



# MACARTHUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Office Hours 2008

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 9:00am

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1:00pm - 4:00pm

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## From the Principal's Desk

### Pet Day

We will be holding our Pet Show this Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am. All pets are to gather on the basketball court and we will have areas set up for the different pets to meet. We are really looking forward to meeting the family pets and I know the event is causing great excitement among the students. All pets will need to be in either a cage, box or held on a leash. They will need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult who can take the animals home after the parade.

Junior School Council will be organising some awards for the various pets in different categories.

Eg Dogs, Cats, Birds, Unusual Pets, Large Pets, Water Pets, Small Pets.

A complete list is attached to this newsletter.

### Basketball Success

Yesterday a group of our grade 5 and 6 students entered the Hoop Time Competition in Hamilton. Laura Addinsall, Kelsey Malseed, Kate Addinsall, Leah Drendel and Zoe Purcell joined with children from St. Joseph's Primary School, Peshurst, to form a team and were very successful in the competition. They won all of their games and also won the final against Hamilton Gray Street with a score of 14 - 0. This is a fantastic result for our school. Well done to all students and thanks to all parents who provided transport to the event.

### New Tank

Tomorrow work will begin on the construction of the base for our new water tank. This will be positioned in the corner of the car park and vegetable garden

area of the school grounds. The new tank will arrive next Tuesday. As soon as this is connected we will be able to meet CFA regulations and get a certificate of Occupancy to use our new library. Hopefully this will be done soon after the arrival of our tank.

I would like to thank the Water Grant sub Committee for their work in this matter. Over the last few weeks the team has met many times and put many hours of work into this project. Thank you Peter Musson, Lex Cassidy, Simon Watson and Colin Peterson for the time you have committed to the school.

### Chess

The school chess team will once again be competing in a competition in Warrnambool next week. Sean Dyson has been training his team in preparation and we wish them luck in the event.

### Clubs Program.

We are hoping to run our Clubs Program again this year. Jan Wilson is once again coordinating this program and has attached a letter to this newsletter with information. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the program over the last two years and the many parents who have been involved have also been very positive about the program. Any parent who would like to become involved please fill in the form and return to school to Jan.

Lynn Lyles

## "Food for Thought" Poster Competition

Congratulations to Tahlia Purcell who has won second prize in the district "Food for Thought" Poster Competition. Tahlia will be presented with her prize at assembly on Friday afternoon.



**PET DAY**  
9am this Friday





Special birthday  
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 Kyle Smitten (29th)

**Hamilton Junior Netball Association**

The next meeting of the HJNA will be held on Saturday 26th July 2008 starting at 10:30am. This meeting will be very informal and basically a catch up, and to ensure end of season items (ie trophies, organising umpires for finals, date of AGM), are on track.

**Canteen**

Wed	23	Julie Watson
Fri	25	Sharyn Pye
Mon	28	Jenny Nield
Wed	30	Andrea Drendel
Fri Aug 1		Leonie Dyson

**Found** - a wrist watch in school ground. Contact Office.



On the 25th July the School is having a first Macarthur Primary School Pet day.

If everyone could bring a Pet with your Parents to take your Pet home.

Pets must be on a leash, if your pet bites PLEASE do not bring it. There will be prizes for your



**FAMILY PORTRAITS- CHANGE OF DATE**

Due to unforeseen circumstances there has been a change in company and date.

The date is Friday 15th August from 4.30pm and cost is \$12.

Could all parents who indicated interest please contact me by Monday July 28th to reschedule your appointment.

Please also return your new voucher to the school or myself.

For the parents who have already paid I will need to collect an extra \$2.

Sorry for any inconvenience  
 Andrea Drendel  
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## “Food for Thought” Poster Competition Results – Food & Thought Mela

A sincere thank you to all the students who participated in the recent RMIT Local-Global Project “Food into the Future” Primary School Poster Competition. We received over 85 entries from eight schools. Thank you also to the staff for their interest and support.

The judges, Danny and Kate McDonald, were impressed with the vibrant, colourful and innovative posters. The winning entries were chosen on the following criteria:

- Interpretation of the idea
- Originality of thinking
- How much information the students brought to the picture
- How the students had thought their ideas through
- If the entry worked as a poster
- Illustrating the complexity of issues

*Congratulations to the following students on their winning entries:*

**Year 5/6:**

First Chloe Kennewell Casterton Primary School (Year 5)  
Second Jake Burger George Street Primary School, Hamilton (Year 5)

**Year 3/4:**

First Hannah Carter Heywood Consolidated School (Year 4)  
Second Tahlia Purcell Macarthur Primary School (Year 3)

Prizes will be presented to these students in the near future.

**Vicki Finch, Cicely Fenton & Terrie Nicholson  
Local-Global Project Team  
RMIT Hamilton**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20	21	22 Hooptime 5-6	23	24 Art Hooptime 3-4  LL Prin Meet Warm	25 9:00 Pet Day	26
27	28	29 Chess—JM Warrn	30	31 MARC	August 1  LL— Melb PD	2
3	4 Sheepvention Holiday	5  Musica Viva PD 4:30 –7:00pm	6	7 Art JM - LITM PD  Gr6 Camp	8 JM - LITM PD	9
10 Bookfair	11	12	13	14 MARC  JM - LITM PD 11:30 LL Grass Mtg, HDEN	15	16
17 Book week	18	19	20	21	22 Mini Olympics	23

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



# EDUCATION TAX REFUND FACT SHEET



## Overview

- The Education Tax Refund (ETR) aims to help families, with children undertaking primary or secondary school studies to meet the costs of school education through assistance with certain education expenses.
- Under the Government's ETR, eligible families will be able to claim:
  - a 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to \$750 for each child undertaking primary school, (that is, a refund of up to \$375 per child, per year);
  - a 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to \$1,500 for each child undertaking secondary school (that is, a refund of up to \$750 per child, per year).

## Eligibility

- Those entitled to Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A in respect of children undertaking primary or secondary school studies for the relevant financial year are eligible to the ETR.
- Eligibility is also extended to parents with school children undertaking primary or secondary school studies who would be an eligible child for FTB Part A purposes, but for the fact that the child receives certain payments or allowances, for example:
  - Youth Allowance;
  - Disability Support Pension;
  - ABSTUDY Living Allowance;
  - payments under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme; and
  - payments under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004.
- School children undertaking primary or secondary school studies and who are independent of their parents may also be eligible.
- For families that have shared care arrangements, the ETR will be shared just as FTB Part A is shared.
- The families of students who enter or leave school in any school year would be eligible to claim the ETR for half of the financial year that they attended school.
- For students who transition from primary to secondary school in a single financial year the full ETR, based on the secondary-school rate, can be claimed.
- Families with home-schooled students can also claim the ETR. To be eligible, students must be registered with the relevant State/Territory Government.

## Macarthur PS Clubs Program 2008

Dear Parents,

After the success of our 'Clubs' program last year, we would like to run the program again this year, with some changes.

The program would include all students- grades P-6.

To enable us to do this we need to have Parents/Volunteers who would be willing to come to school for two fortnightly sessions, 1.30 – 3.30p.m.

We would like to run the program on Friday afternoons

Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>

Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>

Groups will be multi-age hopefully with 6 students – this is dependent on the number of activities we are able to run..

We would like to run two 45 min sessions each week.

If you are able to help, and have an activity you would like to run, please complete the form. All materials will be supplied by the school.

Jan W

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Clubs Program 2008 (29/08, 12/09)

Name:.....

Activity.....

Materials required.....

Signed:.....