End of Term Lunch

Thanks to Tamara Hardy, Nikki Belleville and Anna Wortley for offering to coordinate our community lunch on the last day of term. The whole Macarthur community are invited to this lunch which is being held to celebrate the completion of our new building. We have booked the “Billy Tea Bush Band” who will be running workshops with all children during the morning and we will follow the lunch with a bush dance involving all students. We hope many parents and members of the wider Macarthur community can come along to help us celebrate and be part of a special end to the term.

Lunch will be held from 12.30pm onwards in our library for adults. Children will be served hot dogs from the canteen at the same time so students are not required to bring lunch on this day.

We will follow lunch with some “short” formal celebratory speeches and thank-yous which will be followed by music and bush dancing. Please invite people to come. It is intended to be a whole community event.

Thank You, Liana

I would like to thank Liana Blake for the great work she has done over the last 8 weeks replacing Sylvia Luke in the office. Today is Liana’s last day with us and Sylvia will return from leave next week.

Dress-Up Day

On Friday we held a dress-up day as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week. The day began with a parade at 9am and was attended by many parents and grandparents. The involvement of our children was fantastic and I thank parents for the effort they put in to helping children dress up for this day. I always think these days really reflect what rural schools are about. Children arrive with smiles on their faces and parents are there taking photographs. I always enjoy the time from 8.45am onwards when the buses arrive and children walk in the door in their costumes. Every one of them wants to tell me who they are at that time and it is a “magic” moment as they show their costumes and talk about who they are meant to be. It isn’t important what the costume is, it’s just being part of the moment. These moments are the times that children remember in their school life more than any other. Thank you so much for helping your children participate in these special times.

Obstacle-a-thon

Thank you to the children who participated so enthusiastically in our Obstacle-a-thon and to the community for sponsoring children in the event. We have raised over $750, so far, for our school. This is enough to buy all the plants for our new vegetable gardens and also put $250 towards the purchase of lockers for our grade 4, 5, 6 classroom. Well done, everyone.

Silverton PS Visit

On Monday, Jacinta Mulder and I travelled to Melbourne to visit Silverton PS. This was organized by our regional Ultranet coaches and involved teachers across Barwon South Western Region in Netbook trial schools. The aim of the day was to look at the innovative ways ICT and personal netbook computers are being used in upper grade classrooms. This visit has enabled us to look at our practice here at Macarthur PS and given us many ideas on how to move forward with our teaching and learning programs using ICT.

Clubs

Our Clubs program has been running very successfully over the last 3 weeks and this Friday is the final afternoon for the program. This has been extremely well supported by parents with up to 11 parents involved in helping with the activities. Thank you to all who have been helping. I know the students are thoroughly enjoying the experiences each week.

Long Service Leave

I will be taking 4 weeks leave at the start of term 4 when I will be going back to the UK for a few weeks to visit family. Jacinta Mulder will be Acting Principal in my absence and a replacement teacher will take over in grade 4,5,6.

Parent Association Meeting

Today we will hold our first meeting of our new Parent association at 2.30pm. We will elect office bearers at this meeting and decide on the schedule for future meetings. I will send home information to the community following the first meeting.

Coles Sports for Schools Program

The school is now collecting vouchers as part of the current Coles “Sports for Schools Program”. This will enable the school to purchase sports equipment for the school based upon the number of vouchers we collect. We have a collection box located in the main entrance, just outside the office. Please let friends, family and the wider community know we are involved in this program and all vouchers can be put in the box at school until October 31st. The more vouchers we get the more equipment we can buy for our children.

Lynn Lyles
Corangamite Library:
Monday 3:30 - 4:30pm
Wednesday 1:30 - 4:30pm
Jullie has an extensive range of books, talking books, DVD’s etc
AND if it’s not in the library, she can order it for you.
Come in and see her.

A McCain barcode collection box has been set up outside the office window.
By collecting barcodes from McCain frozen vegetable & purely potato packs and bringing them to school, we can redeem points for equipment —
10 points — McCain frozen vegetable 1 kg, 1.2kg & 2 kg packs
5 points - McCain frozen vegetable & Purely Potato 500g, 600g, 750g & 800g packs.
Barcode = points

URGENT
Parent Opinion Surveys are to be returned by TOMORROW Thursday 9th September.
Your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated.

CRICKET
If there are any Under 14 boys or girls interested in playing cricket this season could they please ring
Tony Lambevski on 55761313

Thankyou.

Macarthur Tennis Club News
The great news is the refurbishment of the courts with 2 new synthetic courts (and the possibility of a half size court for the juniors to learn on). Work on the courts will begin early in October and be ready by the end of October. This will make the centre of town a great facility for bowls, swimming and tennis.

There will be a Tennis Club meeting at the clubrooms at 7:30pm on Monday 30th August 2010 to discuss the refurbishment.

Anyone with young children and any adults would be most welcome as the courts are for the whole community and this is a chance for everyone to have an input.

Contact: Secretary - Jill Millard 5576 1224

Student Banking
Join the Dollarmites in 2010!!!
Banking will be on Mondays
The Commonwealth Bank have revamped the student banking program.
Students are able to collect tokens and redeem them for Dollarmite items. Drop bank books into the Dollarmite container at the Office each Monday morning.

Suzy Millard - Co-ordinator
**ROYAL CHILDREN HOSPITAL**

Well it is Spring believe it or not so I will be having another garage sale. If you have anything that is saleable and would like to donate it I would be very grateful. As you know every bit of money raised goes to the Melbourne R.C.H. I will let you know on a definite date later down the track when the weather is a little better. So get and clean out your cupboards, shed etc and call me if you need me to pick up anything. Thankyou so much for your continuing support it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely
Suzy Millard
Ph 55761210
Co-Ord Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal Macarthur

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Hopefully canteen will be up and running next term. If anyone is interested in doing a basic online course you can log onto www.foodsmart.vic.gov.au and follow the prompts. It would be good if as many as possible that will be working in the canteen could do this. It is not compulsory. It is free. Thankyou

Suzy Millard

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**Calendar 2010**

- PD: Professional Development
- Conf: Conference
- PM: Principal Meeting
- JRC: Junior Red Cross
- JSC: Junior School Council
- MT: Mentor Train

LL: Lynn Lyles
JM: Jacinta Mulder
DH: Darren Hilliard
CS: Coral Shepherd
SM: Suzy Millard
JT: Julie Timms
SL: Sylvia Luke
DRESS UP DAY