Welcome Back
Welcome back to term 3. I hope all families had a good holiday and are ready to start a new busy term at Macarthur Primary School.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Next week we will be conducting mid-year parent teacher interviews on Monday and Tuesday evening. I encourage all parents to attend these interviews so you can discuss your child’s progress personally with the classroom teachers. A note has gone out yesterday which we would like returned to school by Friday so we can allocate interview times. Please indicate your time preference on the form and return to school as soon as possible.

Student Family Occupation (SFO) Details.
I have also attached a letter to all families regarding Student Family Occupation (SFO) details which is part of the school enrolment process. I am currently updating these for all families at the school as this affects the level of funding allocated to the school budget for teaching staff. I would like to ask all families to complete the update and return to school as soon as possible. If anyone is uncertain about this could they see me when they attend school for parent teacher interviews and I will clarify any issues.

Recycling
All children will be learning about Recycling this term as part of their classroom unit of work. This is very topical as Macarthur town introduces the new waste collection system through Moyne Shire. We are all learning together about the categories of rubbish and which bin does it belong in, Waste, Recycling or Organic. This is causing daily discussion and debate, especially in what can be recycled. It is going to be a challenge to us all to look at the amount of waste we produce and how we deal with or reduce this in the future.

Clubs
This term we will once again be running our Clubs Program so we are hoping parents will volunteer to assist with this. This is always one of the most popular programs with all children so please consider sharing your skills with us whether it be a craft, sport, cooking, dance etc. Mrs Shepherd will be coordinating the program and will be sending out a note for volunteers in the near future. We plan to run the program for 4 weeks on a Friday beginning Friday August 20th.

New Building
We have started using our new building this week and I would like to thank the staff for the work they have done in moving equipment and setting the room up for operation. Mrs Shepherd has been particularly busy organising the art area and Miss Mulder has set up the old art room as a music room which the children are thoroughly enjoying. It is fantastic to have the space to be able to set up these areas for permanent use. Next week Prep and grade 1 children will begin using the new entry and their new lockers. We will introduce them to this change this week and from Monday children in Prep and grade 1 will enter...
Ultranet Training
This week we begin training to introduce the Ultranet at Macarthur PS. On Friday Jacinta Mulder and I will attend some initial training followed by 2 full days training over the next 2 weeks.
Mrs Shepherd has kindly volunteered to work on Friday to fill in for me and will be in charge of the school on Friday. The Ultranet is being introduced statewide over this term and will be an online learning community for teachers, students and eventually parents. Watch out for more information over the next few weeks: as we complete the training we will inform the community more about how this will work and what it means for the education of your children.

Staff Leave
Mrs Luke will be taking leave this term beginning next week and returning during the last week of this term. Liana Blake from Hawkesdale College will be filling the business manager role during this time. Liana will work in the office two days a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Jullie Timms and Suzy Millard will fill other parts of Mrs Luke’s role including newsletter, student banking, student support and canteen once this is operating again later this term. We wish Sylvia well during her well-earned period of leave.

School Council Meeting
The next School Council Meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, July 20th at 7.30 pm in the library. This will be preceded by a finance committee meeting at 7pm.

Garden Meeting
A reminder to members of the garden committee that there will be a meeting next Wednesday, July 21st at 2pm in the multi-purpose room.

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.

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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.

Net Set GO
Net Set Go will continue for two weeks this term. Friday 16th and Friday 23rd July 2010 3.45pm to 4.45pm.

Thankyou
Leonie Dyson - Co-ordinator
Parenting Workshop with Lydia Bustin
Helping parents understand
Thursday 19 August, 2010
7.30 pm – 9.30pm
RMIT University Hamilton
$30 per parent or $40 per couple
In this workshop Lydia Bustin will explore the topic
Linking Emotional Coaching with Effective Discipline.
This workshop is especially aimed at parents of children aged 2-8 years, with all parents encouraged to attend.
Parents will learn about the key elements of emotional intelligence, how different parenting styles can either enrich or inhibit children's growth, how emotion coaching enhances a child’s development, achievements and relationships. Lydia will also explore how to effectively implement the five steps of emotion-coaching with young children.
To register call 03 5572 0500, or email
rmithamilton@rmit.edu.au. Registrations are essential and payment is by cheque or credit card only.

Prep One

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

Please collect the bar-codes and drop them in the box
**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.

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**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*

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**Calendar 2010**

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