From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome Back
Welcome back to a chilly start to term 2. It was good to see all students dressed in winter school uniform on the first day. They certainly looked smart lining up ready for a busy term. It was also great to see all children settle back so quickly into the school routine.

We have a busy term coming up with the calendar filling up fast. The term is a long one of eleven weeks with lots of learning taking place across the school. Children will begin the term with a unit of work on Australian Animals with older students focusing on animals which may be endangered. Education Week is during May and staff are currently planning some activities to help celebrate this. More news in future newsletters. NAPLAN testing is also scheduled for early May for years 3 and 5. Staff are currently preparing students for these assessments.

Specialist programs
This week we begin our specialist programs which will occur on the following days:
Monday: Music (Miss Mulder) and Art (Mrs Shepherd)
Tuesday: Phys Ed (Mr Hilliard) and LOTE French (Mrs Lyles)
Children will need to remember to bring sports uniform and runners on Tuesdays. Children can change at school into sports uniforms on Tuesday lunchtimes.

Farewell to Miss C
We begin the term with a sad but also happy moment as we say farewell to Miss C who will be leaving on Friday to begin a period of Maternity Leave. We will all miss Miss C and thank her for all of her work at the school over the past 4 years. We wish her well and much happiness with her new baby and will all be waiting near the end of May to hear the happy news.

Welcome Mr Hilliard
I would like to welcome Mr Darren Hilliard to the school staff. Darren has begun work this week teaching in our Prep One classroom and will continue in the role for the remainder of the year. Darren is quickly finding his feet at our school and working hard to ensure a seamless changeover for the Prep/One grade. I thank Darren for his work this week and hope he enjoys his time teaching with us at Macarthur Primary School.

New Building
Our new building is almost there and yesterday I took students around for a quick tour. There are still a few unfinished items to complete and then the paperwork to go through before we can use the space but it is not far off now. I hope many of you can come this afternoon to have a “walk through” of the new facility. I am quite delighted with it and as I walked through with students yesterday I could see so many possibilities for the future. I hope the community are also happy with what they see today.

School Photos
School photos will be taken next Wednesday morning, April 21st. Order forms went home on Monday. Please return these on the day of photographs. Family photo order forms are available from the school office.
## Holiday Working Bee
Thank you to the many parents and school council grounds committee who held a voluntary working bee in the school holidays. Much work was completed clearing up at the front of the school near the bike racks and our goal posts have been replaced. Your work is very much appreciated. We will need to organise a full school working bee in the near future now that our building works are almost complete to restore our grounds to their former glory. Please watch out for a date in future newsletters and consider attending this event.

## Fundraising
Andrea Drendel and Carolyn Malseed have been working hard to coordinate a fundraising event next week. A note went out on Monday with information and asking for volunteers and donations. Please return forms as soon as possible to help Andrea and Carolyn finalise organisation. Thanks ladies for all your hard work.

## Parent Group
I have had a request to begin a Parents Club at the school. I have investigated the process required to establish a Parents Club and School Council have supported this. Nikki Belleville is working with me to begin the process which is a written request by parents followed by the formation of an interim committee to establish a constitution. We will hopefully have this happening very soon and will send out information to parents once a date for a meeting to form the interim committee has been set. This is very positive for our school and I am very happy to see such support from our parents who wish to be involved in the future of our wonderful school.

## Office Hours
Sylvia’s office hours have changed this year and I am aware of some confusion about when Sylvia is available to help parents with administration matters. Sylvia fills two roles at the school and some of her work (between 9.00am and 11.00am) is timetabled to assist with student support programs. These programs need to run uninterrupted to ensure success for our students so it is not possible for Sylvia to leave to complete office work at this time.

The best times for parents to contact Sylvia are:-
Monday - Friday 8.30 - 9.00am and after 11.00am. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons are also good times as Sylvia works till 3.30pm on these days.

## Cyber Safety
This week I have been talking to our older students about Cyber Safety and the importance of not sharing passwords. This is a follow up from our Bully Busters Program in term 1 when this matter was discussed with students and the whole issue of Cyber bullying explored. We have also had one incident reported where a student received an unpleasant email earlier in the year and after investigation the issue of password security has been identified as something we need to be very clear on. Yesterday I discussed this with grade 4,5,6 in depth and we are very clear on a number of points:
- Do not allow anyone but your parents or teacher to know your password.
- Everyone is responsible for ensuring their own password is secure: if not, get it changed.

Should anyone ever receive an unpleasant email from any student at this school from a student’s school email then email access will be immediately suspended. Parents will be contacted and a period of suspended privileges determined with the students parents. It is important that we are all very clear about this matter as Cyber Bullying is something which is raising it’s head as we become more ICT dependent in our society. Our children need to be aware of how to deal with this and also how to avoid it happening to them. I have attached an information sheet to this newsletter.

Lynn Lyles

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<td>Can all kids bring their runners, the kits won’t be in for two weeks.</td>
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Thanks - Leonie
NetSetGo Co-ordinator
FIRE BLANKETS

A huge thankyou to parents who supplied fire blankets for use during the summer season.

With the change in weather and the easing of the bush fire threat it would be appreciated if the blankets be collected and taken home.

Thankyou to families—Hardy, Wortley, Milgate and Malseed.

Macarthur Golf Club

Saturday 17th April
Mens & Ladies Golf
Ladies to tee off at 12:00 noon
Men at 12:30
This will be followed by a social BBQ tea.
Meat supplied but members please bring a salad.
We would like to welcome any new-comers to join us.
If not for a game of golf, then maybe join us all for tea.

Golf Session

Miss C's special day with pressies and flowers from parents

Mr Hilliard with Prep One
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 Wednesdays.
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 Wednesday morning.

Sylvia Luke
Co-ordinator

Calendar 2010
PD Professional Development
Conf Conference
PM - Principal Meeting
JRC - Junior Red Cross
JSC - Junior School Council
LL Lynn Lyles
JM Jacinta Mulder
SC Shama Cunningham
CS-Coral Shepherd
SM Suzy Millard
JT Julie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke

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