From the Principal’s Desk

New Playground
Our new playground is being installed. It was very exciting to see the fort/cubby arrive over the weekend and our shade sails are now being constructed. Work is also due to begin this week on the edging for our new sandpit. I know we have some very excited children so hopefully it will not be too long before the playground is ready for use.

School Review
This week we will be conducting our school review. An outside reviewer will be visiting the school on Thursday and Friday this week to assist us in evaluating our school and setting some directions for the future. Peter Musson will represent School Council on the review panel and Jacinta Mulder will represent staff. Other panel members include a regional representative and an independent reviewer appointed by DEECD. The reviewer will present a report to School Council at a special School Council meeting on Monday night at 7.30pm.

Staffing
Next week Jacinta Mulder will begin two weeks long service leave. Sonia Barnet will replace Jacinta in the grade 4/5/6 classroom for this time.

School Nurse
The school nurse will visit on Monday 27th August to conduct health checks on our Prep students. Could all parents ensure that forms are returned to school before this day.

School Council Meeting
There is a change of day for our July School Council meeting. This will be held next Monday night July 27th at 7.30pm. The School Review Report will be presented to School Council followed by our ordinary School Council Meeting.

Congratulations Temika
Temika Gay competed in the Warrnambool Junior Badminton Tournament on Sunday 19th July. Temika was runner up in the Girls Under 11 singles and doubles events. With these results she has been selected to play in the regional team as an Under 11 player in Melbourne at the end of August. Well done, Temika.

Hoop Time
This week our students in grades 3 to 6 have had the opportunity to compete in the Hoop Time Basketball competition in Hamilton. We combined with St Josephs Penshurst to form teams to enter in the competition. Yesterday I attended the event with our grade 5 and 6 students and was impressed with the skill and sportsmanship displayed by our students. Although we did not win the competition both teams won at least one game against some stiff competition from some Hamilton teams.

On Thursday our grade 3 and 4 students will attend the event. Teachers from Penshurst St Josephs will attend the Thursday event. Thank you to the many parents who assisted with...
transporting students to Hamilton on these days and providing assistance with team supervision. I would also like to thank Mandy from Penshurst who helped us out with scoring.

Lynn Lyles

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**EMA—Education Maintenance Allowance - 2nd instalment**

To be eligible for the EMA:

1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, **7 August 2009** for the second instalment; and
3. You must on **13 July 2009**, for the second instalment:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health care card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   - be a foster parent.
4. Submit your application to the school by the due date: **7 August 2009** for the second instalment.

Application forms are available at the Office for parents whose circumstance has changed during the 1st Semester of 2009.

* Please note you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.

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**P,1,2 Excursion / Sleepover**

Next Friday 31st July the Grade Prep, 1 and 2 children are having their excursion camp day. We will be visiting Flagstaff Hill, Lake Pertobe and going bowling. If we are lucky we may even see a whale!!! Could all permission slips and money please be finalised by this Friday 24th July.

One small change: Mrs Lyles is unable to attend the excursion to Warrnambool so going in her place is Tamara Hardy. Thank you Tamara for helping us out.

We still need one brave Dad to volunteer to stay the night with the boys. He will need to have a current WWC to stay over. Please see Miss C.

Thank you,
Miss C.

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**Picasso Cow Project:**

Today our cow settled into its new home in the Library. The bubble wrap was removed and the excitement amongst the students was fantastic to see.

As part of the Picasso Cow Project we need to name it, and this thought process has begun, but we need to be creative, more creative than Daisy or Bessie.

This cow is unique to our school, it needs a unique name.

Name suggestions might incorporate—dairy foods, acronyms, cow facts, our theme (bones & teeth) etc or something unique to Macarthur. Please have your children bring names to school by Monday 27th July so we can decide together on her name.

Sonia Barnett
Banana Bread

Serves 10

Nutritional Analysis Per Serve
Energy: 862kJ
Sugar: 11.7g
Protein: 6.1g
Sodium: 248mg
Calcium: 49mg
Total Fat: 5.6g
Saturated Fat: 2g
Iron: 1mg
Carbohydrate: 30.9g
Fibre: 3.9g

Ingredients

3 (400g peeled) very ripe bananas, mashed
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
60g Australian reduced fat dairy spread, melted
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup Australian reduced fat milk
1 1/2 cups wholemeal self-raising flour
2 teaspoons mixed spice
1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate soda
1/2 cup rolled oats
1 tablespoon rolled oats, extra, for sprinkling

Method

1. Mix bananas, sugar, vanilla, dairy spread, eggs and milk in a large bowl.
2. In another bowl sift together flour, spice, and bicarbonate soda and stir in the oats.
   Gently fold in the wet ingredients until combined, taking care not to over mix.
3. Pour batter into a lightly greased 21x11cm loaf pan. Sprinkle with extra oats and then bake at 180°C for 55-60 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean.
4. Cool on a wire rack. Slice and serve spread with reduced fat ricotta or cream cheese and drizzled with a little honey if desired.

Add a handful of sultanas to the mixture in Step 2 for added sweetness and moisture.

Additional Information


This loaf can be frozen whole, or in individually wrapped slices then defrosted at room temperature as required.

Banana bread is best eaten on the day it is made, after this it can be frozen or kept for an extra day in an airtight container. To freshen, warm slices in a toaster or microwave.

**Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club Inc**

*Training, Playing & Social Events 2009*

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**Macarthur Tennis Club Inc**

There will be a meeting at the clubrooms on Thursday 23rd July at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend. For further details please contact Secretary - Jill Millard on 55761224. Treasurer - Mark Todd

**Corangamite Library**

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

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