From the Principal’s Desk

Newsletter July 20th 2010

Enrolment Week
Next week is enrolment week across the district and we will be holding an information session for our 2011 Prep parents next Wednesday July 28th at 11.30am in the school library. Invitations have been sent to parents of students at Macarthur Kinder. If you are aware of any other parents in the district who may be considering enrolling at Macarthur PS next year please let them know of this information session.

Parent Teacher Interviews.
It was good to see so many of our parents attending the parent teacher interviews held on Monday and Tuesday evening. Unfortunately, Mrs Shepherd has slipped on some ice and broken her ankle so has had to cancel her interviews this week. Mrs Shepherd will return to school next week and we will reschedule interviews once she returns.

Staff Welcome
I would like to welcome Liana Blake to our staff for the next nine weeks. Liana will fill Sylvia’s business manager role while Sylvia is on leave. She will be working two days a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8.30am till 4pm.

Student Banking
Suzy will be coordinating this while Sylvia is away. Please note that student banking will be on Mondays for the next nine weeks. We hope this is not too inconvenient for parents.

Newsletter Items
Jullie Timms will be compiling our school newsletter this term. This will be done on Tuesdays so could all items for inclusion in the newsletter be in to Jullie by Tuesday morning. This will ensure the newsletter is completed to go out as usual on Wednesday afternoon.

Hoop Time
Students in grades 3 to 6 have the opportunity to participate in the Hoop Time competition this week in Hamilton. Students will combine with students from St. Josephs PS in Penshurst to form teams for the two days. I will attend with grade 5 and 6 on Thursday. St Josephs will send a staff member on Tuesday with grade 3 and 4 students. I thank parents who have volunteered to transport students to this event and wish our students well in the competition.

Pupil Free Day
Statewide Ultranet Pupil Free day
Monday August 9th
No students attend school on this day.

Garden Meeting
A reminder that there will be a meeting of our garden committee at 2pm on Wednesday in the multi-purpose room.

Lynn Lyles
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**

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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.**
HJBA Basketball

HAMILTON SQUAD TRYOUT DATES

U12 Boys (00/01)
Sunday July 18th & 25th
5.00 - 6.00pm at HILAC

U12 Girls (00/01)
Thursday July 15th & 22nd
4.45 - 6.15pm at Hilac

U14 Boys (98/99)
Wednesday July 14th, 21st & 28th
6.00 - 7.30pm at MONIVAE

U14 Boys (Development Team)
Wednesday July 14th, 21st & 28th
6.00 - 7.30pm at MONIVAE

U14 Girls (98/99)
Thursday July 15th & 22nd
4.00 - 4.45pm at HILAC

U16 Boys (96/97)
Wednesday July 14th 4.30- 6.00pm
Saturday July 17th 5.00 - 6.30pm
All at HILAC

U16 Girls (96/97)
Wednesday July 21st & 28th
Wednesday Aug 4th
4.00 - 4.45pm at HILAC

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.

A McCain barcode collection box has been set up
outside the office window.
By collecting barcode 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
CLUBS PROGRAM 2010

We invite all community members to take part in our very popular clubs program towards the end of this term. It runs over four Fridays with groups of about 6 children, and each afternoon runs two 45 minute sessions.

Grab a friend (it’s more fun with 2) and amaze the kids with your talents. Share your favourite activity or ask the teachers for ideas too; we have resources and patterns that could be used. We would like 8 groups running with teachers assisting rather than running a group, if possible.

Please send this expression of interest to Coral Shepherd as soon as possible so that I can help organise materials for you.

Thank you.

Coral Shepherd.

Name:

Contact phone number:

Activity(s)

Materials needed: i.e. consumables (Please list)

Equipment needed: eg. Scissors

Calendar 2010

PD - Professional Development
Conf - Conference
PM - Principal Meeting
JRC - Junior Red Cross
JSC - Junior School Council
MT - Mentor Train

LL - Lynn Lyles
JM - Jacinta Mulder
DH - Darren Hilliard
CS - Coral Shepherd
SM - Suzy Millard
JT - Julie Timms
SL - Sylvia Luke

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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 Fleecy 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 – 5576 4203 or LEONIE DYSON – 5576 4251/0438 586 762

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Broadwater Tennis Club
Port Fairy/Hamilton Road
Broadwater Vic. 3286
ABN: 32 953 353 175

Junior (and senior) Tennis Coaching Program

Is on again

Dates: Monday to Thursday - 27th to 30th September 2010
Time: 10am-12pm – 2 levels (1 hours sessions)
Cost: $7.00 per lesson each day

At Broadwater Tennis Courts - Lunch will be provided at a low cost. Coaching for all abilities and ages.

Registrations to:
Leonie Dyson 5576 4251 lidyson@westvic.com.au
Jodi Fry 5576 4213 jodifry@westvic.com.au
By Friday 24th September 2010

EVERYBODY WELCOME
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