



# Macarthur Primary School



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Principal:

Ben Kelson

School Council President:

Richie Belleville

## Office Hours 2014

Monday - Thursday

8:45am - 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 4: 6 October to 19 December

### 2015

Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March \*  
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June  
Term 3: 13 July to 18 Sept  
Term 4: 5 October to 18 Dec

## Banking details:

Bank - NAB

BSB: 083 663

Account name:

Macarthur Primary School

Acc No: 621328156

Details - your name.

Special Birthday wishes to  
December  
Dale Todd (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 presentation evening and the community BBQ, which will be a terrific celebration to conclude what has been a very positive learning experience for our students.

### Presentation Evening

A final reminder that this will take place tonight, commencing with a community BBQ at 6pm, followed by the formal part of the presentation evening at 7:30pm. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the successes of the year just gone and then looking ahead to 2015 and announcing our leaders for the coming year.

The school will be providing sausages and hamburgers, bread, sauce and cordial. Families are asked to bring along plates, cutlery, a salad or dessert to share along with chairs. We look forward to seeing you all here tonight.

### Grade 6 Students

I would like to congratulate all of our grade 6 students for not only the work completed and their efforts for this year, but right throughout their time spent at Macarthur Primary. They have all grown as leaders this year and have made significant contributions to not only the school but the community in general. I hope they continue with these efforts right through their secondary schooling and beyond. All the best and we hope to see you back visiting our school sometime into the future.

### Departing Families

Some families will be leaving us at the end of the year and we wish

you all well and thank you for the various contributions you have made to our school community.

### **Holiday Gardening**

We received a terrific response from families offering to assist with the care and maintenance of our vegetable gardens over the summer holiday break. A roster was sent home yesterday to families who have offered their time. Thank you for your support with this task.

### **Parent/Teacher Transition Meetings**

A schedule was also sent home yesterday for families with meeting times to be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January. There are still places available, if you would like to arrange a meeting please contact the school on Thursday or Friday of this week.

### **End of Year Celebrations**

Our 'Christmas Pool Party' on Monday at the Macarthur Pool was very popular with the students and was a great whole-school activity to celebrate what has been a busy and productive year of education. The final part of the festivities for classrooms took place today with the class parties and sharing of Kris Kringle gifts - all a terrific celebration for the hard work put in by our students throughout the year.

### **Term 1 2015 Term Dates**

Further in this newsletter I have included some key dates for the beginning of next year for you to mark on your calendars. We hope you find this information useful, which we will update again for you early in the new year.

### **Staffing**

At the end of this school year we sadly say goodbye to Miss Pearson and Mrs Unger. I would like to thank them both for the many contributions they have made towards educating our students and wish them both well into the future. As previously notified, we will be welcoming Mr Daniel Smith for term 1, who will be teaching our grade 1/2 students. Mr Smith spent time with us yesterday getting to know the students a little better and will work with staff tomorrow as we put final preparations in place for 2015.

To the staff, students, parents and community members, thank you all for the various contributions given throughout the year, in helping to provide a high level of quality education for each and every student at Macarthur Primary. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to the start of the next school year in 2015.



### **School Uniform Orders**

To those parents who have ordered uniforms. They are available for pickup now.

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## Calendar 2014

- PD - Professional Development
- Conf - Conference
- PM - Principal Meeting
- WNM - Warrn Network Meeting
- JSC - Junior School Council
- AASP - Active After School Prog
- KGS - Kitchen Garden Science
- SC - School Council

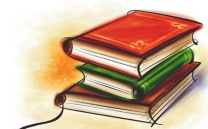
- BK Ben Kelson
- JM Jacinta Mulder
- DH Darren Hilliard
- CU Christine Unger
- RT Rachell Thomson
- AM Anne McNaughton
- DP Davina Pearson
- JT Jullie Timms
- SL Sylvia Luke





### TERM 1 KEY DATES

- Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> – Office Staff resumes (office open from 9am – 3:45pm)
- Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup> – Teaching Staff Resume
- Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Transition Meetings
- Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> - all students resume
- Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday February 13<sup>th</sup> (except Wednesdays) – swimming
- Wednesdays in February – Prep students do not attend
- Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> – Macarthur Primary Swimming Sports
- Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> – SGSSA Swimming at Peshurst
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Grade 6 Leaders Congress in Warrnambool
- Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> – South West Division Swimming Champs. In Portland
- Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> – LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> – Macarthur Primary Athletics Sports
- Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> – Region Swimming in Ballarat
- Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> – SGSSA Athletics in Hamilton
- Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> – Division Athletics in Warrnambool
- Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> – last day of term 1 (2:20pm dismissal)

The Macarthur (Corangamite) Library will be closed for the school holidays commencing 5pm on Monday 15/12/14 and re-opening on Monday 02/02/15 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 Christmas. Jullie Timms



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17 - last day for students -Presentation Evening 6pm @ School	18	19 - Last school day 2014	20
 <p>Holidays - 20th December - 27th January 2015 Student Free Day Wednesday 28th January 2015 Student Free Day Thursday 29th January 2015 (TBC) <b>Students first day Friday 30th January 2015</b></p> 						
Feb 1	2 - swim prog	3 - swim prog	4 - no preps	5 - swim prog	6 - swim prog	7
8	9 - swim prog	10 - swim prog	11 - no preps	12 - swim prog	13 - swim prog	14