From the Principal’s Desk

**GRaSS ICT Showcase**
This Friday our grade 5 and 6 students will be attending a Showcase event organised by the Grampians Rural and Small Schools Group. Students will be showcasing the work they have done using ICT this year and presenting this to other district school children. I have just spent some time in the grade 4, 5, 6 classroom this morning and was extremely impressed with the collection of work the students have prepared to present on behalf of our school. This is a credit to the work they have put in this year and the expertise of Jacinta Mulder in the area of using ICT in teaching and learning programs. I am looking forward to attending this event with our students.

**REACT Film Festival**
Tomorrow night many of our students and parents will be attending the Re@CT Film Presentation event in Warrnambool. Grade 5 students involved in this year’s netbook trial program have worked on this project with students from grade 2, 3. The finished movie will be screened in Warrnambool with films from other district schools. Thank you to Coral Shepherd for working with our students on this project.

**Kinder Visit**
Today we had a visit from the Macarthur Pre-School children as part of our Prep transition program. The children worked in our Prep One classroom with our current prep children during a literacy session. I visited the classroom during the morning and was delighted to see the children so happy and settled, already ready to begin school in 2010.

**Great Victorian Bike Ride**
As you may all be aware Macarthur has the Great Victorian Bike Ride visiting the town on December 5th this year. We have been offered the opportunity to run a fundraising activity during the visit by running mobile phone charging services and selling soft drinks. This has the potential to raise a substantial amount of money for our school so I am sending out a note asking for volunteers to man our stall and also someone to coordinate the activity. Please complete the attached form and return to school as soon as possible so we can prepare for this very busy weekend in Macarthur.

**Camps**
Next week our grade 3, 4 and grade 5, 6 students will be on camp from Monday till Wednesday. Grade 3, 4 will attend Camp Cooriemungle with Mrs Shepherd and Grade 5, 6 will visit Melbourne with Miss Mulder and Suzy Millard. Both camps offer our students fantastic activities and experiences. Thank you to the teachers for work in organising these camps and to the parent volunteers who have offered to attend. Parents attending camps are Sally Gay, Sheralyn Jewell, Peter Drendel and Sandra Addinsall.
Online Literacy Assessments
This year the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has introduced a new literacy assessment for students in grades Prep, One and Two. Teachers will be conducting an Online Literacy assessment on all students in Prep, One and Two which covers areas of literacy including reading, writing and speaking and listening. This is a statewide assessment and will be conducted at the end of each year at the infant level. We will also conduct a literacy assessment on all students entering prep in 2010.

Lynn Lyles

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.

Uniforms
Order forms were sent home with last week’s newsletter. Orders and payment are to be returned by November 11th. Payment, via instalments, can be arranged by seeing Sylvia at the Office.

Craft Group
Could all the dishes used in Chrissy’s Pie Making group, be returned as soon as possible.
Thanks

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.

Christmas Tree and Santa

Broadwater Community Centre
Port Fairy/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 5576 1161
Leonie Dyson 5576 4251

Everyone Welcome
H1N1 (Swine Flu) Vaccinations

The Port Fairy Medical Clinic will be holding a Public Immunization Clinic for the H1N1 (Swine Flu) virus in Macarthur at the Macarthur Community Health Centre.

DATE: Tuesday 10th November
TIME: 7.00 - 8.30pm.

The vaccine is available to all members of the public 10 years and older.

There is no charge for the vaccine. Please bring your Medicare Card with you on the night.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of these clinics, especially people with underlying chronic health conditions, pregnant women, parents of very young children, and Indigenous Australians.

Many thanks Port Fairy Medical Clinic

2009 REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY APPEAL.

Poppies are now available for sale at school. They are available for students for 50¢ each and are being subsidised by the Warrnambool RSL. Students will be able to buy poppies each morning until Remembrance Day on November 11th. Families and community members are also welcome to purchase poppies from the school office. An honesty box system applies.

Great Victorian Bike Ride Fundraising Opportunity Volunteers Needed

Sunday 29th November 2009

We will be offering mobile phone & iPod charging services at a set cost.

We will also sell soft drinks.
**Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club Inc.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 6th November 2009**

**at 7.30pm**

Macarthur Recreation Reserve
Club Members and Community Welcome

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**Macarthur Tennis Club**

**Social Tennis**

Friday Evenings beginning
6th November * 13th * 20th
*27th*

Coaching will be available also on these evenings. More about this next issue.

**Annual General Meeting**

**29th October at Clubrooms**

At 7:30pm
Any interested persons very welcome. All persons interested in your children playing tennis please attend.

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**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

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