From the Principal’s Desk

Great Victorian Bike Ride
It was certainly a massive weekend in Macarthur with the arrival of the Great Victorian Bike Ride. The children were buzzing with talk about the event when they arrived on Monday. We were fortunate to have a visit from Bikes Victoria, Vic Roads and Victoria Police on Monday morning and it was great for students to be involved in the banner and poster making. We are having a hot dog day as a treat for students today with surplus hot dogs which have been donated by MADA.

Poetry Show
Monday was a very busy day for all children with a performance by Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems at 9.00am to begin the day. Reports are that this was very funny and exposed children to a very different type of performance involving poetry and puppetry.

Bully Busters Program
The 2009 Parent Opinion Survey indicated that a number of parents had concerns about Bullying. This was discussed at School Council and although the staff and I are not seeing this as a problem at the school I have decided to address this perception of bullying at 3 levels in 2010. I have booked a Bully Busters Program for March 8th which will include outside professionals running workshops for all students, a staff training session and also an evening parent session.

I was very impressed by the focus of the program which included being clear about what constitutes bullying behaviour and also how to empower students with strategies to deal with this behaviour, both as a bystander and also as the person being affected by the behaviour. This empowerment is particularly important, as the way we respond to a situation is critical to our own wellbeing. The staff are very concerned by the perceptions of bullying that exist in the community so we are very keen to begin the year with a whole community approach and would like as many parents as possible to attend the parent session. This is an ideal chance for us to build a very strong school community based on positive relationships and clear expectations and understandings of bullying behaviour.

Orientation Day
Next Tuesday, December 8th is Statewide Orientation Day. All students enrolled in prep next year will attend school for the day and grade 6 students will attend their future high school. Within the school all students in other grades move up for the day into their 2010 grade levels. This is part of our whole school transition program.

Grades 2010.
The following grades will operate in 2010. Prep/One: Sharna Cunningham Grade 2/3: Coral Shepherd Grade 4/5/6: Jacinta Mulder.

Netbook Program 2010
The netbook information night was well attended by parents last week. Parents are very keen to see the program extend into grades 4,5,6 next year so we have made...
the decision to go ahead with the program in 2010. Netbooks have now been ordered and should arrive at the start of the year. Anyone with any questions about the program please contact myself or Jacinta Mulder.

School Council Dinner
The annual Staff and School Council dinner will be held this Friday at 7pm at the Blue Room. Could all School Councillors let the school know if they will be attending so we can confirm numbers. The meeting scheduled for 6.30pm preceding the dinner is now cancelled. I will reschedule this meeting at a convenient time next week for School Council to confirm the 2010 budget.

Lynn Lyles

VOLUNTEER PAINTERS REQUIRED
We need volunteer painters to paint the top railing of the new playground. Paint and brushes supplied. If you can give an hour or more of your time please call Leonie on 5576 4251 or 0438 586 762 and Andrea 55764 264 or 0428 761 097. Thankyou for making our playground safe.

Leonie Dyson

CANTEEN
Drinks for sale
Monday - Wednesday - Friday from the Staffroom.

Drinks
Choc & Straw Milk $1.50
Juices - Apple, Tropical Orange $1.00

Great Victorian Bike Ride
Mobile Phone Charging & Drink Sales
Carolyn & I would like to say a big thankyou to the parents who helped on Sunday. The event was huge and without the help we would never have kept up. Parents were very understanding and put far more time in than their allotted hour. We also had a number of children help us out in the afternoon which was great.

We charged about 488 phones, ipods & cameras over a period from 12pm to 9pm when we closed. We had to stop them coming in at 5:30pm. There was only one person who did not collect their phone and at the end there were no missing chargers or phones!

A big thankyou also goes to Jeanette Carmichael, Nicole Bigham, Suzy & Sylvia for stepping in to also assist. Wayne Gould was also called upon for assistance and provided us with more power, helped us set up and volunteered his time. For anyone else in the outside community we have overlooked, please accept our thanks.

In total we raised $1117.40.

We were congratulated on the job we did, the time we spent making sure everyone received excellent service and the bike riders were very grateful for our assistance. We also had people just give donations.
One person made special mention of the childrens’ fantastic signs on the way to Macarthur.

Once again thankyou for all the help & time you gave. A job well done.

Andrea Drendel.
Wanted to Rent

Looking for a 3+ bedroom house between Macarthur & Hawkesdale.
Contact
Leonie 55607249
References available.

AquaSafe Holiday Program
Don’t forget to enroll your children in the AquaSafe Program beginning on the 11th Jan. 2010. This programme can be moved or repeated on week beginning 18th Jan. if demand is strong enough. An early indication of your preference will assist with planning.

Macarthur Pool Opening
Season opening of the pool will be Sat 5th Dec. where enrolments can be discussed and season tickets purchased. Phone enquiries can also be made by contacting the pool manager Peter Cook on 0413884245.

Uniforms for Sale

(All very good condition)
1  Silver Fleece Jumper size 16  $45
1  Track suit size 12  $10
1  Track suit size 16  $10
1  Sport Shirt Purple size 16  $5
1  Netball Skirt size 16  $5
2  Midford Trousers size 16  $10 ea

Contact Sandra Addinsall

Corangamite Library will be closed from
Wednesday 16th December and will re-open on
Wednesday 3rd February 2010

Customers who have borrowed books will have their return due date adjusted to suit this date

ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER
F Lyer FOR COUNTRY CRICKET CAMPS 2010

Changes to Victoria’s Road Safety Rules

Vicroads

Child restraints

The new rules
All children under seven years of age must wear a child restraint or booster seat when travelling in a car for improved safety. The type of restraint will depend on the age of the child as follows:

• **under the age of six months**: to be restrained in a properly fastened and adjusted approved rearward facing child restraint (e.g. infant capsule)
• **from six months to less than the age of four**: to be restrained in either a properly fastened and adjusted approved rearward or properly fastened and adjusted approved forward facing child restraint with inbuilt harness (e.g. child safety seat)
• **from four years to less than the age of seven**: to be restrained in either a forward facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seatbelt or child safety harness.

There are also new laws about where children can sit in vehicles.

• If a car has two or more rows of seats, then children under four years must not travel in the front seat
• If all seats, other than the front seats, are being used by children under seven years, children aged between four and six years (inclusive) may travel in the front seat, provided they use an approved child restraint or booster seat.

There is more detailed information on rule changes on the vicroads web site. Please visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/roadrules

Telephone: 1300 360 745
Broadwater Community Centre
1st—Farmers Inn B&B, night for two.
Macarthur Hotel — Meal voucher & bottle of wine
Winner — Pauline Cowland
2nd — Sweep fan — donated by AWM Warrnambool
Winner — Trudy Sharrock
3rd — Painting
Winner — Kaylene Cowland
4th — Totem Tennis donated by J Moore Werrangourt
Winner — Indi Jones
5th — Small ladies handbag
Winner — P & M Cook
6th — Small sports bag
Winner — Cheryl Hill

Mark the calendar!!!!
School Concert & Presentation Evening
Thursday 17th December
@ the Macarthur Hall.
Everyone welcome.

Royal Childrens Hospital
I would like to thank you all for your continued support.
All prizes were won by locals.
Drawn on Sunday night at 7:15pm.
Families bring a plate for supper, please
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Thank you Co-ordinator — Suzy Millard
Sandra Addinsall

Calendar 2009
PD Professional Development
Conf Conference
JRC - Junior Red Cross
JSC - Junior School Council
LL Lynn Lyles
JM Jacinta Mulder
SC Sharna Cunningham
CS Coral Shepherd
SM Suzy Millard
JT Julie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke

G 1st — School Council Informal
H 2nd — School Council
J 3rd — Parent Quiz night
K 4th — Youth Focus Group
L 5th — School Leadership
M 6th — School Council Meeting
N 7th — School Council
O 8th — School Council
P 9th — School Council
Q 10th — School Council
R 11th — School Council
S 12th — School Council
T 13th — School Council
U 14th — School Council
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Z 19th — School Council
A 20th — School Council
B 21st — School Council
C 22nd — School Council
D 23rd — School Council
E 24th — School Council
F 25th — School Council
G 26th — School Council

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