



# MACARTHUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Lynn Lyles

School Council President: Peter Musson

## 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

#### Camp

Tomorrow the children in grade 3 and 4 will leave for their camp to Portland and Cape Bridgewater, returning on Friday afternoon. We certainly have some very excited students at school today and I know Miss C has planned a full and varied itinerary for the three days.

Tomorrow we start with a visit to Codrington Wind Farm then travel to Cape Bridgewater for the Seals by the Sea boat trip which is always a favourite with students and adults. Mrs Luke and myself will accompany Miss C on the trip.

#### Principal Meeting

On Thursday morning the school will be hosting a meeting of district principals. I will return from the Portland camp to attend the meeting in the morning but will return to join the camp later in the day. The GRaSS (Grampians Rural and Small Schools) principals network has been working together very strongly over the last few years to build links between both students and staff. Principals from all 10

schools will attend a meeting here on Thursday. We will be looking at ways of working together more effectively in the future.

#### Enrolments for 2009

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2009 and I am beginning the process of finalising grades and staffing for 2009. I am predicting an enrolment of 53 students at the present time with 10 students enrolled in Prep next year.

If there are any other families you may know who are interested in enrolling next year or any expected family movements could you please contact the school as soon as possible so I can plan and confirm staffing and grades.

#### School Start Bonus 2009

The School Start Bonus was introduced by the Victorian Government in 2006 to assist parents/guardians of Prep & Year 7 students in meeting the start-up costs of sending their child to school. The initiative provides financial assistance to families for expenditure

on school and sporting uniforms, school bags, books & related expenses. The Bonus is \$300 per annum and will be paid during the first term of the school year.

*To be registered, enrolment forms for preps need to be returned as promptly as possible to the school. The school will then register your child.*

#### Uniforms

It is great to see so much support for our School Uniform Policy. I have had many positive comments about the quality and pricing which is good to hear. Orders were collated and sent off yesterday. Thank you to Carolyn Malseed and Leonie Dyson for their work in organising the uniform orders for the school.

#### Shade Tent

Parent fundraising efforts this year have been fantastic and have enabled us to purchase a shade tent for our school. I have ordered this and it should arrive soon ready for us to use for many outdoor activities. It will be particularly useful when we have sports days in summer. I am sure it will be appreciated by the

children and give many years of use.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising. This year we have also been able to purchase some new shelving for our library and also some PMP equipment to support this program for our prep and one students.

### In2Cricket

The cricket season is upon us and I am delighted that we can offer the In2Cricket Program this year.

This is a program in the style of Auskick and Net, Set, Go focusing on skill development in cricket. The program will be run by two volunteers Simon Sharrock and Liam Millard on Fridays after school beginning on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Miss C is organising this and will be sending out a note soon with more information. Thank you to Simon and Liam for offering to run this program for our school.

### School Council Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be held next Wednesday night, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm in Miss Mulder's classroom.

All the Best

On Friday Casey Pye will travel to Geelong to participate in the Regional Athletics in discus. We hope you have a very successful day Casey.

*Lynn Lyles—Principal*

### Canteen

Wednesday 15	Marita Petersen
Friday 17	Leonie Dyson
Monday 20	Andrea Drendel
Wednesday 22	Julie Watson
Friday 24	NO CANTEEN

### EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)

The second instalment of the EMA has arrived at school.

Cheques can be picked up from the Office between 8 - 9:00am each morning and after 12:40pm each afternoon.

## Macarthur Tennis Club



Macarthur Tennis Club's coaching sessions for junior players last summer were yet again highly successful.

Over this coming summer Macarthur Tennis Club would like to again organise the popular junior tennis coaching sessions on Sunday mornings.

To get this summer's junior tennis mornings underway an AGM will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8: 00pm at the Macarthur Tennis Clubrooms, Market Square. At the AGM there will also be discussion on Tennis Victoria's new fee arrangements for junior players.

Your participation in the October 16<sup>th</sup> AGM at the Macarthur Tennis Club is of course essential to getting this summer's junior tennis started. The AGM is likely to be of brief duration and only require an hour or so of your time.

Should you not be able to attend on the evening of the AGM your apologies may be offered to Macarthur Tennis Club Treasurer Mark Todd on 55761179.

For further details contact:

President, Peter Drendel (55764264) or Treasurer, Mark Todd (55761179)



### Equitana

Macarthur Pony Club are running a bus to Equitana on November 22nd 2008, leaving from Warrnambool at 6:00am returning to Warrnambool approx 9:-00pm.

Adults \$65.00 and children \$55.00 (that includes bus and entrance to Equitana).

Contact: Georgie Crowe 03 55684357

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## It's OK to say 'NO'

Parenting is challenging. Nothing really prepares you for the 'little bundle of joy' that suddenly arrives after months and months of eager anticipation. Now you are a parent, a Mum, a Dad, a Family. This new little person becomes the focus of your day; the world pretty much revolves around the baby. Feeding time, changing nappies, bath time, burp time. You don't have much time to think about yourself.

You try to be the best parent that you can possibly be. The baby is so cute and grows so quickly. It's no time before they are smiling, rolling over, sitting up and then taking their first tentative steps. Before you know it you have hit the 'terrible twos' and now you have a toddler who is sweet one minute and cranky, demanding and throwing a right royal temper tantrum the next.

What do you do? You try to reason, be patient, try to explain. We don't want to be too harsh and authoritarian like our parents were, making us comply out of fear. We want to be closer to our children, more of a friend. But sometimes, they just push us to our limits, until we have just had enough. And then we get angry and yell, 'to your room!' Then we can feel bad. 'I shouldn't have lost my temper. I must be a terrible parent.'

Parenting is challenging. The new baby doesn't come with an instruction manual, the hours are lousy, 24/7 and the pay even worse!

Our job as parents involves teaching our children right from wrong. Children need to know what behaviour is acceptable and what behaviour is unacceptable. It's ok to say 'No' or 'stop that now'. If our child doesn't comply, then we need to follow through with a consequence. We often don't want to do this or think it shouldn't be necessary. We may ask again, 'Now come on, I've asked you three times to go and brush your teeth; I don't want to get mad.'

Sometimes we think that our children won't do as we ask unless we yell. This is really because they know when we mean business and when we don't. We need to get their attention, give simple messages and set clear boundaries. We want to encourage acceptable behaviour by acknowledging when our child is doing the right thing and praising them for trying.

When they are doing the wrong thing, we need to be firm and act decisively. "If you don't stop fighting over the toy, I will take it away." Then act, take the toy and don't give it back just because they say "Please, please we won't fight now." If you do, your child will know that you give in easily. Next time they will protest more until you give in. Then they think they can be boss. Before you know it you may have a little Hitler on your hands who rules the house.

Children need adults to be in charge and to set limits on their behaviour in order for them to feel safe and secure. Show love and affection often, as well as being fair and consistent.

HAPPY PARENTING !

### **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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**Lynn's  
Birthday  
19th**

# CLUBS

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
Carly	Harry	Leah	Nikki	Thalia	Bailey	Riley	Addison
Kyle S	Lucy	Hamish	Taylah	Sam	Zoe H	Brae	Claire
Charlie	Kyle T	Jayden	Hannah	Temika	Skyla	Hay;ey	Victoria
Ruby	Chelsea	Tahlia	Laura N	Sarah	Will	Kate	Zoe
Darcy	Johnathon	Chantelle	Indi	Travis	Jessica	Samuel	Adrian
Casey	Laura A	Kelsey	Aaron	James	Sean	Jim	Tenayha

Times:

Activity 1 1.30 – 2.15  
Activity 2 2.20 – 3.05

Assembly

Students will need art smocks  
for Craft and Tie Dye activities.

Also:

For Tie Dye students will need to  
bring a t-shirt, polo shirt, pillow slip or other, to dye.

For cooking activities bring lunch box or other container.

For woodwork bring a photo – 15cm x 10cm (6" x 4")

**Clubs 2008 Weekly Rotation**

Cooking Anna - 2/3	C	B
Craft Marita -456	D	C
Tie Dye Leonie - Art	E	D
Darts, Hookey Ian	F	E
Cooking – Tammy 2/3	G	F
Craft Sue – 4/5/6	H	G
W/work- Adrian	A	H
Fitness-P/I Suzy	B	A

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14 - P-4 cricket @ school 2:30-3:30	15 - 3-4 Camp	16 - Art - 9am LL Prin Mt GRASS -3-4 Camp	17 -3-4 Camp	18
19	20 - PD LITM - LL, JM	21	22 - School Cnl	23 -MARC	24 -Clubs - in2Cricket	25
26	27	28	29 - to kinder 11am - PD LITM - JM	30 -Art	31 - in2Cricket	1
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	12 - Kinder visit - Poet visit	13 - Art - LL PD	14 - LL PD - in2Cricket	15

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