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Macarthur Primary School

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From the Principal's Desk

Office Hours 2015

Monday - Thursday
8:45am - 9:00am
9:30am - 3:45pm

For appointments please
ring 03 55761245

School Day:

Start of day: 8:45am
Classes begin: 9:00am
Recess:
11:00—11:30 am
Lunch: 1:00 - 2:00pm
End of Day: 3:30pm

Term Dates

2015
Term 4: 5 Oct - 18 Dec

2016
Term 1: 27 January (school
teachers start) with student
free day Thurs 28th,
students start Fri 29 Jan
to 24 March
Easter Fri 25 Mar - 28 Mar
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 Sept
Term 4: 3 Oct to 20 Dec

Banking details:

Bank - NAB
BSB: 083 663
Account name:
Macarthur Primary School
Acc No: 621328156
Ref Details - your name.

State-wide Transition Day

Yesterday was the State-wide Transition Day for students and we formally welcomed our 2016 Prep students, who spent the entire day with us.

Our Prep intake next year will be the largest group we have had for many years, with 16 students enrolled in this class. These children were all very excited to be at school and we were very pleased with how well their 'first day' went.

All other children spent the day in their class for next year, with our grade 6 students spending the day at their secondary school of choice for the following year.

This completes our transition program for this year and we look forward to the year ahead.

School Concert

Our School Concert will take place next Wednesday evening, December 16th at the Macarthur Hall and will start promptly at 7:00pm.

Students have been busy practising for their various performances on the night and this will continue right up until next week. We will head over to the hall in the morning next Wednesday for a rehearsal involving all students and a permission form has been sent home today with all students.

We look forward to celebrating what has been another successful year for our students, acknowledging the success of our graduating grade 6 students and announcing our new student leaders for the 2016 year at our concert next week.

Student Reports

Semester 2 reports are all but complete and these will be distributed to families this Friday. Staff have put a great deal of time and effort into writing reports that accurately depict the achievements made by each child along with outlining areas for future improvement.

If you have any queries regarding the report for your child I encourage you to schedule an interview with the classroom teacher of your child in the following week to discuss the contents of this report.

2016 Parent Payments

Information was sent home last week regarding Parent Payments for 2016. These vary in cost, depending on the grade level of your child. Payments are not required until next year, when you will be invoiced, and payment plans can be arranged through contacting either Sylvia or myself. Information was also included regarding purchasing student requisites (stationary). If you plan to purchase your own items I request that you contact me no later than this Friday please.

Swimming Program

During the first two full weeks, commencing on Monday 1st February, all children will be participating in our annual swimming program. Notices were sent home and we ask that all forms are returned by this Friday, 11th of December, please.

Start of 2016 School Year

As advised last week, school for all students will commence on Friday 29th January. Thursday 28th January has

been set aside for Parent/Teacher Transition Meetings - we would really like to meet with all parents on this day and you are encouraged to bring your child along and be a part of this discussion, as we work towards setting strong foundations early in the year to best guide the learning needs of your child.

I ask that you please return interview request forms by this Friday. Staff will formally commence at school on Wednesday 27th January with the office open from 9am on this day should you require to make contact with us. Alternatively, if you need to make contact prior to this day, feel free to either email the school or call and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

End of School Year

The last day of formal classes for students will take place on Wednesday 16th December, with our School Concert being held that evening. The last official day of the school year is Friday 18th December and on the Thursday and Friday of that week staff will be cleaning up classrooms, finalising administration procedures and meeting to prepare for the following year.

If you plan to send your child/ren along to school on these final two days, we request that you please advise the office so we can put alternative staffing in place to cater for the supervision of students on these days.

MARC and Art

These classes have finished for the year and if you have any outstanding MARC books at home we ask that you please send them in to the school as soon as possible please.

Physical Education

Mr Smith will be working an additional day tomorrow and will be taking all classes for a session of physical education. All children are required to bring along their sports clothes tomorrow please.

Holiday Gardening

We need your help! Our vegetable garden will require some assistance with watering and maintenance over the summer holiday break. If you are able to assist, please mark in your preferred day/s that you would be available. Duties will include watering, weeding and collecting any produce that may be ready.

If you are able to assist then please fill out the form on page 3 and return by this Friday, 11th December. A roster will then be sent home during the last week of term.

Canteen

A huge thankyou to all our Canteen volunteers.

Your support has been very much appreciated and it's acknowledged that without your regular assistance the Canteen would not operate.

Clearing Stock for sale

Icy Poles
Raspberry (15) @ \$1.00 ea
Lemonade (15) @ \$1.00 ea
Fandangles Caramel (10) @ \$1.10 ea
Fish Pieces (2 bags) @ \$14.00 ea
Lasagne (4) @ \$3.00 ea
Spag Bol (13) @ \$3.00 ea
Breggie Bakes (13) @ \$3.00
SweetSourChick w Fried Rice (16) \$2.00
Dinosnacks (10) @ .50¢

Cash only please.



The Macarthur (Corangamite) Library at Macarthur Primary School

Monday 1- 5pm

Corangamite Library will be closed for the school holidays commencing 5pm on Monday 14/12/15 and re-opening on Monday 01/02/16 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

Uniform

All uniform orders are available for pick-up. Please see Sylvia at the Office.



Special Birthday wishes to
Dec
Dale Todd
(18th)

Tara's Music School is currently taking enrolments for next year.

If you are interested in either piano or guitar lessons for your child/ren during school time with Hazel and would like an application form or more information, you can contact the music school on 55723409 or Hazel directly on 0427 044 759.

LOST PROPERTY. Both uniform & personal items & lunch boxes.

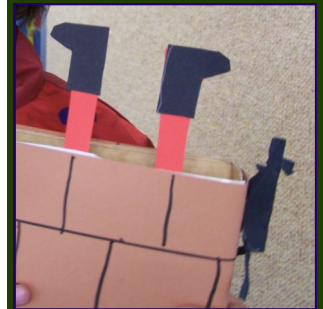


ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

It was our final art lessons for the year last Thursday and we concluded with our Christmas theme. Gr. 1/2 constructed ' Santas in Chimneys'. Congratulations to Nicholas Baulch for his original work, especially his 3-D reindeer which he worked on entirely by himself. The final two awards went to sisters Kaitlin & Sophie Parfrey for the santa table pieces. Both girls worked independently, showed creative ideas and took considerable care with their art work. All students in Gr. 3/4 made fabulous santas and put in considerable thought to their work. Well done.

Merry Christmas to students and their families.

Anne Mcnaughton



HOLIDAY GARDENING

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

| Sun. Dec. 20 th | Tues. Dec. 22 nd | Thurs. Dec. 24 th | Sat. Dec. 26 th | Mon. Dec. 28 th |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | Boxing Day | |
| Wed. Dec. 30 th | Fri. Jan. 1 st | Sun. Jan. 3 rd | Tues. Jan. 5 th | Thurs. Jan. 7 th |
| | New Years Day | | | |
| Sat. Jan. 9 th | Mon. Jan. 11 th | Wed. Jan. 13 th | Fri. Jan. 15 th | Sun. Jan. 17 th |
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| Tues. Jan. 19 th | Thurs. Jan. 21 st | Sat. Jan. 23 rd | Mon. Jan. 25 th | Wed. Jan. 27 th |
| | | | | Staff Resume |

Family Name: _____

Thankyou for your assistance with this task.



Hawkesdale & Purnim Dist Tennis Ass Inc
 results and ladder after round 7
 Broadwater White 9-54 d Minhamite Yellow 0-9
 Illowa/Mailors Flat 7-46 d Wangoom 2-22
 Willatook 6-50 d Broadwater Green 3-34
 Minhamite Red 6-49 d Port Fairy 3-27
 Illowa/Mailors Flat 58
 Hawkesdale 54
 Broadwater White 45
 Wangoom 38
 Minhamite Red 36
 Broadwater Green 24
 Willatook 23 (76%)
 Port Fairy 23 (62%)
 Minhamite Yellow 7

Kate Schultz Sec P 0438 017 569
 E hpdta@outlook.com

Macarthur Swimming Pool
AGM Wed 9 Dec 7:30pm

Venue: Hall

Come support our pool to help its survival
 YMCA runs the pool
 We improve the pool
 And need more help!

As a committee we are continually seeking ways to improve our facility. Some examples of what we've done are the purchase of deck chairs and refurbishment of water slide.

We also liaise with the shire and YMCA with maintenance issues and projects such as the garden beds and solar heating.

All queries to Brendan 0429334522

Buy a season ticket by Christmas Eve to be in the draw to win your money back!

We are planning a 'Back to school' pool party early Feb.

Fliers will be posted closer to date.



School Holiday
Swimming Lessons
5 day Intensive 2016

Week 1: Mon Jan 4th - Friday Jan 8th
(Warrnambool and Port Fairy options)
Week 2: Mon Jan 11th to Friday Jan 15th
(Warrnambool only)
Week 3: Mon Jan 18th - Friday Jan 22nd
(Warrnambool and Port Fairy options)
4 years and up-all abilities
\$75/child/5 day program

Bookings:

Warrnambool: 5561 1139
Port Fairy: 5568 1986

Or email info@splashfactory.com.au



Letters to Santa
 All children who post letters to Santa, c/- Macarthur PO before December 17th will receive a personal reply from Santa.

** A return address must be included on back of envelope to ensure a reply.

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---|-----|
| | 8 State-wide Transition Day | 9 -12 KitchGard | 10 - MARC | 11 - 7:00pm SC meeting / dinner - Reports | 12 |
| | 15 | 16 School Concert (Macarthur Hall) | 17 | 18 Last Day Term 4 2015 2:30 dismissal | 19 |

Holidays - 19th December 2015 - 26th January 2016.
 Term 1: 27 January (school teachers start), Thurs 28th Student Free Day, students commence Friday 29th January 2016

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

BK Ben Kelson
 JM Jacinta Mulder
 DH Darren Hilliard
 DS Daniel Smith
 RT Rachell Thomson
 AM Anne McNaughton
 SP Stacey Pemberton
 JT Jullie Timms
 SL Sylvia Luke

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| January 24 | 25 | 26 Australia Day Holiday | 27 Staff Commence | 28 - Student Free Day -Parent Teacher Transition interviews | 29 - | 30 |
| 31 | Feb 1 -Swim Prog | 2 -Swim Prog | 3 - Prep day-off | 4 -Swim Prog | 5 -Swim Prog | 6 |