



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 2008

Term 2

7 April – 27 June

Term 3

14 July – 19 September

Term 4

6 October – 19 December

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From the Principal's Desk

Casterton Curriculum Day

Last Friday staff attended a curriculum day in Casterton with about 70 teachers from other district schools. The focus of the day was the use of ICT in teaching and learning and it was a most inspiring day for all involved. We were introduced to the world of WEB 2.0, Wikis, Blogs, Podcasts and Nings and exposed to the ways in which technology can be used to engage students in learning.

The day was organised by Jacinta Mulder for the district and I would like to congratulate Jacinta for her achievement. The feedback from staff is most positive and already we are seeing knowledge gained in the workshops transferring into teaching.

I was personally inspired to explore the world of Podcasts and how this can be used to support literacy and LOTE.

Blogs are being used in the grade 4,5,6 classroom to create online diaries of learning and today I have just witnessed the

way video and voice recording can inspire and engage students. At 8.45am the grade 4,5,6 classroom was full of students who were practicing ready to record themselves digitally.

It is a very exciting time in education and we are fortunate at Macarthur Primary School to have staff with the knowledge, expertise and attitude to take teaching and learning to the next level. The investments we have made in upgrading our computer systems and installing interactive whiteboards in every classroom have placed us well to move forward with ICT and educating students for the future.

Building Progress

Our new building is starting to take shape with the roof arriving today and windows and doors due to be installed this week. Things are certainly moving along quickly and smoothly with each day showing a new stage of progress. Staff and students are all looking forward to the completion of the library space.

We will organise a grand community

opening later in the year.

Student Reports

Staff are busy completing mid year assessments and beginning to write student reports. We plan to distribute reports on Wednesday June 25th, the last week of term.

Fundraiser

Another fundraising event has been organised for this term. This will need community support to be successful and details are attached to this newsletter. It is fantastic that parents are coming forward with ideas and being prepared to coordinate different fundraising activities. Our school will benefit from all funds raised with plans to purchase a shade tent, PMP equipment and furnishing for our new library from this year's fundraising.

End of Term BBQ

This has been a long term for students after a short term one of only seven weeks. The last day of this term is Friday June 27th. We will hold a BBQ at lunchtime followed by the traditional parent student game for the Macarthur Cup. This term the game will be T. Ball so please come along and join in the fun.

Lynn Lyles

Soccer for fun and fitness!

Hamilton Soccer Club continues its soccer skills sessions and games for boys and girls during term Three. Sessions run from 9.30am to 11am on Saturdays at Mitchell Park. Beginners are very welcome.

All training and games take place in age and ability groupings. The emphasis is on fun, learning and developing skills and enjoying healthy outdoor exercise. New players should come along on first Saturday of term (19th July). For all enquiries please contact Ralph Behrendt, PH 5572 1144

Suzy says thanks -
I would like to
thankyou all so very
much for the
beautiful flowers &
all your thoughts.

It has been one of
the hardest weeks
we have been
through & would
have been so much
harder if not for the
support we have
received.

Thankyou again.

Suzy & family



Canteen

Please note that, at this date, there are a number of days when the canteen will not be operating. When canteen volunteer helpers 'Working With Children' checks have been cleared, names may be added to these days.

Canteen Duty Term 2:

Fri 13 Narelle Cassidy

Mon 16 Sharyn Pye

Wed 18 Sally Gay

Fri 20 NO CANTEEN

Do you knit, crochet or
sew?

Volunteers Needed!



I am looking for people
willing to make and donate
items for the needy.

It may only be a hat or scarf
or even a blanket or item of clothing. Adult or
children's.

Items need to be new and handmade.

These are not put into shops for sale but are given to
the homeless or needy people in our districts who have
never received a brand new item before.

Also I am looking for people interested in knitting or
crocheting hats and booties for prem babies.

Any donations of wool/yarn would also be greatly
appreciated.

Any enquiries—Julianne Purcell - Ph: 55764281
Or 0427 764281

The start of the Prep One Digital Portfolio





Family violence, past or present is considered a risk factor affecting a child's development and wellbeing. The optimal environment to aid a child's development includes stable and loving relationships as well as a safe and stress-free home. For optimal healthy development, a child also needs a stimulating and nurturing environment. Unfortunately too many children are being exposed to episodes of violence in the home. This may be due to parent's alcohol or drug abuse, mental health issues or a disability or ill health. When one of these issues is present in the home, children are at risk.

An infant instinctively seeks attachment to their primary care-giver regardless of the quality of their parenting. When children are exposed to frightening and overwhelming circumstances or neglect and abuse their body will respond. The autonomic nervous system is activated and a biochemical response releases hormones into the body. The result is that children can become hyper vigilant and agitated. Prolonged stress like this can affect brain development and ultimately have a detrimental impact on concentration and future learning.

Infants and young children pick up on the stress of parents. If there are constant arguments or tension in the home, they will become unsettled and more demanding. Children who are exposed to trauma in the home can 'act out' at school exhibiting difficult behaviours. It can also affect their relationship with their peers as they struggle to know how to develop friendships. Teenagers may engage in self harming or risk taking behaviours. Ongoing family violence can have a detrimental affect on both the mental and emotional development of a child.

No child wants to see their parents fighting or arguing. It is scary and frightening for them. They may try to stop the fight by coming between their parents. Alternatively, they may blame themselves, thinking they are responsible for the trouble.

Parents who are in this situation need to seek help and support for themselves and their children.

Protective factors for children include:

- Reducing exposure to family violence

- A sense of belonging

- Positive peer interactions

- Relationships with significant, stable adults

- Support and understanding from the school and community

- Positive role models

- Being engaged in some activity which gives the child a sense of achievement; this may be sport, drama or creative arts.

- Being valued as an individual

Fundraising Opportunity - HELP, HELP, HELP

The school has an opportunity to cater for a function held by the Moyne Shire on the 25th June 2008. They require soup and nibbles from 6pm. We need your HELP in catering so we can make some cash, maybe \$600, this would be a big help toward our children's shade project.

Could you please fill in the form below indicating what you can donate, these are only suggestions, anyone with other suggestions please write it on the form: (the more we get donated the less we have to buy) and return it to the school in the next week or so:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Soup (Pumpkin, Vegie) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bread Rolls (for soup) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sausage Rolls | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nibble pies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mini Spring rolls (oven baked) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Small Meat balls | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pizza bits | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Anything nibblie | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tea | <input type="checkbox"/> | Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> | Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Orange Juice | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

We also need on the night: Dish washers Kitchen helpers

I will be there early on the night to heat everything up. The food will have to be dropped off at the Senior Citizens room no later than 5pm. We will not know the exact numbers until a week before – so I will ring around the volunteers and let them know how many people.

Leonie Dyson
Macarthur Primary School Fundraiser Committee

<p>For Sale Brother Phone/Fax Machine - 685MC In excellent condition, with instruction books. \$80.00 Ph: 55764281</p>	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	8	9 Queen's b/d Holiday	10	11	12 - Art - LL Prin Meet Warrn	13	14
	15	16 - JM PD Hamiltn	17	18 - LL & SL - PD Asbestos Warrn - School Council 7:30	19 - MARC - LL GRASS meetg Hamilton	20	
	22	23 - LL - OH&S PD -Warrn	24	25 - MPS catering	26 - Art	27 End of Term	28
	29	30 Holidays	July 1 Holidays	2 Holidays	3 Holidays	4 Holidays	5
	6	7 Holidays	8 Holidays	9 Holidays	10 Holidays	11 Holidays	12

N.B. - the correct date for SC meeting

- 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