joining Ange Jones in this role as I move to the co-ordinator role.

Below is an acceptance form for your child/ren to attend. Also there is a bus form to fill out for those children who will NOT be travelling on the bus.

Any queries at all please contact me on 0418 307 784.

Jodie Nicholls  
Co-Ordinator

**Permission form for TERM 1 2014: Tuesday AAS Program-Netball**

My Child/ren.....

Will be attending on a Tuesday Afternoon, the AASP and will be picked up at 4:30p.m.

Health/Dietary Allergies/Needs:.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....

Date:.....

*In the event that you are unable to collect your own children please notify Jodie or the school as to who will be collecting your child/ren.*

**BUS NOTE**

\_\_\_\_\_ will be attending AASP for the whole of Term 1 and will NOT be travelling on the bus.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Canteen for 2014

It is planned to commence the Canteen on Monday 24th February and operate 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A roster of volunteer parents will be organised for the first 2 terms. Please complete the form below and return it to school by Monday 17th February.

Could all families respond. Both Mums & Dads are welcomed.

Volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Card. If you have recently obtained a WWC card could you please present your card to either Ben or Sylvia.

For first-time canteen parents - you will be paired with another parent, who will show you the ropes.

If you can only do one day per term, it will be very much appreciated.

Where there are no volunteers available, the Canteen will not operate.

✂-----✂-----please fill in and return to school -----✂-----✂

## Canteen Roster

Please return to the school by **Monday 17th February**.

I am able to do Canteen

I am unable to do Canteen

I have a WWC Card  Number .....

I can work on

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

Name: ..... Signed: ..... Dated:.....

Phone number: .....

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## Corangamite Library:

Reopens on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and 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 a see her.



## Macarthur Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

**Meeting  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
@ 7.30 pm**

Items for Discussion:  
Election of Executive and Committee  
Future Master Plan  
2014 Campdraft

Community Members are invited to attend.  
Anna Wortley 0427764242

**Forward Notice:**  
**Mon March 10<sup>th</sup> – LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
**Tues March 11<sup>th</sup> – PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**Fri March 14<sup>th</sup> – Macarthur Primary Athletics Sports**  
**Mon March 17<sup>th</sup> – Visiting Performance "Ghana"**  
**Fri Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – SGSSA Athletics in Hamilton (back-up day Tues. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Grade 6 GRaSS Camp (Dunkeld)**  
**Fri April 4<sup>th</sup> – last day of term 1 (2:20pm dismissal)**

## Calendar 2014

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 -swimming	4 -swimming	5 - NO preps -SGSSA swim trials Gr3-6	6 - Art -swimming	7 -swimming	8
9	10 -swimming	11 -swimming  -AASP	12- NO preps -BK-NWM	13 - MARC -swimming -CU/RT - BigWritePD	14 -swimming -MPA meeting	15
16	17 - Mac PS swim sports	18 -AASP -BK-GRaSS Mtg Ham 4pm - Parent Info Evening 7pm	19- NO preps -HockeyClinic -School Council	20- Art -BK-WNPrinMt Warrn	21 -SGSSA swimming	22
23	24	25 -AASP	26- NO preps -Aths Training	27- MARC	28 -Gr6 Leader Congress Warrn	Mar 1
2	3	4 -AASP	5 -Aths Training	6 - Art - South West Div Swim Championship in Hamilton	7	8

