From the Principal’s Desk

**Picasso Cow Presentation**
Today our Picasso Cow, Mrs Udderfull, has travelled to Warrnambool, in the comfort of Suzy Millard’s horse float, to the official presentation ceremony for the Picasso Cow Competition. She was accompanied by Mrs Barnett and the grade 4, 5, 6 students who worked so hard in painting her. The students have also produced a portfolio of work on the dairy industry and dairy foods which is also part of the Picasso Cow Project. We wish them well in the competition but, whatever the result, Mrs Udderfull is already a winner to us all. Well done, Mrs Barnett and grade 4, 5, 6.

**Bushfire Readiness**
The school is currently reviewing its Emergency Management Procedures in preparation for the coming summer. All schools have been asked to prepare detailed plans as part of a Bushfire Readiness Process which is being coordinated by the state and regions. There will be much on the media over the coming weeks regarding Preparing for Bushfires. I am working on our plan and will ensure the community is fully informed once this is completed during the first weeks of next term.

**Victorian Student Number**
All students in Victoria are currently being assigned a Victorian Student Number (VSN) which will remain with the student throughout his or her education. The number will appear on all student reports and records in the future.

I have attached information to this newsletter and leaflets are available at the school office if parents require more information.

**NAPLAN**
Naplan reports are due to be delivered to schools this week for students in grades 3 and 5. These will be distributed to parents by the end of this week. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any queries you may have about your child’s NAPLAN Report.

**Sporting Achievements**
We have had many students recently participating in sporting events beyond school and I would like to congratulate the following students on their recent achievements:

- Horse Riding: On Friday Will and Lucy Petersen competed as part of a composite school team (Macarthur/ Koroit Primary Schools) with cousin Casey Williams in the Warrnambool. The team ran 1st, 2nd, 3rd and...
8th out of approximately 30 entries in the grade 5 horse trials section. Swimming: Laura Nield competed in the District Swimming Competition in Portland. Laura came 1st in the 25m butterfly and 50m breaststroke events and second in 50m freestyle and backstroke.

Badminton: Temika Gay competed in the Under 12 Badminton Tournament in Melbourne and came 3rd overall.

Football: Sam Lambevski was in the Hawkesdale-Macarthur Football team which won the Under 12 Grand Final against Penshurst by 2 points last weekend.

Cycling: Bailey Belleville competed in the district school championships at Cobden yesterday. He finished in 2nd place in the U13’s.

Well done to all students.

Term 4 Camps
Just some advance notice that the grade 3, 4 and grade 5, 6 camps will be held on November 2nd to 5th. Grade 3/4 will go to Camp Cooriemungle and Grades 5/6 will go to Melbourne.

Notes will go out in the first week of next term with confirmed information and costs. All camps will be subsidised by $100 per student from drought relief funds which will reduce costs to families.

Net, Set, Go
The Net set Go Program has run all of this term each Monday night and I would like thank Leonie Dyson for her commitment to running this program for the school. The program has been well attended and enjoyed by many students. Thank you also to all parents who have assisted Leonie in running this program.

Last Day of Term
This Friday is the last day of term 3 and school will finish at 2.30pm. We will have our BBQ lunch at 12.30pm followed by our end of term parent student games. This term we will play T-Ball and begin at 1pm with a small game for younger students. The main game of parents V Grade 5 and 6 students will begin at 1.30pm for the Macarthur Cup. The cup is currently held by parents after the netball game in term 2. Please come along and join in our traditional end to the term.

BBQ Help Needed
We still need someone to volunteer to cook the end of term BBQ on Friday. If you are able to help please let the school know. Cooking normally begins at 12.00pm so we are ready to eat at 12.30pm.

Sunsmart: Hats
A reminder that next term we require all students to wear hats as part of our Sun Smart Policy. The school has hats available for sale if you are unable to locate your child’s hat.

I wish all families a happy and safe holiday.

Lynn Lyles

CANTEN
The canteen is now closed until further notice. It is hoped to sell icy poles and cold drinks during Term 4.

Thanks to Jenny Nield who emptied the cupboards on Monday.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
Sauce used for lunches, other than canteen orders, is not free.
If sauce is not provided from home it can be purchased from the canteen for 20¢ per sachet.

Corangamite Library
operates Mondays 3:30—4:30pm & Wednesdays 1:30—4:30pm
at the Macarthur Primary School— 55761245

PLEASE NOTE:
The library will be closed for school holidays from Monday 21st September and re-open on Monday 5th October

Interschool Horse Trials
Our team ran 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th out of approx. 30 entries in the grade 5 horse trials section. It was a very windy day, but our ponies all behaved very well.

Will, Lucy and Casey Williams (cousin) - (composite school team) Macarthur/Koroit Primary Schools.
What is the Victorian Student Number (VSN)?

The VSN is a student identification number that will be assigned by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student’s school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to identifying information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

Why is the VSN being introduced?

The introduction of the VSN will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria.

Why do students need to have a VSN?

In a large and diverse education system such as Victoria’s, a standard, centrally assigned student number is the best way to identify individual students. Using a reference number to collect and store data helps avoid the errors and confusion when names are misspelled, changed, or mistaken for other similar names.

Most Australian states either have already or are intending to introduce a student number, and the practice is common in many other countries, including New Zealand and Canada.

Where will the VSN appear?

The VSN will appear:
- on common student communications, such as enrolment confirmations and report cards, and
- on applications made by the student for enrolment in new schools or institutions.

Why does the Government need information on students?

The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, to identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will simply improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them. The improved quality of information will also result in more accurate reporting to the community on the state’s education system.

Will the privacy of personal information be protected?

Yes, security is built into the VSN system and the number itself. The student records maintained in the VSN system contain minimal information about each student – name, date of birth, and gender together with the date of admission and date of exit from each school attended. The VSN system is not a collection point for other student data such as academic achievements and outcomes, health or welfare information. Because the number is randomly assigned, personal information about the student cannot be inferred from it.

Access to the data in the VSN system is strictly limited, and the database itself will be maintained in a fully secure environment. The information will be used only for educational purposes and the ways in which the VSN can be used are prescribed by legislation. The legislation also includes criminal offences for use of the data for other than the prescribed purposes. Commonwealth and State Privacy Principles have also been used to guide the design of the VSN system.

Are parents and students entitled to see the information stored on the VSN system about the student?

Yes. A student (and the student’s parents, if the student is under the age of 18) may request a copy of the information held in the VSN system relating to that student.

What do schools think of the new system?

Schools, other education organisations and education experts have been regularly consulted during the development and design of the VSN. Care has been taken to minimise the administrative demands that the VSN places on schools. There has been broad support from the education sector in general, for the introduction of the VSN.

How can I find out more?

Visit www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/parents.htm or send an email question to: victorian.student.register@edumail.vic.gov.au
Introduction of the Victorian Student Number

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Clubs Pastry Dishes

Could all pastry dishes for jam tarts be returned to school for Chrissie Tischler please. These are needed for the next Clubs group to run. Thank you.

PE

Next term, PE (Phys Ed) will be held on Mondays. Can all students please remember their runners and sports uniforms on Mondays for all of Term 4.

Thank you for your support

Miss C.

HAMILTON LAWN JUNIOR TENNIS

The Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club will commence its junior tennis competition on Tuesday 20th October, with a registration night at the clubrooms on Tuesday 13th October.

If you have any queries please contact Louise Field PH 55 712 110.

Some of the Picasso Herd. Mrs Udderfull is a generic masterpiece. Well done Macarthur.
Hamilton Little Athletic Centre,
Commences:- Wednesday the 7th October 2009,
Time:- 4.30pm sharp till 5.30 - 6.00pm.
Venue:- Mitchell Park, Mt Napier Rd, Hamilton.
Enquires:- Jenny Evans 0419 008 028.

The Hlt Little Athletics Centre is also hosting the "Go For Your Life" South West Games, Come & Try Day on Sunday 1st November, 2009 at Mitchell Park, this day will be open to all children age groups Under 6 - Under 16.

Also, The Hlt Little Athletic Centre will be hosting their own Hamilton Gift Come & Try Day on Sunday 6th December, 2009 at Mitchell Park, this also is open to all children age groups Under 6 - Under 16.

For further enquires and entry forms for both days: - contact Jenny Evans 0419 008 028.

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JRC - Junior Red Cross
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JM  Jacinta Mulder
SC  Shama Cunningham
CS-Coral Shepherd
SM  Suzy Millard
JT  Julie Timms
SL  Sylvia Luke