From the Principal’s Desk

Athletic Sports
This is going to be a very busy week with athletics sports. We have our school house sports on Friday followed by the district athletics at Pedrina Park on Monday. Thank you to parents for help offered so far in training our children. I am sure they are all better prepared than ever before due to the extra practice.

House Sports—Friday
This will begin at 9.30am. A note is attached with the timetable of events for the day. Students are to wear house colours, yellow or purple. Parents, grandparents and community members are all welcome to attend. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a wonderful day at our sports.

As usual we need lots of help on this day to run events. Parent help is essential to run the discus, shot put, long jump and high jump events. I need at least 2 parent helpers for each event. Please put your name down to assist if you are able and return the note to school by tomorrow so we can finalise organisation.

Pedrina Park
This will take place on Monday March 22nd and events begin at 9.00am. Please be at Pedrina Park, Hamilton by 8.45 am. Parents are responsible for transporting own children to the event. Children will need to be in full sports uniform, including hats. Please remember sun-block, picnic lunch and plenty of drinks. Parents are welcome to attend for the day. I have attached a permission note to be returned to school by Friday.

Bully Busters Workshops
This week we ran some highly successful workshops run by the Bully Busters Team. The parent session was well attended and I have had feedback from parents that this was a very worthwhile session to attend. A separate session was held for staff and was equally valuable. Yesterday, student workshops were held and the students were involved in looking at characteristics of bullying behaviour and personal and group strategies to use when confronted by this type of behaviour.

The student workshops were also very practical and looked at developing social skills and resilience. There was a major focus in both workshops on how we react to situations. The younger children looked at how to behave like a “Cool, Calm, Kid”, not a “Scared Mouse” or an “Angry Alligator”. Older students looked at the difference between a passive, aggressive or assertive reaction (Neutral Zone). These are teachable skills and also skills which can help our children throughout their lives. We will be following up all through the year with work to develop these skills in our students.

Parents who indicated they would like copies of the parent handbook can purchase one from the office. Cost $10.
Nullawarre Bus Crash Fundraiser
Thank you all for your support for the Casual Clothes Day in aid of the Nullawarre Bus Crash victims. It was great to see all children support the event at such short notice. The sum of $35.40 was raised which we will forward to Nullawarre through the Ian Turner “Ride for the Little Ones” appeal fund. All money collected through district schools is going directly to Nullawarre through this appeal.

Staffing
We have appointed a replacement teacher for our Prep One classroom while Miss C is on family leave. Mr Darren Hilliard will begin at the start of term 2. There will be a hand-over week at the beginning of term where both teachers will work together to ensure a smooth changeover for the grade. Mr Hilliard visited the school today to meet the children and have a look around our wonderful school.

Ampitheatre Seats
We have some new seating in our amphitheatre. I would like to thank Ash Hardy for volunteering to assemble the seats for us over the weekend.

Headlice
I had a report of headlice again this week. Can I ask all parents to check children’s hair again and treat if necessary. The only way to keep on top of the problem is for all parents to be vigilant and continue with regular checks of student’s hair. I will organise another full school headlice check as soon as is practical. In the meantime I ask for all parent support with

Lynn Lyles

Macarthur Primary School Drink Stall at Community Auction Sunday 21st March
Helpers needed Please phone 55764264 if you can assist

Miss C would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the Prep/One parents who helped get children dressed and over to the pool on time. Especially, Ange, Tammy, Jenny, Kristy, Pam, Tamara, Trudy and Nikki. Your support made the swimming lessons more enjoyable and run smoothly. Thank you!

Art
Next week art will be on Wednesday due to the Sports being on Monday. Could all children ensure they have an art smock on Wednesday.
Could Years P, 1 and 2 students also please bring a pale, plain coloured (no designs on front) t-shirt or singlet top to decorate in art on Wednesday.

Coral Shepherd
On April 22nd, the school will be catering for a clearing sale. Further details will be provided later.

We are seeking people who are willing to help on the day.

Help with sandwich making, selling food etc.

We will also be requiring people to make slices, provide sandwich fillings, bread, sauce as well.

Put April 22 in your diary, and if you can help out please phone Andrea Drendel (55764264) or Carolyn Malseed (55784203).

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**HAWKESDALE MACARTHUR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

**JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING**

**ALL WELCOME**

Our training will be at Macarthur on **Wednesday 17th March**

Junior coaches for 2010 season.

- 17&u - 5.30pm to 6.30pm - Coach Nicole Bigham – Ph: 55721030 / 0407 621 301
- 14&u – 4.30pm – 5.30pm - Coach Bec Beard
- 12&u – (coach to be announced) from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

All new and existing players welcome.

These times and venues may be subject to change in the next few weeks so stay in contact with the relevant coaches to avoid confusion.

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**CIRCUIT TRAINING**

**New:** Monday @ 11am (minimum of 5 to maintain program) &

Monday @ 7.30pm

Macarthur Recreation Reserve

Full Use of Gym Equipment & Qualified Instructor

**Come and give it a try!**

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**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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**YOGA**

**Phone Macarthur Community Health**

To register your interest

555 22000

Starts April 14th

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Help is still needed at Sunday’s Community Auction to sell drinks for the School’s Drink Stall.

Please contact 55764264

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**Sylvia Luke**

Co-ordinator

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**Students 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.
Reminder
Hazel’s Music School lessons will be on Wednesday next week because of the after sports.

Macarthur Golf Club Opening Day
Sunday 28th March
12 O’clock—12:30 hit off

Stableford event
Men & Ladies

Macarthur versus Parklands Challenge

Everyone Welcome.

Royal Children’s Hospital
Thankyou to all who bought raffle tickets for our Easter Egg Basket. The raffle will be drawn Good Friday night at the hotel. There are meals also available on Good Friday at the hotel. Also thankyou to Jenny Nield and family for coming on board again and collecting along their street. If you would like a raffle ticket they are available at the Macarthur Hotel. Thankyou - Suzy Millard

If anyone would like to make their Good Friday donation, put it in an envelope and I will send a receipt to you.

FREE
Healthy Eating Session with a Qualified Chef and Dietitian for Parents with children at Early childhood services & Schools

Thursday 25th March
10am @ Macarthur Hall

Places are limited please book early or if you would like more information please Macarthur Community Health 555 22000

Kids – ‘Go for your life’
MACARTHUR COMMUNITY AUCTION & CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 21st MARCH from 10AM

TURN THOSE UNUSED ITEMS INTO $$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$

GOODS ACCEPTED FOR AUCTION BETWEEN 1—5 PM ON SAT 20th MARCH

SALEABLE ITEMS ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED

NO MATTRESSES—EMPTY DRUMS

WINDOWS WITH GLASS

OR

FILL YOUR CAR BOOT ($10) OR TRAILER OR UTE ($15)

AND SELL THEM YOURSELF ON THE DAY FROM 9am.

STALL HOLDERS WELCOME

CONTACT MERILYN COOK—55 76 1113 or EMAIL: pmcook@bigpond.net.au To book your site.

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