As many of you are aware, last week I visited New Zealand as part of a principal study trip to look at educational practices in New Zealand schools. I had a fantastic trip and visited 6 different schools over 3 days.

The focus of our visit was to look at how schools are implementing Learning Intentions and Success Criteria in classrooms and how schools are setting educational goals for students.

I have returned with many ideas which I will be sharing with staff and looking at ways in which some of these practices can be implemented at our school.

Very prominent in all schools was the explicit use of Learning Intentions in lessons and how students were being made aware of what they were learning and how they would know they were being successful. This is a practice that staff at Macarthur are currently implementing in maths.

Other areas of interest to me were the setting of student learning goals, the involvement of students in their school and the focus on self management. The area of reporting to parents was also of interest with a large emphasis on student/parent conferencing, where students were able to showcase their learning to their parents. These are all areas we will be exploring as a staff at Macarthur as part of our school improvement journey.

Maths Teaching and Learning

There have been many changes this year in the way staff are planning and implementing maths at our school. A central part of this is for students to be aware of the Learning Intention of the lesson and understanding what needs to be done in order to be successful.

This week I have included a summary of the Learning Intentions in maths for all grades of the school for this week. Often parents ask their children “What did you do at school today?” and the children say “Nothing.” or “Not much.” This week I would like all parents to look at the focus of your child’s maths learning and ask them about it. They should be able to tell you very clearly what area of maths they are working on.

Classroom Behaviour

I have been made aware that some parents are concerned about some students behaving in a manner which disrupts the learning of others in the classroom. This is an area of concern for me and I will not tolerate inappropriate or disruptive behaviour in classroom. This impacts on the learning of other students and impedes the teacher’s ability to teach.

I have spoken to all students in grade 4,5,6 today and students have been informed that they will be given one warning only by the 
teacher. Should the behaviour continue they will be removed from the classroom for the rest of the session and can complete their work in the office. I will be informing parents if this occurs.

Kinder Visit
Today we had our first visit from our kinder children who will be attending Macarthur Primary School in 2012. The children spent the first session in the Prep/One classroom and recess in the playground. It was great to see our children looking after them so well and we certainly had some happy little faces as they left the school. We look forward to the next transition visit early in term 4.

Clubs
I have heard some great reports about the success of last week’s Clubs Program. The children were keen to tell me about it on Monday and I can’t wait to see the activities myself this Friday. Thank you to all parents for your time in running these activities. Once again we have a fantastic range of activities which will add to your children’s experiences at school.

Lynn Lyles.

GARDEN COMMITTEE
The Garden committee is going to run a raffle, to raise funds for purchasing new plants and supplies for our new school veggie garden.

We will be raffling:
A hand made quilt made by the Macarthur quilters group.
A pair of secateurs donated by the Codrington nursery.
A garden book and other useful item for the home and garden.

Each family will be asked to try and sell a book of tickets.

Tickets $1. each or 3 for $2.

Raffle to be drawn last day of term 3- 23rd Sept 2011.

Raffle books have been sent home with students this week.
**CANTEEN**

Start time for duty is 11:45 am.
Lunch is served at 1:00 pm

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| 23         | Friday | End of Term BBQ | No Canteen |

N.B. **THIS FRIDAY** - Due to a work commitment, our canteen volunteer is unable to do Canteen.

**BIG PIES** are no longer available at the canteen.

**CANTEEN PRICE CHANGES** - parents are asked to check the price list as there have been some increases.
E.g. **Chicken Royale** @ $2.00

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**The Macarthur Cricket Club will be participating in the H.D.J.C.A. U/12’s competition this season.**
The season runs from October 19th to November 30th 2011 with matches played on Wednesday afternoons between 4pm - 6.30pm.
Training will commence on Sunday 25th of September from 10am with the children learning skills from A Grade players.
A copy of the draw and the rules will be provided to each family at the first training.
Anyone who has any boys or girls interested in a game or has any questions please contact Ian Brilley on 0438 523 846 or 55 761 279 (A/H)

**ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GARAGE SALE**

I will be having another garage sale due to demand. So if you have any saleable goods or you need to clean out your sheds, cupboards etc now is the time to do it.
Drop it into me at 18 Eversley Street Macarthur or call me on 55761210.
As you know all proceeds go to our Macarthur Good Friday Appeal.
Many many thanks always and I do so very much appreciate your support.

Thankyou Suzy Millard Co/Ord R.C.H
Maths Tips
Mapping.
When travelling, provide children with a street directory or map and discuss directions. Point out speed limits, distances to towns, population in towns etc. When you are driving along in the car, ask children to guess how far it is to the next post, the next town etc. Involve the whole family. Measure the distance with your speedometer.

School Bags / Lunch Boxes / Toys / Clothes
There are a large number of bags bulging and bursting under the stress of too much stuff in them.

Could parents check bags and if necessary to do a clean-out.

Thankyou

Report from Nikki Milgate, Publicity Officer:
Yesterday Lisa and Kristyn from the Moyne Shire came and showed us a little bit about composting, and what bugs are in our garden. Lisa showed us what to put in a compost bin. Kristyn showed us what bugs are in our school garden and the kids played Bugs Bingo. Lots of kids had fun.

On Friday, 9th September Junior Red Cross are having a Crazy Hair Day. It’s a gold coin donation and there will be prizes to be won. We are having a parade on the basketball court and parents are invited to come if they would like to.

Coles Sports for Schools
The school has registered for the Coles Sports for Schools Program. Last year the school collected over 6000 vouchers and this enabled us to get some great sports equipment for our school. We are hoping families will support the school again to collect vouchers this year. A collection box is now located in the school entrance so vouchers can be placed in the box at any time.

CBA Student Banking
Wednesday
Place deposit book in container at the office window.

Corangamite Library
Wednesday afternoons from 1pm - 5pm.
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.

Branxholme Kindergarten
Presents
A Movie Day
‘ZOOKEEPER’
Saturday 10th September, 2011
11.00am
Hamilton Cinema, Brown Street
$12.00 per ticket includes popcorn & drink
Tickets can be purchased from:
Aggie Stevenson - 0427 786 243
Kelly Baker - 0407 790 311
Stalkers Bend - 5576 6250
This Week’s Maths Focus

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

Grade Prep/ One

Learning Intention

We are learning to put numbers on a number line.

Success Criteria

We can:-

• Put numbers from smallest to biggest
• Write numbers the right way
• Think about numbers 0 -20 and where you put it on your number line
• Read the numbers on the dice

Grade 2/3

Learning Intention

We are learning to trade in addition.

Success Criteria

We can:-

• Add up using vertical addition
• Add up by starting with the ones column
• Trade 10 ones for 1 ten

Grade 4/5/6

Learning Intention

We are learning to calculate the area of a triangle and rectangle.

Success Criteria

We can

• Understand that half a square or rectangle is a triangle
• Understand that the area of a triangle is half the area of it’s rectangle
• Draw the rectangle
• Measure and label the sides
• Work out the area using length x width
### Macarthur School Clothes

**For Sale**

- 3 x size 4 green dresses
- 4 x pr. size 4 blue school pants (108cm length)
- 2 x pr. blue skivvies (4 and a 6)
- 3 x school hats
- 1 x purple sports shirts (go purple..go purple..)
- 3 size 4 green school shirts
- 1 x navy beanie
- 1 x navy scarf
- 2x pr green sports track pants (size 4,108cm length)
- 4 x second hand jumpers

**Most items as new, all must go**

*ph Cherie 0438 778 668*

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#### Calendar 2011

- **PD** Professional Development
- **Conf** Conference
- **PM** Principal Meeting
- **JRC** Junior Red Cross
- **JSC** Junior School Council
- **LL** Lynn Lyles
- **JM** Jacinta Mulder
- **SC** Sharna Cunningham
- **DH** Darren Hilliard
- **CS** Coral Shepherd
- **AMcN** Anne McNaughton
- **SM** Suzy Millard
- **JT** Julie Timms
- **SL** Sylvia Luke
- **DS**—David Stevens

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