



MACARTHUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday - Friday

8:00am - 9:00am

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From the Principal's Desk

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews have been held at school over the last two nights. Thank you to parents for taking this opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress. Thank you also to all teachers for the late nights spent at school to meet with parents.

Life Ed Van

Today the Life Education Van has visited our school and all students have participated in a lesson with a trained Life Education teacher. It has been many years since the Life Education Van has been available to schools in our district and we welcome its return. The program is a valuable addition to our curriculum.

Mark Carthew

The visit of author Mark Carthew to our school on Monday was enjoyed by all students. Mark is an Australian author of children's books and presented some interactive workshops for our students. The children from Macarthur Pre School also visited in the morning session. We were privileged to be the first group of children in Australia to hear a reading of Mark's new picture story book "The Gobbling Tree" which has just been released. Copies of books written by Mark are available through Warrnambool books and parents are able to place orders through the school if they wish. (an order form

was sent home with students on Monday).

Cake Stall Fundraiser

This Saturday is the date set for our fundraising cake stall which will be held in Macarthur. This has been organised by Fiona Musson and Sue Logan. Thank you to both ladies for their hard work. I hope many parents can support the stall by providing donations or promoting the stall to the community. All funds raised will be used to benefit students.

Hard Work

Many thanks to Adrian Stevens and Goldie Stevens for their hard work last Friday morning removing the cupboards from our school corridors. The cupboards have been dismantled and placed temporarily in our shelter shed. They will be relocated in our new building when it is completed. Also a **HUGE** thank you to Sylvia, Jullie and Suzy who relocated all of the contents of the cupboards. Somehow they managed to find storage for all of the books, files and boxes and our tractor shed is now spotless. Thanks ladies for work beyond the call of duty.

School Council Meeting

A school Council Meeting will be held tonight at 7.30pm in Miss Mulder's classroom.



Education Week

Next week is Education Week and we have planned an open morning for Tuesday May 20th when parents are able to visit classrooms. Literacy sessions will be held between 9.00am to 11.00am. Numeracy sessions will run between 11.30am and 12.30pm.

We will be having a community BBQ at 5.30pm. Sausages and Hamburgers will be provided, also drinks for children. BYO salad and other drinks.

At 6.30pm we plan to launch the new school website and Jacinta Mulder will be showing some of the latest ICT developments in our educational programs. If you want to know about the ultranet, wikis, blogs and nings come along on Tuesday night.

The Ultranet

I have attached some information for parents about The Ultranet which is the online educational community which is the vision of the government for the future of education. Although this is some way off yet to becoming a reality schools are already being encouraged to become "Ultranet Ready". Part of the strategy is to develop skills within the educational community in ICT. Macarthur Primary School is moving very strongly in the right direction towards Ultranet Readiness and it is clear that the direction of education is going to include a clear focus on the inclusion of ICT in curriculum in ways we may never have encountered in the past.

Parent Contributions

Swimming Program	\$25	
Requisites	\$40	
Arts Performances	\$40	
Total	\$105	per student

Parents are asked to pay their contributions as soon as possible. If, for any reason, you cannot pay the full amount, instalments are encouraged.

NB: This year Drought Relief Funding is contributing \$20 per student to the swimming program and \$10 per student for IT Consumables

Special Birthday wishes to

Zoe Purcell (15th)
Skyla Milgate (16th)
Chelsea Jewell (16th)
Sylvia Luke (19th)

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 16 **NO CANTEEN**

Mon 19 Sharyn Pye

Wed 21 Sally Gay

Fri 23 **NO CANTEEN**

Due to building construction the Canteen will again NOT be available THIS FRIDAY (May 16th).

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Sports Uniforms

A reminder that Tuesday is the day children will be having Physical Education lessons this year.

Could all children please bring P.E uniforms and runners on Tuesdays.

Children will change into sports clothes at school prior to sports lessons.



Protective Behaviours Program.

This will begin today for students in grades 4,5,and 6. The program is a personal safety program run by a trained district staff member.

Lynn Lyles

Austswim

Teacher of Swimming & Watersafety Course

Hamilton Indoor Leisure & Aquatic Centre will be hosting the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety Course on JULY 19th, 20th & 26th.

Further information contact Irene Hill at the centre on 03 55514306

2008 Mid Year Holiday Swim Program

An intensive program of Private Lessons will be available at HILAC during the mid year school holidays catering for all ages & abilities. Classes will run for 45 minutes between 9-12noon Mon-Fri 30 June—4 July 2008

Max of 2 participants per class
Block of 5 x 45 mins \$179.50
For more information contact Irene Hill at HILAC 55514306

LOST

Race jumper: named "Jones".

Fundraising

Cake Stall

- to raise money for a portable shade tent for our kids.

We are having a cake/slice/produce stall outside Hartwich's on Saturday 17th May from 7:30am—12 noon.

Donations of food would be appreciated.

Further information contact:
Fiona Musson 55761222
Sue Logan 55761309



Canteen Price List (February 2008)

Hot Food (with or without sauce)

Pie		\$2.40
Pastie		\$2.40
Party Pies		.80¢
Sausage Rolls		\$1.60
Dim Sims		.70¢
Spaghetti Pasta Blasta		\$3.00
Lasagne Pasta Blasta		\$3.00
Ham/Pineapple Pizza		\$1.40
Supreme Pizza		\$1.40
Crunchy Chicken Royale		\$1.50
Chicken Nuggets	(5)	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets	(3)	\$1.30
Fish Bites	(3)	\$1.70
Fish Bites	(2)	\$1.20

Cold Food

Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt		\$1.60
Frozen Apricot Yoghurt		\$1.60
Strawberry Milk		\$1.30
Chocolate Milk		\$1.30
Just Juice Apple		\$1.00
Just Juice Paradise Punch		\$1.00
Just Juice Apple/Blackcurrant		\$1.00
Just Juice Orange		\$1.00
Lemonade Icpoles		.80¢
Raspberry Icpoles		.80¢
Rainbow Icpoles		\$1.00
Lifesaver Icpoles		\$1.50
Chocolate Minis		.60¢

Reminder: Please write your order on a clean brown bag, including your name, grade and what you want. Health regulations ask that the money be also wrapped within the bag.

What is the Ultranet?

The Ultranet is an intuitive student-centred electronic learning environment that supports high quality learning and teaching, connects students, teachers and parents and enables efficient knowledge transfer.

The Ultranet will help to improve student learning, support the work of teachers, enable DoE to better support Victorian government schools, and enhance active partnerships with parents.

The Ultranet will provide a complete online learning environment in which parents, students and teachers can create, access and share curriculum content, collaborate in learning activities and record progress against individual learning plans/goals.

The Ultranet will complement the classroom environment allowing access anytime, anywhere and support both distance and multi-site learning.

The Ultranet will be the school's knowledge management framework that will allow educators and parents to make informed and intelligent decisions that more effectively support the learning and growth of Victorian students.

Why have an Ultranet?

To prepare our future generations for their challenges ahead, the Victorian Department of Education (DoE) is embarking on a project called the Ultranet. The Ultranet will enhance and support learning and teaching for students of the digital age. It will also create the opportunity for parents to be more connected to the school community and their child's learning.

DoE understands that to prepare students for the innovation and knowledge economy of the 21st century, schools must readily provide students with access to information and communications technology (ICT) environments that increase their participation, engagement and achievement in education. Progressive and effective integration of ICT into education planning and delivery is needed.

When is the Ultranet coming?

Pending the successful appointment of a preferred tenderer to build and implement the Ultranet, it will be rolled-out to government schools starting Q1 2009. The deployment will be finalised in Q3 2010.



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Growing out of Asthma

Many people think that children can grow out of asthma, however this is not entirely correct.

Even though your child might not have asthma symptoms for hours, days or years, this does not mean they do not have asthma. Asthma may improve with age and attacks may become less frequent and/or severe, but the tendency is always there.

Some children can experience long periods of time without symptoms, typically during the teenage years. Nevertheless, it is not uncommon for children with asthma to not show symptoms for years and then have a recurrence of symptoms later in life. For very young children with asthma, improvement is generally due to increases in body size, overall improvement in health and fitness, muscle development etc, rather than a 'cure'. However, asthma can return at any time including later in life. Even though they might not display recent asthma symptoms, a person who has had asthma should always carry their blue reliever medication. Although there is currently no cure for asthma, it can be controlled and managed.

If you would like more information please call **The Asthma Foundation of Victoria** on **1800 645 130** or visit www.asthma.org.au.

National Asthma Council Australia, 'Asthma Management Handbook 2006'

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria, 2005, 'Information Sheet: Smoking and Asthma'

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11	12 -	13 -	14 -	15 Art - NAPLAN - 9:00am School Nurse- Preps	16 - Chess Tourm - 12:15pm Hawk College Trans visit	17
18 Education Week	19	20 Open Day BBQ Website Launch	21 -LL / SC OLE PD - SM PD	22 MARC	23 - SL - Geel PD	24
25	26	27	28 - Gr3-6 Life Saving Vic	29 Art	30 - Zone X country	31
June 1	2	3	4	5 MARC	6 - Curriculum Day	7
8	9 Queen's b/d Holiday	10	11	12 - LL Prin Meet Warm	13	14