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# Macarthur Primary School

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## From the Principal's Desk

### Office Hours 2016

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

#### 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.

### Swimming Program

Our swimming program is currently in full swing and our students have been doing a great job working towards improving their skills, under the guidance of our qualified instructors from Jayson Lamb's Splash Factory. The final two sessions of this annual program will take place this Thursday and Friday ahead of our school swimming sports next week.

### School Swimming Sports

Our School Swimming Sports Carnival will take place at the Macarthur Pool next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Children in grades 3-6 will arrive at the pool at 12:00pm and will be provided with a free BBQ lunch (sausages in bread) before starting events at 12:30pm.

Children in grades Foundation (Prep) to 2 will arrive at the pool around 12:30pm, also have a BBQ lunch, with their events to take place later in the program.

Children will need to bring their swimming clothes, towels, hats, sunscreen etc. with all children getting changed down at the pool. Children should also bring along their house coloured (purple or yellow) polo shirt. We look forward to this annual event and hope that many parents will be able to join us and cheer on the students as they compete. The annual students vs parents relay will again take place so if interested, we ask parents to come along prepared to swim and take on the students. If you are able to assist with cooking the BBQ please let me know ASAP.

### Division Swimming

I have just received notice that the Division Swimming Championships, this year being held in Warrnambool, will now take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March (and not 3<sup>rd</sup> March as previously advertised). Following our trials held today, children will know in the coming days if they have swum times fast enough to qualify for this event. For those concerned, I ask you to please mark this change of date in your diaries.

### AFL Football Clinic

We have been given the opportunity this year to take students across to Hawkesdale for an AFL Football Clinic. This will take place next Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, and we will be taking all children in grades 3-6, who will get to practice their skills with players from the Geelong Football Club. Excursion permission forms have been sent home today with students.

### Sporting Schools

We will once again be offering our Sporting Schools Program in 2016, which we plan to commence on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This after-school

sports program will run from 3:30 - 4:30pm under the guidance of qualified coaches and is available to all students in grades Foundation to 6. Included in this newsletter is an enrolment form should you wish to enrol your child in this program and please feel free to contact me should you require any further information. I ask that forms are please returned by next Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Athletics Practice**

Athletics training sessions for all students in grades Foundation to 6 will commence from next Monday afternoon between 2:15 and 3:15pm. We still require the assistance of some parents to assist with these training sessions so if you will be available please fill out the reply slip included in this newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible.

### **School Environment Improvements**

We have already completed the removal of some trees and new basketball/netball towers have been installed. Work has commenced this week on the installation of a new reverse cycle air conditioner in the grade 1/2 classroom, with this to be completed next week. Work this weekend (Saturday) will also take place on rejuvenating our amphitheatre area - if you are able to spare some time please let either myself or Will McDonald know. Future projects this year will include external painting of school buildings along with making repairs to the flooring of the boys' toilets. In total we have budgeted for in excess of \$30,000 to be spent on making these projects possible - thanks to the support and hardworking efforts of our School Council, MPA and parent community. We look forward to seeing the completion of each of these projects.

### **School Council**

The first meeting for School Council will take place next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, commencing at 7:30pm. Our School Council meet on the third Wednesday of every month with this group being very proactive in further developing various aspects of our school. Each year new vacancies become available and information will be published in the coming weeks outlining the nomination process to become a part of this team, should you be interested.

### **MPA**

The Macarthur Parents' Association is another aspect of the school that parents may like to become involved, which I encourage you to do if you have the time available. This group has a strong history of raising significant funds to support the education of all of our students along with making contributions in various other areas of our school. The MPA will meet this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm in the multi-purpose room for the first time this year. It would be great to see some new faces at this meeting to join forces with those already involved to help put forward ideas and make plans for the year ahead.

### **Art Program**

Lessons with Mrs McNaughton will commence tomorrow for all students. If you haven't already done so, please remember to send along an art smock (mum's and dad's old shirts work fine) to help protect your child's uniform whilst they create their wonderful masterpieces!

### **Bicycle Safety**

A number of our students ride their bikes to school, or may have plans to do so in the future. I met with these children earlier today to remind them of our school rules regarding bicycle safety. Children are not to ride their bikes in the school grounds and when arriving or departing school, need to walk their bike either past the car park entrance and exit and well past where the buses are parked when dropping off/collecting students. It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped motor skills, peripheral vision and judgement, and





Registrations now open for Auskick 2016.  
 All registrations and payments online.  
 See attached sheet.  
 All students welcome.  
 Parents very welcome!  
 Term 2 Fridays.  
 3:45pm – 5:00pm  
 April 22 – June 17 (excluding June 10)  
 Cost \$80

**Art Room**

A reminder that art classes resume tomorrow (Thursday 11th) and that all students are expected to provide their own art smock. This can be a bought art smock or an old shirt from home. As long as it is large enough to provide protection from glues and paint. Some students in the middle grades at the end of last year were finding their art smocks were getting too small. These can be passed on to younger siblings. Please check with your child that they have their art smock ready for art this week.



Anne McNaughton

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS - 5th February**

Grade	Name	Reason
Prep	<b>Alphie Buck</b>	<b>Great listening and hard work</b>
1/2	<b>Neng Schimanski</b>	<b>Being very organised</b>
3/4	<b>Indra Purcell</b>	<b>Being very good in class</b>
5/6	<b>Cody Penfold</b>	<b>Made a positive start to the year</b>



**Student Information**



Last week, all parents received a document containing children’s details held at the school. Would you please check these details carefully and return the form to the school, even if there are no changes.  
 Thankyou to those parents who have already returned the form.  
 There are still 34 forms to be sent back.



**MPA news**

Macarthur Primary School Parents Association (MPA) -meeting this Friday at 1pm. in the multi purpose room.  
 These meetings are for all families with children at the school.  
 It would be great to see some new faces, so don't be shy come along and have a cuppa and meet some of our school parents.

*Tamara, Nikki & Vicki*



**CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)**

The Victorian Government has unveiled a new \$148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.  
 The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.  
**Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.** \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.  
 CSEF applications open from term one 2016.  
 Victorian government Year 7 students (in 2016) who are CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for a uniform package. For more information regarding this initiative please see [State Schools' Relief](#).  
**If you hold a Centrelink Concession Card, please apply. An application form is available from the school office. Bring in your Concession Card to be sighted/copied.**  
**Applications will close 29th February 2016.**

**Private Music Tuition** will once again be available for Piano and Guitar on Mondays during school time.  
 If you are interested, or would like more information you can contact Hazel directly on 0427044759 or by ringing Tara's Music School on 55723409.

**ATHLETICS PRACTICE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to help with athletics training at the school on (please tick):

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March

If there is a particular area that you would like to assist with (e.g. running events, high jump, discus etc.) please lit it on the line below.

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**MACARTHUR PRIMARY 'SPORTING SCHOOLS' PROGRAM**

Permission form for TERM 1 2016

I would like for my child/ren:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

To participate in the Macarthur Primary 'Sporting Schools' Program, held after school between 3:30 and 4:30pm, on the following dates:

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

I acknowledge that this activity is outside of regular school hours and I will be required to collect my child/ren from school at 4:30pm. In the event that you are unable to collect your child please contact the school and inform us as to who will be collecting your child.

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian:.....

Date:.....

**BUS NOTE**

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_

Will be attending the Macarthur Primary After School Sport Program on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and **WILL NOT** be travelling on the bus.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:.....

Date:.....

**Hawkesdale & Purnim Dist Tennis Ass Inc**

Hawkesdale 9-54 d Minhamite Yellow 0-10  
 Willatook 5-38 d Port Fairy 4-37  
 Illowa/Mailors Flat 7-48 d Minhamite Red 2-31  
 Wangoom 6-47 d Broadwater White 3-42  
 Hawkesdale 107.5  
 Illowa/Mailors Flat 101.5  
 Wangoom 96.5  
 Broadwater White 87  
 Minhamite Red 65.5  
 Willatook 50.5  
 Broadwater Green 48.5  
 Port Fairy 42.5  
 Minhamite Yellow 16.5  
 Minhamite Yellow 16.5

**Kate Schultz** Sec P 0438 017 569

E [hpdta@outlook.com](mailto:hpdta@outlook.com)

**VOLUNTEER FOR A FREE TICKET TO THE PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL!**

The Macarthur Kindergarten will again be providing a team of volunteers for this year's Port Fairy Folk Festival (March 11th-14th) to undertake a crowd management role. This is the kindergarten's major fundraiser for the year, and a lot of fun to boot! If you enjoy music and would like free entry to the Festival we still have vacancies in our schedule. To qualify for a free ticket volunteers need to work a minimum of two 5 hour shifts.

Please contact **Jane Young** on **0459 149 280** if you are interested in volunteering.

**UNIFORM - 2nd hand uniforms**

Do you have any school windcheaters (in good order) that your child/ren no longer wear. I'm looking for sizes 6, 8, 10 & 12. Woollen jumpers would also be great. Please contact Sylvia at the Office.

**Calendar**

PD - Professional Development  
 Conf - Conference  
 PM - Principal Meeting  
 WNM - Warm 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	Feb 1 -Swim Prog	2 -Swim Prog	3 - Prep day-off	4 - MARC (library) -Swim Prog	5 -Swim Prog	6
7	8 -Swim Prog	9 -Swim Prog	10 - Prep day-off -SGSSA—Swim trials @ MacPool	11 - Art -Swim Prog	12 -Swim Prog	13
14	15	16 - Mac Swimming sports	17- Prep day-off -Gr6 Transition Baimbridge Coll - SchoolCouncil	18- MARC(library) -AFL Footy clinic Gr3-6 Hawkesdale	19	20
21	22	23	24- Prep day-off	25 - Art	26 -Gr 6 Student Leaders Congress Warrn	27
28	29	March 1	2	3—MARC -DivSwims Gr4-6Warrn(10th)	4 - SGSSA Swim Gr3-6 Penshurst	5

# MACARTHUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dates of Events - 2016

*To assist parents with planning we have created a list of expected activities and events for you to include on your calendar at home. Dates shown are indicative only and due to circumstances beyond our control, some of these may change. We will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible should this occur.*



Month	Event	Date/s	Comments/notes
February	School Swimming Program	1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Not on Wednesday
February	SGSSA – Swimming Trials	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm – trials for interested students at Macarthur Pool
February	Macarthur Swimming Sports	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 – 3:00pm at Macarthur Pool. No additional cost
February	Grade 6 Transition Day at Baimbridge College	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Current grade 6 students only
February	AFL Football Clinic	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 3-6 at Hawkesdale
February	Grade 6 Student Leaders Congress	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Held at Deakin University in Warrnambool
March	Division Swimming Championships - Warrnambool	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 4-6 – entries based on qualifying times
March	Southern Grampians Schools' Sports Association (SGSSA) Swimming	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Selected students from grades 3-6 at Peshurst Pool
March	Macarthur Athletics Sports	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All students in Prep to 6 held at school
March	Pink Stumps Day Cricket Match At 12:00pm, BBQ lunch	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Leadership Group Fundraiser (McGrath Foundation)
March	Visiting Performance at 2:00pm	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grades P-6 at school – paid for through parent contributions
March	Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday – no school
March	Responsible Pet Ownership Program	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Students in grades Foundation to 2
March	SGSSA Athletics at Pedrina Park in Hamilton	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> (Back up Mon. 21 <sup>st</sup> )	All students in Prep to 6 – parents transport children to/from event
March	Greater Western Region Swimming in Ballarat	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Qualified students from Division Swimming Championships
March	Grade 6 Grampians Rural and Small Schools (GRaSS) Camp	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Transition camp for grade 6 students at Grampians Retreat, Dunkeld (Cost approx. \$55)
March	LAST DAY – Term 1	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm dismissal
April	FIRST DAY – Term 2	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	
April	Division Athletics in Warrnambool	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Qualified children from SGSSA Athletics

May	School Photos	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents to pay based on photo package selected
May	Warrnambool May Races Public Holiday	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	No students to attend school – public holiday (Moyne Shire)
May	NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 and 5 students only
May	NAPLAN - Reading	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 and 5 students only
May	NAPLAN - Numeracy	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 and 5 students only
May	SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington Lutheran School	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Selected students from grades 3-6 (parents to transport – no cost)
May	Division Cross Country in Warrnambool	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Qualified students from SGSSA Cross Country Event
June	Visiting Performance at 2:00pm	Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Grades P-6 at school – paid for through parent contributions
June	Region Cross Country	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Qualified students
June	Curriculum Day <b>TBC</b>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	REPORT WRITING – pupil free day
June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday – no school
June	LAST DAY – Term 2	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm dismissal
July	FIRST DAY – Term 3	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	
July	Hooptime Basketball	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 3/4 students in Hamilton
July	Hooptime Basketball	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5/6 students in Hamilton
August	Curriculum Day <b>TBC</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Curriculum Planning (coincides with Sheepvention in Hamilton)
August	Grade 5 GRaSS Excursion <b>TBC</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Excursion to BioCats (Science) in Geelong
September	Visiting Performance at 2:00pm	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Grades P-6 at school – paid for through parent contributions
September	LAST DAY – Term 3	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm dismissal
October	FIRST DAY – Term 4	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
October	Grade Prep/1/2 Exc. And 1/2 Sleepover	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Activity – TBC Cost – approx. \$35
October	Grade 3/4 Camp	<b>TBC</b>	Cape Bridgewater (cost approx. \$200 - \$220)
November	Milo T20 Cricket	Date - TBC	In Hamilton for selected students from grades 5/6
November	Aust. Schools Triathlon	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 3-6 (those interested) in Warrnambool
November	Visiting Performance at 2:00pm	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Grades P-6 at school – paid for through parent contributions
November	Grade 5/6 Camp	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sovereign Hill – Ballarat (cost approx.. \$250)

December	Grade 5/6 Camp	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	As above
December	Statewide Transition Day	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> - TBC	Grade 6 to Year 7 New Prep for 2017 Remaining students up a year level
December	School Presentation Evening	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> (TBC)	End of year presentation evening and BBQ
December	LAST DAY – Term 4	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	

#### Additional Programs

Other regular programs will take place throughout the year, with dates and times to be finalised. These include:

Clubs - in the last four weeks of term 3

Transition - various activities take place for current grade 6 and future Prep students, commencing in term 3

**We will inform you of any further activities and events through newsletter and class communications as they become known.**