



# Macarthur Primary School

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## 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 2: 22 April to 27 June

Term 3: 14 July to 19

September

Term 4: 6 October to 19

December

Special Birthday  
wishes to

Chelsea Fitzpatrick  
(17th)



## Newsletter Date May 14th

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### From the Principal's Desk

#### NAPLAN Assessments

This week students in grades 3 and 5 are participating in the annual NAPLAN assessments, held annually at this time of year right around Australia. Yesterday students sat tests for Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) along with Writing, today the focus was on Reading and tomorrow will be Numeracy. The data gathered from these assessments, and made available to schools and families in September, is used to gauge school and student progress in helping us identify future areas for improvement.

Congratulations so far to the students in the way they have applied themselves during this period of testing.

#### Walk Safely to School Day/ Healthy Breakfast

Next Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will once again participate in the 'Walk Safely to School Day'. With many of our students living outside of the town boundary, students will be asked to arrive at school via their normal mode of transport. We will then provide a healthy breakfast for all students, before heading off together for a walk around the town. We will require the help of some parents to prepare breakfast for students in the morning - if you are able to assist please indicate on the return notice which has been sent home with students today.

#### Education Week

This annual event will take place next week, from May 18-24. This year we are asking and hoping that all parents could make it into school on at least one morning for the week and be a part of the short session before our daily assembly, assisting students with reading or whatever other activity is taking place. Children may also use this time to share with their parents some of the work they have been completing. Where possible, it would be great to have every child in the school have a parent come in and share on some of their learning that has been taking place.

#### Cross Country

Last Friday 11 of our students participated in the Southern Grampians Schools' Cross Country running event, held at Tarrington Lutheran School. Our students did extremely well at this event, narrowly missing out on retaining the champion school shield award, by 0.03 of a point!

Results on the day were: Mikaylah Sharrock - 1<sup>st</sup> (9 year girls), Mac Petersen - 1<sup>st</sup> (11 year boys), Zebb Nield - 2<sup>nd</sup> (11 year boys), Johanna Jones - 2<sup>nd</sup> (10 year girls), Addison Gay - 3<sup>rd</sup> (12 year boys), Claire Logan - 4<sup>th</sup> (12 year girls), Hamish Wortley - 6<sup>th</sup> (12 year boys), Jack Jones - 5<sup>th</sup> (9 year boys), Thomas Logan - 6<sup>th</sup> (10 year boys), Latisha Gay - 8<sup>th</sup> (10 year girls)

and Isabella Morgan - did not finish (10 year girls). Children in the 10, 11 and 12 year age groups who finished in the top eight have now qualified for the Regional Championships, to be held in Warrnambool on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.  
 Congratulations to each of these students on their fantastic achievements.

### School Photos

School Photos will be taken next Wednesday, May 21, once again by Frank Monger Photography. Information packs regarding the options available to families have been sent home today. Students to wear their winter uniform.

### Grade P-2 Excursion

As a part of their studies in class students in grades Prep, 1 and 2 will be going on an excursion on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May to the Tyrendarra Indigenous Protected Area, to see examples and remains of how Koorie people lived there, surviving off the land. Tours will be provided by Budj Bim Rangers from the Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation. This is a wonderful facility and will be a great excursion that will link in well with the work done in class as students study aspects of Australian history.  
 Further information will be sent home soon for students involved.

### School Disco

This Friday night the MPA will be running a school disco for all primary school aged children in and around Macarthur. This supervised event will be held at the Macarthur Recreation Reserve, starting at 5:30pm and finishing at 8:00pm. The theme for the evening is 'colour me red', encouraging students to come along dressed in red clothing.  
 For more information see the flyer included further in this newsletter.

Have a great week!



Welcome to Term 2  
 We are looking forward to catching up with everyone on Friday, so please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

#### Dates to Remember

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2014**  
 School Disco

Lei, Nikki & Vicki

### Kindling Bundles for sale – \$5

Junior School Council are selling bundles of kindling which are available from the grade 5/6 classroom. Proceeds will go towards Peters Project.



MPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO THE  
 MACARTHUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL  
 DISCO

theme 'colour me red'

FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014

MACARTHUR REC RESERVE

FROM 5.30PM - 8.00PM

ENTRY \$2.00

SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE  
 SAUSAGES & HAMBURGERS FOR DINNER



ALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN -WELCOME  
 A FUNDRAISING EVENT BY THE MACARTHUR PS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Canteen Prices	\$
Big Pie	3.70
Party Pies	1.10
Sausage Rolls	2.00
Spaghetti Pasta Blasta	3.20
Ham/Pine Pizza	1.60
Dim Sims ea	0.80
Chicken Breast	1.50
Chicken Dinossnack ea	0.70
Fish Bites ea	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 Icyoles	1.10
Raspberry Icyoles	1.10
Chocolate Billabong	1.30
Triple Swirl Billabong	1.30

**Lunch orders—**

Orders should be written on a clean lunch bag (name, grade, the order and the \$ amount enclosed), with the money wrapped and put inside the bag.

**UNIFORM**

The colder days are here. There are stocks of **winter uniform** available—green polo shirts (\$15), blue trousers (\$24), and rugby windcheaters (\$38). There are also 3 size 4-6 Silver Fleece woollen jumpers (\$70) for purchase

**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM TWO**

Term 2			
12	Monday	Tamara Hardy	
14	Wednesday	Rachael Dettling	
16	Friday	Victoria Jackson	
19	Monday	Sue Logan	
21	Wednesday	Jenny Nield	
23	Friday	Sara Morgan	
26	Monday	Kathy Ross	
28	Wednesday	Julie Rissman	
30	Friday	Lei Kelly	
Jun 2	Monday	Mel McDonald	
4	Wednesday	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	
6	Friday	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	
9	Monday	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	
11	Wednesday	Maryanne Fitzgerald	
13	Friday	Sara Morgan	
16	Monday	Sue Logan	
18	Wednesday	Victoria Jackson	
20	Friday	Rachael Dettling	
23	Monday	Mel McDonald	
25	Wednesday	Julie Rissman	
27	Friday	<b>EOT BBQ</b>	<b>NO CANTEEN</b>

**Car Park**

As our school numbers have increased we have more cars arriving at the end of the day and our car park has become congested.

There are some safety issues for students that are apparent and we need to address this as a school.

In June 2011 rules were adopted for car park use. It's now been 3 years and new parents & children may not be fully aware of these rules -

- Children will wait in the amphitheatre for parents who are picking up children from the car park
- Parents are to pick up children from the amphitheatre and walk them into the car park.
- Please load children into car promptly and vacate spaces in the car park as soon as possible to make room for others.
- Parents are asked to use the amphitheatre as a space for congregating and conversing with others, NOT the CAR PARK. The amphitheatre is a safe place for people to meet and toddlers are contained and safe while parents talk.
- Parents can continue to pick up outside the school but please park on the school side of the road, not across the road. Students should leave and enter the school by the front gate not through the car park

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**Corangamite Library:**

Operates each Wednesday afternoon 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.



**for sale**

size 11 football boots  
excellent condition  
contact  
Catherine Cameron  
0427 761291

**Fruit from the Garden**  
5 apples for \$1  
**Crisp, large & juicy**



**Pumpkin and persian feta pasta**

Grate pumpkin and saute with a clove of crushed garlic and a little oil from the feta. Add chicken stock or water to cover. Simmer for 5-10 minutes until thickened into a smooth sauce. Stir through cooked pasta and Persian feta till creamy.

**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  
DP - Davina Pearson  
JT Jullie Timms  
SL Sylvia Luke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11	12 -PD-BK Melb	13 - Naplan -Kitch/GardP56 -SL-PD Horsh -PD-BK Melb - AASP	14 - Naplan -JSC 1pm	15 - Art - Naplan - BK-NWM W'bl	16 -School Disco -Auskick	17
18 Educ Week	19	20 -Kitchn/Gard 3/4  -BK-SchoolBus Info Forum	21 - School Photos  -School Council	22 - MARC	23 -Healthy Breakfast Walk to School  -Auskick	24
25	26	27 -Kitchn/Gard 3/4 -BudjBim P-2 trip - AASP	28 -JSC 1pm -Performance	29 - Art	30  -Auskick	31
Jun 1	2 -PD-BK-W'bool	3 -Kitchn/Gard 3/4  -PD-BK-W'bool -AASP	4	5 - MARC	6 Pupil Free Day- Report Writing  - NO Auskick	7
8	9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10 -Kitchn/Gard 1/2  -AASP	11 -JSC 1pm	12 - Art -BK-SWV Prin Forum Warm	13  -Auskick	14

