From the Principal’s Desk

Newsletter August 11\textsuperscript{th} 2010

Ultranet Training

On Monday I attended a principal’s conference in Melbourne where principals from across the state were introduced to the Ultranet. This was a massive day and the Ultranet is well on its way to being introduced to all government schools in Victoria. The Ultranet is an online learning community which will eventually be accessed by teachers, students and parents within a secure environment. This has huge potential to enable increased collaboration between teachers across the state and will impact significantly on the learning opportunities for students. It is also designed to enable increased communication between school and home and it is hoped parents will be able to access the Ultranet by the end of 2010.

Teachers and staff at Macarthur Primary School spent Monday working under the guidance of Jacinta Mulder to familiarize themselves for the first time with the Ultranet. This was a big day with much to absorb and I thank Jacinta for her work in running this day to introduce our staff so expertly to the Ultranet.

Enrolments

The school is now accepting enrolments for 2011. I would like to ask parents of all students who intend to enroll in Prep for 2011 to bring in their enrolment forms to the office as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers for next year and I can begin planning for grade structures and staffing. Can I remind parents that they will need to bring a copy of the child’s birth certificate and record of immunization to be viewed by the school with the enrolment form. Liana will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week to process enrolment documentation.

Uniform Policy Review

The school is currently conducting a review of the School Uniform Policy. Can all parents wishing to have input into the review please return the review survey form to school by tomorrow at the latest. I need to complete the review process with the Uniform Committee by next Tuesday in order to present the policy to School Council for approval if we are to complete our review prior to uniforms being ordered for 2011.

School Council Meeting

The next meeting of School Council will be next Tuesday evening, August 17\textsuperscript{th} at 7.30pm.

Reminders

There were a number of forms sent out with last week’s newsletter. Can I remind parents to return the following forms to school:-

- Obstacle-a-thon Permission Slip
- Uniform Policy Review
- Working Bee Form
- Election Fundraiser and Raffle Form

Jean for Genes Day

Congratulations to our Junior School Council for organizing a successful Jeans for Genes Day on Friday. They raised a total of $20 on this day. It is great to see our children becoming involved in organizing events. Well done, great job.

Lynn Lyles

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**Term Dates 2010**

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| Term 4 | 4 October to 17 December |

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**Office Hours 2010**

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| For Term 3 |
| Lynn |
| Phone: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday |
| 8:30am – 10:00am |

| App./meeting: |
| Mon, Thurs, Friday |
| all day (except between 10.00 – 11.00am) |

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**Special Birthday wishes to**

Marcus Tischler

12th
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.

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

EMA—Education Maintenance Allowance
In 2010 the EMA payment for parents/guardians is $225 for primary school students. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school and is paid in two instalments as per the schedule of payments set out in the table below.

Schedule of payments in 2010
Instalment Portion payable to Primary school rate
One (70% of EMA) Parent $ 78.75 School $ 78.75
Two (30% of EMA) Parent $ 33.75 School $ 33.75
Total for 2010 $ 225.00

The first instalment (70%) has been paid & the second instalment will comprise 30 per cent and will be paid from August 2010.
This payment schedule recognises that families incur the highest educational costs at the start of the school year.

Eligibility
To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must:
• be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
• be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; and
• submit your application to the school by the due date.
The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of 3rd Term (12 July 2010) for the second instalment.
Any applications based on Centrelink payments that are not income tested (e.g. Carer Allowance, formerly Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance) are not eligible unless the claimant, in their own name, complies with the second dot point above.

Application forms are available from the office. Please submit your application to school by 6 August 2010 for the second instalment of the EMA.
If you have submitted an application for the 1st semester you do not have to submit another application.
LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE RECEIVED.

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
### Macarthur Primary School Fundraiser

**EGG & BACON BREAKFAST**

**Bacon & Egg Sandwich**  $3.00

**Tea, Coffee and Orange Juice**  $1.00

**Saturday 21st AUGUST**

When: 8.00am onwards

Where: Macarthur Primary School

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September 1 Baimbridge visit Gr 6 transition 11.30am Garden Meeting

2 Marc Van LL-PM W’bool

3 Clubs Gr 6 transition

27 Clubs Obstacle-a-thon

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29 Literacy & Numeracy week

30 Baimbridge Parent Info session 7.30pm

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FOR SALE – UNIFORMS

The school has excess old sports uniforms for sale. If purchased, your children can wear them as part of their SPORTS uniform ONLY. On sale until stock runs out. First in best dressed.

PRICE $5.00 PER ITEM

**Jagga Jagga Fleecey Track Pants – elastic waist, side pocket and double knee.**
Size: 6 7 8 10 12 14 16

**Jagga Jagga Rugby knit Shorts**
Size: 6 7 8 10

**Long Sleeve Green Polo’s (these can be worn as winter uniform)**
Size: 10 12 14

ALL ENQUIRIES MUST CONTACT: CAROLYN MALSEED - 5578 4203 or LEONIE DYSON - 5576 4251/0438 586 762

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CLUBS

Fiona Musson is doing knitting for “Clubs”, and would love any donations of wool or needles. Please leave at the office marked “FIONA”. If your child is able to bring their own knitting needles to the session that would be “FANTASTIC”.

Thank you

Fiona Musson

CLUBS

I will be making scarecrows and would like to ask families if they have any old clothes to dress scarecrows in. Could they please donate them to the school. Things like hats, scarves, gloves, glasses, boots etc. would be great as well. Also if anyone can donate some straw to stuff our scarecrows this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Nikki Belleville
CLUBS PROGRAM 2010

These are the clubs that will be running this year. Thank you to these wonderful parents.

Donations of useful things (see below) would be most appreciated.

Tamara Hardy - Bird Feeders
Sue Logan - Masks
Brendan Gay - Woodwork
Chrissy Tischler - cooking (A helper would be appreciated.)
Louise Hill - Mobiles
Coral Shepherd - Fold up book.

Fiona Musson - Knitting  NEEDS; donations of wool; 8 ply best but any accepted, donations of needles size 4 or 4 ½ preferred (please note; cannot guarantee return so donated please). Fiona would also like a helper please.

Nikki Belleville - Scarecrows. NEEDS; old pillow cases for heads, old clothes, bales of straw for stuffing.

If you want to help out with any of these activities, please contact me. Fiona will need someone to take week 4 so any knitting helpers would be great.
Donations can be left with Coral Shepherd.

Thank you.

Coral
BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE

Baimbridge College is Visiting Your Community

Over the coming weeks, the leadership team and specialist staff from Baimbridge College will be visiting district school communities to talk about our curriculum and co-curricular programs. These visits will take place in addition to our annual information nights. The Principal, Mr Robert Vecchiet, Assistant principals and teacher representatives will be visiting your area in the coming weeks. Any interested persons are welcome to attend.

Cavendish Primary School on the 2nd August

Dunkeld Consolidated School on the 16th August

MacArthur Primary School on the 30th August

Coleraine Primary School on the 8th September

The sessions will all begin at 7.30pm and there will be a light supper provided.

CONGRATULATIONS

Temika Gay completed in the 2010 South West Swim Series and came third in the 9 year age group. The series ran over 3 nights with competitors from Hamilton, Portland, Mt Gambier, Warrnambool and Horsham swimming clubs.

Well done Temika.