



MACARTHUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Office Hours 2008

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 9:00am

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1:00pm - 4:00pm

Term Dates 2009

Term 1

28 January - 30 January
(pupil free days), 2
February (students start
to 3 April

Term 2

20 April to 26 June

Term 3

13 July to 18 September

Term 4

5 October to 18
December

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From the Principal's Desk

Sovereign Hill Camp

Today we farewelled the grade 5 and 6 students who have headed off on their three day camp to Sovereign Hill. Miss Mulder, Paul Malseed and Jullie Timms have accompanied the students on this camp. I am looking forward to hearing about their experiences when they return from what is always a popular and rewarding experience for students.

Responsible Pet Ownership Program

Today we had a visit from Dianna and her very well behaved dog Bonnie as part of the Responsible Pet Ownership Program. All students in grades prep to 4 participated in a workshop where they looked at ways to take care of pets and how to approach animals safely. All children enjoyed the program and learned some valuable skills in being safe around animals.

Author Visit

Next Wednesday we will be welcoming author and poet Jo Hinchcliff to our school who will be running

poetry workshops for all students. Students from Penshurst Primary School will join us for the afternoon session. This visit has been organised by Alison Hatherell our MARC Van teacher and librarian.

In 2 Cricket

The In2Cricket program has started well and been extremely popular with students. Miss C is delighted with the participation rate with 20 students enrolled in the program. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us this Friday as I know we had to cancel last week due to bad weather. Thanks again to Simon Sharrock and Liam Millard for offering to run this program for the school.

Kanga 8 Cricket

Students in grades 4,5 and 6 will be involved in Kanga 8 cricket this year. Students from St Joseph's PS in Penshurst will join us here on Tuesday afternoon for training and a girl and boys team will be formed to compete in the Kanga 8 Competition in Hamilton next Friday. Thanks to Miss C for the outstanding work she is doing in organising all

of these extra curricular sporting opportunities for the students at all levels of the school.

Remembrance Day

Next Tuesday November 11th is Remembrance Day. All children in the school will visit the memorial in Macarthur at 11am to participate in the Remembrance Ceremony. School Captains Kelsey Malseed and Casey Pye will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Pupil Free Day

School Council has approved Friday December 5th as a Pupil Free Day. Staff will begin planning for 2009 and work on student end of year reports. Students do not attend school on this day.

Tower Hill Excursion

We have planned an excursion for the whole school to Tower Hill on Friday November 28th to support learning in our Aboriginal Studies unit of work. Children will travel by bus and spend the day at Tower Hill. We will participate in a guided walk and a cultural activity which will be run by local aboriginal guides. I will send home a note next week with

more details. The cost of this excursion will be covered by the school's drought relief funding so there will be no additional cost to families.

Orientation Day

The statewide 2009 Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday December 9th. This is the day when students across the state spend a day at their school for 2009. The children from Macarthur Pre School will spend a full day here at school and our grade 6 students will travel to their chosen secondary college for this day. Within the school children will also move into their 2009 grades and spend time in their new groups and with their teachers for next year.

End of Year BBQ

The end of year is coming upon us quickly so it is time to start planning the end of year activities. This year we will be holding a community BBQ at school to celebrate the end of year. This will be held on Thursday December 18th at 6pm followed by the end of year awards and announcements of new student roles for 2009.

This will conclude the school year and be the final day of teaching for 2008.

Teachers will attend school on Friday December 19th to move rooms and organise equipment ready for 2009. This could be an extremely busy day as I am hopeful of being able to arrange the painting of Miss Mulder's 4,5,6 classroom over the summer school break.



Canteen

Wed	5	Marita Petersen
Fri	7	Leonie Dyson
Mon	10	Carolyn Malseed
Wed	12	Andrea Drendel
Fri	14	Sharyn Pye

Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra presents the 2008 Concert for Children entitled **'Teddies, Toys and Trumpets'**

Sunday, December 7th at 2.30 pm

at the Warrnambool Entertainment Centre

This will be a fun concert. There'll be lots of opportunities to sing and play along with the orchestra. Please bring your dancing shoes for the 'Chicken Dance', and your teddies for 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic'.

Linda Thies (for the Warrnambool Symphony Orchestra)

Macarthur Tennis Club



An **AGM** will be held **Wednesday 12th November at 8: 00pm**
at the Macarthur Tennis Clubrooms, Market Square.

**We need a minimum of five members to avoid the winding up of the Macarthur Tennis Club.
(Consumer Affairs Victoria requirements)**

At the AGM there will also be discussion on Tennis Victoria's new fee arrangements for junior players.

The AGM is likely to be of brief duration and only require an hour or so of your time.

For further details contact:



President, Peter Drendel 55764264 or Treasurer, Mark Todd 55761179

Apologies to the Secretary, Bianca Todd on 55761179.

CRE (Christian Religious Education)

Fiona Musson is looking for people who may like to help teach CRE at Macarthur Primary School. **Only 1/2hr to teach 1 session a week is needed.** Lesson material provided. If you would like information to see what is involved phone Fiona on 55 761222. No prior teaching experience is needed and accreditation through DEECD (Department of Education & Early Childhood Development) is quite simple. Macarthur Primary School has fantastic children who are keen to learn, respectful and a joy to teach.

Fiona Musson (CRE - co-ordinator)

Running Club.

Every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8:50 the bell will ring for the whole school to run a lap of the oval. Students are encouraged to do a lap at lunchtime and keep track of their laps run on a tally sheet near Miss C's classroom. Students need to remember their runners on these days.

Thanks Miss C.

Vicswim—summer 2009

VICSWIM focuses on learn to swim & water safety skills. With small class sizes for enhanced learning, the intensive 5 day program caters for participants of all ages & abilities. Full details in the attached form.

Royal Children's Hospital (RCH)

Family Christmas Day

Sunday 7th December, 4pm start @ Macarthur Hotel Rose Garden.

There will be games, prizes, Santa visit. Best dress (Christmas theme) for children.

Cost \$25 for family (5) & \$5 for extra children.

BBQ & salad provided & a free drink. Bookings essential at the Hotel.

Thankyou for your continued support for the RCH.

Suzy Millard, Co-ordinator

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Our 3/4 Camp!!!

Last Wednesday we went on the 3/4 camp. On the first day of camp we went on the seals by the sea. Then we went to the blowholes and on the Petrified Forest walk. After that we went to our campsite and it was right next to the games room. We had a TV in our cabin and we played bobs and statues because there was nothing else to do. The next day we had room inspections and we went abseiling but I didn't go down to the bottom of the cliff because I was scared. We went to the beach for lunch. We had a play on the playground and went on a cable tram ride. We went back to the camp and played poison ball and Will and Harry had a crash. Harry had a black eye and Will had a goose egg. On the last day we had a trip to Alcoa and we had magical paper clips that could dance. Then after that we had a bbq lunch and went to the museum. If we bumped our heads we would loose 10 points. After that we came back to see Macarthur.

By Sarah Cassidy

F&V = Fruit & Vegie Challenge

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 2	3	4	5 - pet ownership - 5-6 Camp	6 -MARC - 5-6 Camp	7 - 5-6 Camp - in2Cricket	8
9 MARC Author visit week	10 - LL Melb PD	11 -Remembrance Day - St Joseph's here	12 - Kinder visit - Poet visit - LL - Warm meeting DEEM	13 - Art - LL PD - F&V Challenge	14 - Kanga8's - LL PD Pt Campbell - in2Cricket	15
16	17	18	19 - kinder visit	20 MARC - F&V Challenge	21 - JRC 12:30 - in2cricket	22
23	24	25 - SC Lit PD	26 - SC Lit PD	27 - Art - F&V Challenge	28 - Tower Hill trip - SchCncl Dinner - in2cricket	29
30	Dec 1 - Telstra Bush to Beach 2:30 - P-6	2	3	4 MARC	5 PUPIL FREE DAY	6

Legend:
PD Professional Developmnt
Conf Conference
SC - School Council
MPS - Macarthur Primary
School

LL Lynn Lyles
JM Jacinta Mulder
SC Shama Cunningham
JW Jan Wilson
SM Suzy Millard
JT Jullie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke