From the Principal’s Desk

District Athletic Sports Day
The District Athletic Sports will be held next Thursday March 26th at Pedrina Park in Hamilton. All students will take part in this event and I have attached a permission note to this newsletter which we would like parents to return as soon as possible. Parents will be responsible for arranging transport to and from the event.

High Jump
Macarthur Primary School will be responsible for running the high jump event at this year’s sports, not hurdles as in previous years. We will need to transport our high jump mat and poles to Pedrina Park on the day of the sports. We are looking for a kind parent with a ute or trailer who could help with transport of the high jump equipment. If you can help please see Lynn or Sharna. We also need some parent volunteers to help with running the high jump at Pedrina Park. If you are able to help out for a time during the day please let us know.

Roles of Student Leaders
I have been very impressed since my return on the way the grade six students are taking the responsibility of their leadership roles this year. Last Friday the school captains ran a very organised assembly and today I have met with Junior School Council leaders to organise the formation of this year’s JSC. The manner in which the students are approaching their roles is very pleasing.

Responsible Students
It is fantastic to see the new library being used so regularly by students and the responsible way in which students are working in the new area. I regularly see small groups of our senior students working in the library either on group tasks, individual tasks or computer work and I would like to acknowledge their good behaviour and the positive attitude they are displaying in their learning. Well done.

Fundraising Meeting
I would like to hold a parent meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm. Last year we held a similar meeting at the start of the year to organise a Fundraising Calendar for the year. This worked exceptionally well as we decided what events we would run and who was going to organise each event. This way we had

Drink Stall and Wood Raffle.
Thank you to all families who assisted with our drinks stall and wood raffle at the Macarthur Community Auction last Saturday. All fundraising efforts are really appreciated by the school and go directly to the benefit of our students and learning environment.

PMP Program
Our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) has started again this year for our Prep and grade one students. This is running on Thursday mornings and it is wonderful to see so many parents turning up to support our program again. The children love the program and it assists children develop motor skills and coordination as well as many spatial concepts which is an important foundation for learning.
a clear plan and the work was shared so we did not have overload. We also discussed possible projects for our fundraising and made suggestions on how the fundraising could be best spent. I would like to hold a similar meeting next week. I hope that many of you are able to attend.

Date: Wednesday March 25th
Time: 2.30pm
Where: Library.
Hope to see you there.

Garden Help
Our creeper was certainly in need of a trim last week and I would like to express a big thank you to Chrissie Tischler for coming in on Monday morning and cutting it back for us. Your work was much appreciated by us all as we can now walk down the side of the building without being attacked by leaves and branches. I think it may be time for us to organise a working bee in the near future. More information on date and time after tonight’s School Council Meeting.

Junior School Council
The Junior School Council executive are organising nomination forms to be sent out to students interested in being on JSC this year. One student representative will be selected for each grade level. Any children interested in being on Junior School Council please fill in the nomination form and return to Mrs Lyles or JSC executive members James Cassidy, Jessica Musson and Aaron Dyson by Monday March 23rd.

School Council AGM
The Annual General Meeting of Macarthur PS School Council will be held tonight at 7.30pm. All office bearers for 2009 will be elected at tonight’s meeting. The 2008 Annual report will be presented at this meeting. All community members are welcome to attend. The AGM will be immediately followed by an ordinary meeting of School Council.

Lynn Lyles

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**Canteen Price List**

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**Canteen Roster**

| Monday 16 | Carolyn Malseed |
| Wednesday 18 | Narelle Cassidy |
| Friday 20  | Nikki Belleville |
| Monday 23  | Andrea Drendel |
| Wednesday 25 | Jenny Nield |
| Fri 27    | Tamara Hardy |

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**NETBOOKS - MINI NOTEBOOKS** by Kate Addinsall

I asked the Year 5’s what they like about their mini notebooks and this is what they said.

Harry: - They're small and you can fit them in your bag and take them home. I like that you can change the background and do what you want.

Carly: - That its mine to keep until it breaks down. We have the internet until we leave school. I like the camera program. I like that you can do what you want with them. That you can save your own documents on it. I like the newer Microsoft additions.

Thalia: - They are really small and easy to carry around. I like the internet and the video camera. They’re ours to keep. My favourite program is the Powerpoint.

John: - They’re small and they’re good. I like the camera and the programs that are on it. The internet and camera.
HEALTHY ACTIVE SOUTH WEST

A community project across Macarthur, Lismore & Camperdown

‘Healthy Active South West’ is engaging with your community to promote healthy lifestyle choices and as part of this, your assistance is required to provide information on issues relating to healthy lifestyle choices you may be concerned with in your local community.

A survey should have reached you and by now you have completed it and returned to Macarthur Community Health. If not and you would like to do so, please contact Mardi Nestor. A BIG THANKS TO THOSE THAT ALREADY HAVE! The information that is obtained from your survey, will be reported at the community consultation which is on Friday 27th March:

9:15 am @ Macarthur Community Health, Adult day care room, 12 Ardonachie Street, OR
6pm @ Macarthur Hotel, The Red Room.

Everyone is welcome, and this will give you the opportunity to put forward ideas and activities that will contribute to healthier eating and physical activity in your area.

PLEASE R.S.V.P BY Wednesday 25th March. There are limited places, so please get in early.

Healthy Active South West requires a community advisory committee with representatives from each community. The project advisory committee will provide local knowledge and experience related to their community, and assist Healthy Active South West project in development of sustainable initiatives that address healthy eating and physical activity.

If you believe you are the right person for the advisory committee position, would like to be involved and want to help your community become healthier, please contact Mardi Nestor. Phone: 0417 001 787 or 555 22000 or by email, mnestor@swh.net.au

**FUNDRAISER:**
The Primary School Wood Raffle
Each family has been given a set of Tickets which are attached to the newsletter.
Tickets are to be written on both sides and the book is to be returned to school by Wednesday 1st April.
Drawn: End of Term - April 3rd.

**Eumeralla Landcare Group**
Our next meeting will be held on Monday March 23rd at 7:30pm at the Macarthur Hotel.

**Agenda:**
Discussion on the future direction of the group, so please bring your ideas along to share.
If there is insufficient interest then the group may not continue, so now is the time for you to VOTE, & speak up.
Everyone welcome.

Contact: Jenny O'Brien 55763257
Danny Hill 55761161

**Important:**
**Student Information**
Updated information regarding 25 students still has not been received.
Current information, held by the school, regarding these students has been sent home today in envelopes. Please update any information which is not current and return the slip to school tomorrow.
If your phone number has changed, if you have a new mobile number, if your address has changed, or the emergency contacts have changed, the school needs to know.
Netball - Saturday Morning Comp Pedrina Park
As a result of the Meeting held 16/3/09 it was decided to extend the registration period until Wednesday 25th March 2009. We urgently require more Under 15 & Under 18 players! Individual names will be taken & teams can be made up of these players if schools can not field a team. We are seeking players from Baimbridge, Good Shepherd & Monivae. Please contact me ASAP if require more information. Jane Champness Ph 03 55724889

Art
Due to the Inter-School Aths Sports on Thursday 26th March, Mrs McNaughton will take Art at our school on Wednesday 25th March. All children in Gr 4/5/6 are reminded to bring a recent (last 12 months) photograph of themselves. These will be used for observation purposes only and not damaged in any way. They can take the photo home that night.

Maybe there are some in this district who are interested in the Christianity of the bible days and how the Life and teachings of Jesus apply to our lives today. Meetings to give and increase faith in Jesus are currently being held in the Senior Citizens’ Meeting Room Macarthur Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00am Non denominational All welcome Lexie Sutton & Sally-Anne Ballan Phone: 0458 008 557

Calendar 2009

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**PD** Professional Development
**Conf** Conference
**LL** Lynn Lyles
**DB** –Don Beaton
**JM** Jacinta Mulder
**SC** Sharna Cunningham
**CS** Coral Shepherd
**SM** Suzy Millard
**JT** Julie Timms
**SL** Sylvia Luke
Royal Children’s Hospital

As you are all aware we will be door knocking for the Good Friday Appeal.
Anna Wortley has offered some of her time to collect in her area
Jo Moore & family have offered in the Byaduk area
Sandra & Suzy will be collecting around the Macarthur & Mt Eccles area.

We will also be doing the Annual Good Friday night at the Pub.
Hoping everyone can help in some way.
I wish to thank everyone for their continued support.

It is greatly appreciated.

Suzy Millard
Co-ordinator

Tennis Club Macarthur

Thanks to all those young tennis players turning up on Monday nights. Hopefully next Monday will be better, weather wise.
Juniors - 5:00pm   Seniors - 6:00pm
Sausages available.
Gold coin donation (goes towards the Club)

Over $400 was made from the Auction where we sold sausages and hamburgers. Well done!

As it was suggested the Macarthur Tennis Club should fold, it’s great to see that people are willing to support it.
We are too big a town to lose our Tennis Club.

Suzy Millard