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Office Hours 2017

Monday - Thursday
8:45am - 10.30am
11:00am - 4:30pm

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

2017

Term 1: 30 January (school
teachers start) to 31 March *

Term 2: 18 Apr (Tues)-30 Jun

Term 3: 17 Jul to 22 Sept

Term 4: 9 Oct to 22 Dec

From the Principal's Desk

Swimming Program

Our swimming program has once again been going extremely well with our students doing a great job working towards improving their skills in the water. We are very fortunate to be able to access high-quality instructors from Jayson Lamb's Splash Factory to help guide our students through this intensive, two-week program, which will conclude this Friday. Well done to our terrific students, keep up the great work!

School Swimming Sports

Our School Swimming Sports Carnival will take place at the Macarthur Pool next Monday, 20th 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 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.

New Students

This week we had two new students join our grade P-2 class, Levi in grade 2 and his sister Chanel in grade 1. We welcome Levi and Chanel, along with their parents Garry and Phoenix, and younger sibling Ty, to the Macarthur community.

Sporting Schools

Our Sporting Schools (After School Sport Program) will commence for this year on Tuesday 21st February. This program is fully funded by the Australian Sports Commission (free-of-charge to families) and takes place after school on a Tuesday evening between 3:30 and 4:30pm. Enrolment forms for term 1 have been included further on this newsletter.

Swimming Trials

A group of interested students were taken to the Macarthur Pool today to compete in trials for the SGSSA and Division swimming championships, coming up over the next few weeks. The SGSSA swimming will be held at Penshurst next Friday, 24th February, and will be starting at the earlier time of 11:00am. Notices will be sent home tomorrow with children who have qualified to compete in the SGSSA Swimming.

School Council

The first meeting of the year for School Council will take place tonight, commencing at 7:30pm, and as previously mentioned, a large focus to start the year will be on the refurbishment upgrades to our school. This will be the last

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meeting for our current Council, with information to be sent home over the next week regarding the election process for School Council. There will be a number of vacancies this year for School Council and I urge you to consider becoming involved.

Athletics Practice

At the completion of our swimming program we will turn our attention to Athletics, ahead of the Southern Grampians Schools' Sports Association (SGSSA) and our own school athletics sports, later this term. Athletics training sessions for all students in grades Prep to 6 will take place this year on a Wednesday afternoon between 2:15 and 3:15pm. Further in this newsletter is a parent reply slip - if you are able to assist with these training sessions your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Due to the short time frame we are aware that there doesn't appear to be many training sessions offered however students will also receive training in Physical Education sessions with myself (commencing on a Monday 27th February), following the conclusion of our swimming programs. Students will also get the opportunity to practice on Friday with classroom teachers as a part of our Sport programs. Through each of these activities, we hope our students are well prepared for both our Schools Athletics Sports on Tuesday 14th March and the SGSSA District Athletics Sports on Friday 24th March.

Grade 4/5 Cape Bridgewater Excursion

Last year whilst on their grade 3/4 camp the students were rather unlucky with the weather and were forced to miss out on some of the planned activities. Whilst disappointed at the time their attitude throughout this camp was outstanding and as such, we promised to make it up to them. As a replacement we have arranged for these students, now in grades 4 and 5, to return to Cape Bridgewater, which will be taking place next Wednesday, 22nd February. The students will get to do the Seals by Sea boat tour and rock pooling, along with a surfing lesson, being run by Go Surf Port Fairy. We are very much looking forward to this excursion and having the students get to do some activities that they originally missed out on. A reminder to parents that all forms need to be returned no later than this Friday please.

Grade 6 Baimbridge Transition Day

Next Wednesday, 22nd February, our grade 6 students will be taking the first step in their transition towards secondary school, being invited to attend Baimbridge College in Hamilton to experience a day in the life of a secondary school student. This will be a terrific opportunity for all students, no matter which school they plan to attend next year, to start getting a feel for life beyond Macarthur Primary.

Have a great week!
Ben Kelson - Principal

ATHLETICS PRACTICE 2017

Name: _____

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

- Wednesday 1st March
- Wednesday 8th March

No training on Wednesday 15th March (School Athletics on Tuesday 14th March)

- Wednesday 22nd March

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

MACARTHUR PRIMARY 'SPORTING SCHOOLS' PROGRAM

Permission form for TERM 1 2017

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 21st, 28th, March 7th, 21st and 28th (not on March 14th - Aths Sports)

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

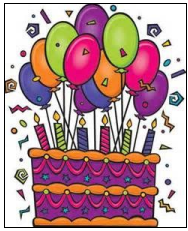
My child/ren _____

Will be attending the Macarthur Primary After School Sport Program on February 21st, 28th, March 7th, 21st and 28th and WILL NOT be travelling on the bus.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:.....

Date:.....

Special Birthday wishes



February
Mr Porter (11th)
Josh (14th)
Hannah (16th)

Port Fairy Folk Festival

VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLKIE, GET A FREE TICKET AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL!

We need 3 more volunteers for crowd control duties at the Port Fairy Folk Festival (long weekend 10th-13th March) For a free ticket you need to do two 5 hour shifts over the long weekend. Duties include helping performers backstage and keeping people out of the isles during busy times. It's really easy and lots of fun! And in return you'll be raising funds for the school! If you can help out please contact Jane Young on 0459 149 280 ASAP.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS February 10th

Grade	Name	Reason
P/1/2	Neng	For wonderful manners
P/1/2	Vinnie	For having a go
3/4	Maddison	For a great start to the new year
5/6	Alexis	For showing good initiative in class
PE	-	-

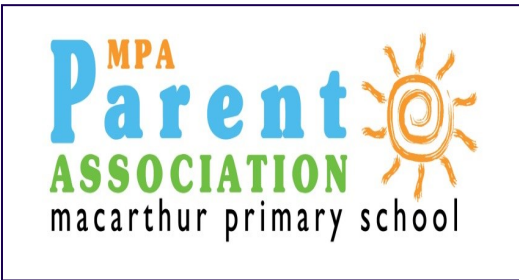


Student Enrolment Information Forms

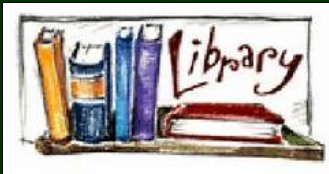
Student Enrolment Information forms for every child have been sent home.

Thankyou to those parents who have returned their child's updated information.

All signed updated forms should be sent back to school as soon as possible.



This year we are trying to make our meetings more inviting to all families, as everyone's input is valuable and very much appreciated. Whilst the fundraising efforts of the MPA in the past have been very important for our school, the group was not designed to just raise money, and we want to promote more involvement by families in the work of the MPA. The MPA was originally developed to give families more opportunities to have input towards helping School Council and staff drive school improvement, and not just fundraising. We would like to get more families to attend our meetings this year to voice their opinions and put forward ideas to help make our school the best it can be.



The Macarthur (Corangamite) Library

Monday from 1pm till 5pm.



The Philippines



Theme: *Am I being unfair to you?*

World Day of Prayer—Friday 3 March 2017
MACARTHUR ANGLICAN CHURCH

This year our guest speaker for WDP at Macarthur will be

Anna Deloso

Anna is a member of our Filipino community, living & working here at Macarthur.

Everyone is invited to attend our morning and listen to Anna speak about the Philippines and her life.

Come and be inspired.

9:30am

Friday 3rd March 2017

followed by morning tea.
Bring a small plate to share.

Calendar

BK Ben Kelson
JM Jacinta Mulder
RT Rachell Thomson
AM Anne McNaughton
EB Erin Bell
CK Caitlin Kavanagh
JT Jullie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke

PD - Professional Development
Conf - Conference
PM - Principal Meeting
WNM - Warm Network Meeting
JSC - Junior School Council
SSP - Sporting Schools Prog
KGS - Kitchen Garden Science
SC - School Council

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13 - Swimming	14 - Swimming	15 NO Preps -Mac Swim Trials - School Council -CorpBowls 6pm	16- Art - Swimming	17 - Swimming	18
19	20 - MPS Swim Sports	21 -Sporting Schools 3:30pm	22 - NO Preps - Gr6 Trans day @ Baimbridge -Gr4/5 Excursion -CorpBowls 6pm	23- MARC	24 - SGSSA Swim at Peshurst	25
26	27 -AFL footy clinic (Geelong) Gr3-6 Hawkesdale	28 -SSP 3:30pm	March 1	2- Art	3 - Gr 6 Leaders Congress Warm	4 Music in the Vines
5	6	7 -visiting perform @ 10am -SSP 3:30pm	8 -Div Swim Championship @ Warrnambool	9 - MARC	10	11 Folk Festival Port Fairy
12 Folk Festival Port Fairy	13 Labour Day Public Holiday	14 - Macarthur PS Aths sports	15	16 - Art	17	18



Dates of Events - 2017

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	Macarthur Swimming Sports	Monday 20 th	12:30 - 3:00pm at Macarthur Pool. No additional cost
February	Grade 6 Transition Day at Baimbridge College	Wednesday 22 nd	Current grade 6 students only
February	Grade 4/5 Cape Bridgewater Excursion	Wednesday 22 nd	Catch-up from 2016 Camp (due to poor weather)
February	Southern Grampians Schools' Sports Association (SGSSA) Swimming	Friday 24 th	Selected students from grades 3 -6 at Penshurst Pool
February	AFL Football Clinic with Geelong F.C.	Monday 27 th	Grades 3-6 at Hawkesdale
March	Grade 6 Student Leaders Congress	Friday 3 rd	Held at Deakin University in Warrnambool
March	Visiting Performance at 10am	Tuesday 7 th	Grades P-6 at school - paid for through parent contributions
March	Division Swimming Championships - Warrnambool	Wednesday 8 th	Grades 4-6 - entries based on qualifying times
March	Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 13 th	Public Holiday - no school
March	Macarthur Athletics Sports	Tuesday 14 th	All students in Prep to 6 held at school
March	Bus Safety Session at 10am	Thursday 23 rd	All students in P-6
March	SGSSA Athletics at Pedrina Park in Hamilton	Friday 24 th (Back up Tues. 28 th)	All students in Prep to 6 - parents transport children to/from event
March	Greater Western Region Swimming in Ballarat	Friday 24 th	Qualified students from Division Swimming Championships
March	LAST DAY - Term 1	Friday 31 st	2:30pm dismissal
April	Easter Monday	Monday 17 th	
April	FIRST DAY - Term 2	Tuesday 18 th	
April	Division Athletics in Warrnambool	Thursday 27 th	Qualified children from SGSSA Athletics
May	School Photos	TBC	Parents to pay based on photo package selected
May	School Cross Country	Wednesday 3 rd (TBC)	All students
May	Warrnambool May Races Public Holiday	Thursday 4 th	No students to attend school - public holiday (Moynesshire)
May	NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing	Tuesday 9 th	Grade 3 and 5 students only
May	NAPLAN - Reading	Wednesday 10 th	Grade 3 and 5 students only
May	NAPLAN - Numeracy	Thursday 11 th	Grade 3 and 5 students only

May	SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington Lutheran School	Friday 19 th	Selected students from grades 3-6 (parents to transport - no cost)
May	Division Cross Country in Warrnambool	Friday 26 th	Qualified students from SGSSA Cross Country Event
June	Royal Flyer Doctor Incursion	Thursday 1 st	All students
June	Visiting Performance at 10am	Friday 2 nd	Grades P-6 at school - paid for through parent contributions
June	Region Cross Country	Monday 5 th	Qualified students
June	Curriculum Day TBC	Friday 9 th	REPORT WRITING - pupil free day
June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 12 th	Public Holiday - no school
June	LAST DAY - Term 2	Friday 30 th	2:30pm dismissal
July	FIRST DAY - Term 3	Monday 17 th	
July	Hooptime Basketball	Thursday 27 th	Grade 3/4 students in Hamilton
July	Hooptime Basketball	Monday 31 st	Grade 5/6 students in Hamilton
August	Curriculum Day	Monday 7 th	Staff P.D. at Koroit (coincides with Sheepvention in Hamilton)
August	Book Fair	Monday 14 th	All week - concludes on Friday 18 th
September	Visiting Performance at 10am	Friday 15 th	Grades P-6 at school - paid for through parent contributions
September	LAST DAY - Term 3	Friday 22 nd	2:30pm dismissal
October	FIRST DAY - Term 4	Monday 3 rd	
October	Regional Athletics in Ballarat	Friday 13 th	Qualified students from Division Athletics in term 2
October	Grade Prep/1/2 Exc. And 1/2 Sleepover	Thursday 12 th Friday 13 th	Activity - TBC Cost - approx. \$35
October	Grade 3/4 Camp	TBC	Grampians Retreat (cost approx. \$220)
October	Pupil Free Day	Friday 27 th	Staff Curriculum/P.D. day in Warrnambool
November	Milo T20 Cricket	Date - TBC	In Hamilton for selected students from grades 5/6
November	Aust. Schools Triathlon	Date - TBC	Grades 3-6 (those interested) in Warrnambool
November	Grade 5/6 Camp	Mon. 13 th - Wed. 15 th	Melbourne (cost approx. \$300)
November	Somers Camp	Tues. 21 st to Wed. 29 th (9 days)	Selected students from grades 5/6
December	Visiting Performance at 10am	Friday 1 st	Grades P-6 at school - paid for through parent contributions
December	Statewide Transition Day	Tuesday 5 th - TBC	Grade 6 to Year 7 New Prep for 2018 Remaining students up a year level
December	School Concert	Wed. 20 th (TBC)	End of year whole-school concert
December	LAST DAY - Term 4	Friday 22 nd	

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