From the Principal’s Desk

Swimming
The school swimming program is well under way and appears to be running smoothly with instructors from Jason Lamb’s Splash Factory running lessons for the children.
Swimming time trials were held yesterday and we have 16 children competing in the district swimming competition in Hamilton next Friday.
Thanks to Brendan and Sally Gay, Leonie Margrie and Trudy Sharrock for their assistance with conducting the trials.

Athletics Training
We have started athletics training in earnest to prepare for our own house sports and the district athletic sports in Hamilton at the end of term.
Thanks to Ash Hardy, Sue Logan and Jenny Nield for their assistance last Friday. The children are certainly benefitting from the additional “hands” at the training sessions. If you are able to assist please come along to any of our athletics training sessions this term.

Student Roles
I have introduced a number of leadership roles for grade 5 students this year. I believe it is important for students to be given opportunities to be involved in their school and to take on positions of responsibility.
Congratulations to the following students:
School Reporters/Photographers: Tahlia Purcell and Nikki Milgate
Library Monitors: Sarah Cassidy and Ruby Hill

School Council
There will be a School Council meeting tonight at 7.30pm in the library. This will be the final meeting of 2009 School Council. The election process for 2010 School Council will begin next week. Information on School Council nominations will be sent home next Monday.

Signing In
A reminder to parents that all visitors are required to sign the visitors register upon arrival. This is a safety requirement in case of emergency so we are always aware of all visitors present on the school premises. The register is available at the school office.

Fire Blankets
Thank you to the Malseed, Wortley and Hardy families for their supply of blankets for use in a bush fire emergency. These blankets are to be used to protect children from radiant heat in the event of a bush fire. We realize that woolen blankets are expensive and all blankets can be loaned to the school for terms one and four (fire season) and will be returned to families in terms two and three. Blankets are being stored in sealed, named bags and will only be used in an emergency. We are still in need of more blankets. If you can assist we would be most appreciative.

New Building
Work on our new building extension is progressing well. The aim is to have this completed by the Easter school holidays. All going to plan, we may be in our new building at the start of next term.
Lunches
The school does not have a canteen facility at the moment and staff are having problems organizing the heating up of lunches for children. Unfortunately, we do not have as many available staff this year to adequately supervise classrooms and heat up lunches for children so we are asking parents not to send lunches that require heating. Next term, when we once again have a canteen running, we will be able to reintroduce this service on canteen days only when a parent volunteer is present to organize this.

Lynn Lyles

RE (Religious Education)
Fiona Musson is looking for people who may like to help teach CRE (Christian Religious Education) at Macarthur PS. A session is only 30 minutes. You are provided with simple training and material to follow. You do not need a teaching background, just a love for our great Macarthur students who are keen to learn, respectful and a joy to teach!
If you would like information, phone Fiona on 55761222

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 a see her.

EMA - Education Maintenance Allowance
If you are the holder of a Centrelink card on the 1st day of the school year (27th January 2010) you may apply for EMA. Enquiries can be made at the Office.

Reminder -
: application forms for EMA are available from the Office
: the school needs to sight your Centrelink card for administration purposes
: the closing date for EMA applications is 4:00pm Friday 26th February.

Late applications will not be received.

Student Information Details
All families have received an envelope containing all the information pertaining to each of their children which is held by the school.

PLEASE carefully check all the pages and amend/add/delete as is necessary. (The form is to be returned even if there are no changes)

It is important the school has current information.

If you know your CFA location details and have not already informed the school could that be included on page 1 ‘Home Location Details’.

ASTHMA
If your child is an asthmatic, it’s important that the student either have their own medication with them and/or held by the school in the First Aide room.

There are still a number of parents who have not sent back this important information. Could the form be returned tomorrow.

For Sale
3 foot fish tank with stones and filter. $50
Please see Miss C.

Tissues
Each year we ask all parents to supply a large box of tissues for student use in each classroom. Tissues can be left with the class teacher.
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

Healthy Kids
FACT SHEET

It's a Wrap
Wraps are great for school canteens. They can be served hot or cold, can be gourmet or simple, are easy to make and if made according to procedures, can make a nice profit. Wraps are also a great way to add extra vegies into student's diets. Here are some tips for rolling wraps, what paper to use, some recipes, presentation tips and step-by-step instructions on how to sell wraps in your canteen.

Thanks to all of the people who submitted their successful wrap ideas on the healthy kids forum.

Steps to Making A Successful Wrap

Step 1. Place all of your bread out flat on the clean bench. Start to layer your desired ingredients on top of each other as seen in photo 1.

Step 2. Place remaining ingredients on top of the wrap as seen in photo 2.

Step 3. Roll up wraps using your chosen paper and cut in half.

Step 4. Serve them on a platter or in a basket where the students can easily see them, photo 3.

What Bread to Use
- Mountain bread
- Lebanese bread
- Tortilla
- Lavash bread

Modelling Designer Hats!
**Macarthur Recipe Drive**

Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share with your community?

Healthy Active South West and Macarthur Community Health are putting together a FREE recipe book and would like you to contribute...

...Recipes can be of soups, entrees, mains, lunch box ideas, salads, snacks or desserts...

How to be involved...
Drop in, post or email your favourite recipe to Macarthur Community Health by

**Friday 26th February**

12 Ardonachie St or macarthurch@swh.net.au
Any questions... Call 5522000

*Recipes may be modified by South West Healthcare Dietitian to make it a healthier choice.*

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*Conf Conference*
*JRC* - Junior Red Cross
*JSC* - Junior School Council
LL Lynn Lyles
JM Jacinda Mulder
SC Shama Cunningham
CS Coral Shepherd
SM Suzy Millard
JT Julie Timms
SL Sylvia Luke