School Council Meeting
Last night School Council met and had a very long meeting where we worked on a number of important issues for our school:

1) Strategic Plan
We began work on developing our school Strategic Plan for 2010 - 2013. This is based upon the recommendation of our recent school review and includes a 4 year plan of action setting out clear goals in areas of Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing and Student Pathways and Transition. The first draft is almost complete and I will communicate this to the community once it is finalized. I thank School Council for their time and input into this process.

2) Bushfire Readiness
The school fire procedures were discussed and recommendations to improve and clarify these were made. Staff has completed fire drills over the last week and a copy of fire procedures will be distributed to the school community next week for comment. It is important that we are all fully aware of the fire procedures in preparation for the coming bushfire season.

3) Netbooks
During 2009 our grade 5 students have been involved in a trial program involving the use of personal netbooks in their everyday learning. School Council discussed a proposal to continue this program to include students in grades 4 and 5 in 2010. This program has been subsidized this year by the government but this funding will not be provided in the future. We are looking at possible ways of continuing this program and I will be sending home a survey to parents of students in grades 4 and 5 to find out if parents would be supportive of this proposal.

Options include parents being offered the opportunity to purchase netbooks for their children, lease options or school funding of netbooks.

Uniform Orders
Thank you to Leonie Dyson and Carolyn Malseed for organizing our uniform orders for 2010. A “try on” session will be held at the school on Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm. Order forms are attached to the newsletter.

Headline
Our recent problem with headlice appears to be under control. The school will continue follow up checks on students to ensure we get on top of the problem. Thank you to Sylvia, Suzy and Julie for offering to train in this procedure so that our school has ready access to headlice checks.

Restorative Practices
Tomorrow staff will be attending Professional Development in Restorative Practices. This is an approach to student welfare and behavior management which we are implementing at the school and is one of the recommendations of our school review. Coral Shepherd will be in charge of the school tomorrow and Rita Sproal and Sonia Barnett will replace Sharna Cunningham and Jacinta Mulder. I will be attending meetings from Wednesday till
Friday of this week. I will return to school on Monday.

RE@CT Film Festival
Next Thursday evening will be the Re@ct Film Festival Presentation Evening in Warrnambool. We have 27 people from our school wishing to attend. This is fantastic support for our children and the project. I was allocated 25 tickets but have managed to find another couple from other schools so everyone who wanted a ticket will be able to attend. I will distribute tickets to families on Monday.  

Lynn Lyles

CASUAL DAY & CRAZY HAIR DAY
On the 13th November Junior School Council have organised a Crazy Hair and Casual Day. Prices will be 50¢ each. All earned money will go towards a treat at the end of the end of year concert.

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

Drinks
Choc & Straw Milk $1.50
Juices - Apple, Tropical Orange .80¢

VicSwim
Vicswim is the oldest aquatic education course in VICTORIA and is available to every student in this state. VICSWIM SUMMER KIDZ is a 3 week program at pools and beaches around the State commencing of the 4th of January 2010. Enrolments are now open; visit www.vicswim.com.au.

Please note online enrolments close on December 9th 2009.

Hamilton Junior Netball Association
The HJNA has recently met and to maintain a viable competition for young netballers in Hamilton decided on a new format for the 2010 season. The 2010 season will run from the 6th of February over six weeks ending with finals at the end of March. Games will be played at Pedrina Park on Saturday mornings.

VNA prices to be advised by Netball Victoria

The following age groups are available;
Net Set Go (prep to grade 3 planned)
Under 10 girls and boys welcome
Under 12 girls and boys welcome
Under 14
Under 16
Open (any age, with mums and friends welcome)

**If complete teams cannot be organised please enter the players and the HJNA will coordinate the combining of teams.

PLEASE REGISTER TEAMS INTERESTED BY 13th November

* PLEASE NOTE - We would like a netball contact from each of the schools that is willing to help promote this competition and assist us in running a viable junior netball competition in Hamilton.

** Parents from Macarthur PS - there is a form here at school. Parental input will be required.

Remember the Great Victorian Bike Ride 2009

Is coming to MACARTHUR!

Sunday 29th November 2009
Macarthur Recreation Reserve

Community Meeting
Tuesday 27th October 7.30pm
@ Recreation Reserve

Queries Anna Wortley 55764243

Uniforms

Order forms are attached to this newsletter. Orders and payment are to be returned by November 11th.

Payment, via instalments, can be arranged by seeing Sylvia at the Office.
Summer Holidays and Travelling with Asthma

Travelling should not present problems for someone with asthma. Whether you are planning a beach escape or an overseas adventure these summer holidays, the Asthma Foundation of Victoria suggests the following steps you can take to ensure your asthma is under control.

Visit your doctor before you trip for-
- A written Asthma Action Plan and a letter outlining what treatment you require in case of an asthma emergency.
- In some cases you will need a signed letter from your doctor to explain the medication required to take it through international customs
- A review of your current medication
- Your doctor may prescribe extra medication for your trip

Be prepared-
- Have your asthma under control before you depart
- Ensure you have enough medication with you and the right equipment
- Puffers and spacers are compact, easy to use and pack easily into your luggage. There are now small spacers available (eg; Able spacer or Breath-a-Tech) which are a great size for travelling.
- Ensure that if you are travelling that you keep medication in your hand luggage as well as spares in your stowed luggage.

Know your triggers
- Be aware of the things which aggravate your asthma (some people may find that their asthma deteriorates while they are away, while others find that it improves)
- Triggers may include temperature changes, pollution, pollens and grasses and animals. These are just a few to be aware of.

If you would like more information or would like to speak to an Asthma Advisor, please call 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au or www.asthmafriendlyschools.org.au

Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club Inc
Netball Meeting
There will be a general meeting on Wednesday 21st October, 2009 at the Macarthur Clubrooms at 7.30pm to have a wrap of this years matters, collection of dresses, by-laws from league, dates for advertising of coaches and to set a date for the Annual General Meeting etc.
Everyone is most welcome and look forward to seeing you all.

2009 ‘Go for your Life’ SOUTH WEST GAMES
Come and Try Day - ATHLETICS
HOSTED BY HAMILTON LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 2009
TIME: 10.00AM – 3.30pm
LUNCH: 12PM–1PM BBQ & Drinks available.
VENUE: MITCHELL PARK OVAL, Mt Napier Rd HAMILTON
ENTRIES CLOSE: 23rd October, 2009
No late entries will be accepted & all athletes must be registered to be able to compete on the day.

EVENTS:
U/6 - 60Hurdles, 70m, 100m, Long Jump, Shot Put.
U/7 – U/15: 80Hurdles, 70m, 100m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus.

ENTRY FEE: U/6 - $5 U/7 – U/15 - $6
ENQUIRIES: Jenny Evans ph 03 55 719969, 0419 008 028
1 Rountree St., Hamilton. 3300

Detach here and forward to the above address:.................................................................
Completed entry form and payment sent to:

FULL NAME: ......................................................................................................................
DATE OF BIRTH: ..............................................................................................................
AGE GROUP AS OF 1st October, 2009: .................................... M..... F.....
ADDRESS: ............................................................................................................................

PHONE NUMBER: ...........................................................................................................
Ambulance Cover – Yes........ No.............
Membership No ........................................

I give permission for my child to participate in the South West Games Athletics day at their own risk, and be photographed or videoed and accept Hamilton Little Athletics Club are the organising body only and take no responsibility for any injuries.

Parent/Guardian Signature .................................................................
Date ................................

Broadwater Community Centre
Pett Fair/Hamilton Road, Broadwater

Christmas Tree and Santa

Saturday 12th December 2009
6pm - BBQ (BBQ supplied)
BYO Meat and drinks
8pm - Santa
50c per head
Families bring a plate for supper, please

More Info: Danny Hill 5376 1161
Leonie Dysom 5376 6251
Everyone Welcome
Royal Children Hospital
Garage Sale
Saturday 14th Nov
Outside Macarthur Newsagency
8:00am start

There will be 50-60 potted plants
$1-$1.50
There will also be a raffle with 6 prizes. It will be drawn after the Big Bike ride (Great Prizes)
If you have anything at all (must be saleable) could you please ring Suzy 55761 210 or Sandra 55761303
or just drop it around to 18 Eversley St Macarthur
All money goes towards our Good Friday Appeal, so please start cleaning out those sheds & cupboards now.

Thanks very much
Suzy—Co-ordinator

Macarthur Tennis Club
Social Tennis
Friday Evenings beginning
6th November * 13th * 20th
*27th
Juniors at 4:30pm

Annual General Meeting
29th October at Clubrooms
At 7:30pm
Any interested persons very welcome.

Calendar 2009

PD Professional Development
Conf Conference
JRC - Junior Red Cross
JSC - Junior School Council

LL Lynn Lyles
J M Jacinta Mulder
SC Sharna Cunningham
SM Suzy Millard
JT Jullie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
18 Online Literacy Interviews
Oct 11—Nov 6
P-2
19 -PE/ Music
20 -LOTE/ Sci
21
22 Art
-PD-RestPrac
W’bool
-LL –Prin Conf
Meb
23
-LL –Prin Conf
Meb
24
25 Online Literacy Interviews
Oct 11—Nov 6
P-2
26 -PE/ Music
-Bowls 456
27 -LOTE/ Sci
28
29 MARC
-Re@ct Film
Festival
30
-GRASS
Showcase
31
November 1
Online Literacy Interviews
Oct 11—Nov 6
P-2
2 -PE/ Music
-Gr5/6 Camp
-Gr3/4 Camp
3 -LOTE/ Sci
-Gr5/6 Camp
-Gr3/4 Camp
4 -Gr5/6 Camp
-Gr3/4 Camp
5 Art
6
7
-Byaduk
Spring Show

8
9 -Planet
Rhythm
10
11
-11:00
Remembrance
Day

12 MARC
13
- JSC Casual Day
& Crazy Hair
14

15
16 - Bowls 456
17
18
19 Art
- Red Cross
Lunch
20
- Kanga 8’s
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