Parent Interviews and Information Night
This week we have concluded our parent interviews and information sessions for term one. These have been well attended by parents and staff have been very happy to have the opportunity to talk to parents about your children. I would also like to thank parents for attending and staff for the extra hours of work associated with holding the interviews and information sessions. I hope everyone has found this helpful and informative.

Circle Time
Many parents have been asking me about “Circle Time”. This is something we are introducing this year in all classrooms and is aimed to develop social skills and behaviours. We will be running Circle Time every Thursday morning for half an hour in all classrooms. Classes will focus on reinforcing skills introduced at the start of the year in our Learning to Learn program, skills developed during last year’s Bully Busters program and our You Can Do It Program, as well as issues that arise throughout the year. I have included an information sheet for parents to outline the structure of Circle Time.

“Making Friends” Performance
Today we had the first of our visiting arts performances for the year. All children experienced a puppet show with the theme of “Making Friends” and from the many happy faces in the room everyone enjoyed the show. These performances are paid for through the Cultural and Arts component of our Parent contribution.

Parent Contributions
This week we will be sending out accounts to all families for the 2011 Parent Contributions. These were set by School Council at $120 for 2011. This covers:
- Student Requisites $40
- Cultural and Arts Performances $40
- Swimming Program $40
We would appreciate prompt payment of accounts as much of our cash outlay is at the start of the year with student requisites and the swimming program.
The swimming program is already subsidised by the school by $20 per student to reduce the cost to families.
Families who have purchased a family pass to the Macarthur Pool for 2010-11 are entitled to a $10 reduction for each student.

House Sports Day
Our House Athletic Sports Day will be held next Friday March 18th, beginning at 9.30am. We will be joined for the day by students from Penshurst Primary School. The morning session will include track and field events, followed by some House team games in the afternoon.
Families are welcome to join us for the day and are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with their children.
As usual, we will need parent help on the day to run the events. If you are able to assist please complete the attached sheet and return to school ASAP.
Athletics Training
We will continue to conduct training for the athletics each Wednesday afternoon until the sports day. Thanks to the parents who have arrived regularly to help with training. We are certainly seeing a great improvement in student skills and readiness for the sports.

Working Bee
A reminder that the school will be holding a working bee on Friday March 18th prior to the Macarthur Community Auction. I realise this is the same day as the House Sports but we will provide a BBQ sausage sizzle for families who can attend. There are a few jobs needing to be done including cleaning out the shelter shed ready for it’s conversion into a new sports shed and also work on our vegetable garden area.

MPA Meeting
The Macarthur Parent Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting next Wednesday, March 16th at 2.00pm. The meeting will be held to elect office bearers for 2011 and to decide upon a representative for School Council. I will chair the AGM and conduct the election of office bearers. It is important that as many interested parents as possible attend the meeting to enable us to set up for 2011. Membership is by gold coin donation which enables voting rights at the meeting. Hope to see many of you there.

Garden Meeting
Today we held a meeting of the Garden Committee to move on with the development of our school vegetable garden and begin planning the program for children at the school. I will include a report next week.

Coles Sports for Schools
We have received some of the items from the Sports for Schools Program at the end of last year. Many people assisted the school to collect vouchers and we were able to gain some great additions to our school sports equipment as follows:
- Bucket of Coloured Tennis Balls
- Bucket of Frisbees
- Outdoor First Aid Kit
- Skipping Rope Set
- Egg and Spoon Set
- Rainbow Whistles
- Waffle Bats

Lynn Lyles
Macarthur Tennis Club

are holding a raffle.
Prize is a trailer load of wood.
Tickets $1 per ticket
Or 3 for $2.
Drawn – 20th March 2011

Tickets on sale Mooney Milk Bar next couple of weekends & at the Community Auction.

Macarthur Tennis Club

Would like to invite all community members, big and small, for a fun social hit on Monday afternoons, starting 4pm. Just turn up. Barby tea provided at end of night.

MACARTHUR TENNIS CLUB
has a block of 4 days tennis coaching available from 11th April till 14th April.
This can only happen if we have committed bookings. The more we have the cheaper this becomes for everyone. This will be held the first week of the school holidays.
Please contact Jill Millard on 55761224 or Andera Mooney at the paper shop.

Macarthur golf club are holding a stableford event on the 18th of March at 5 oclock 9 holes only every one welcome

Macarthur golf club opening day Sunday 20th March FOUR PERSON AMBROSE any combination 12 oclock for 12 30 hit off
Chris Marchant phone 55761191 or JILL MILLARD phone 55761224

Staying Safe in Cyberspace
Internet safety & Cyberspace bullying Presentation for Parents
Tuesday 15th March - 7pm
Kowloon PRC

Practical information covering:
> Facebook
> MSN Messenger
> Social Networking
> Computer privacy and prevention safety conscious
> Legal responsibilities
> Cyber bullying - implications for everyone.

Barby Tea will be provided after the talk.

Uniform Order

There is a Uniform Order attached to this newsletter.

Note: There are 2 pages to the order. The second page lists some Optional items for purchase.

Order form, with payment, to be returned by Wednesday 23rd March.
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

Hawkesdale – Macarthur Football Netball Club

Anyone with aspirations or an interest in becoming involved with the local football/netball club for season 2011

Junior Football Training - Under 16 & 1/2
Wednesday 9th March 2011
5pm
Hawkesdale Recreation Reserve

Junior Netball Training
Wednesday 16th March 2011
12 & Under - 4.30pm
14 & Under - 4.30pm
17 & Under - 5.30pm
Hawkesdale Recreation Reserve

Any enquiries please contact:
Football President: Peter Nield — 0427 516 640
Netball President: Jeanette Carmichael — 55761190

We are a family orientated club which gives opportunities for people to become involved as a spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community. We will do our best to support participants within the club.

Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club
Pre Season Senior Netball Training
Pre Season Senior Netball Training will commence at 6pm on Wednesdays at the Hawkesdale Recreation Reserve. Any enquiries or apologies can be made to Jeanette Carmichael, President on 55 76 1190 or Brenda Noonan on 55 607 245.

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Vision Portraits

Have you completed your expression of interest.
Enquiries to Andrea Drendel 55764264

Can all families fill in this form

**CANTEEN ROSTER**  Term 1 & 2

Our Canteen will commence on Monday 21st March.
Could you please fill in this form and send it back to school by **Wednesday 16th March.** - Thankyou

(Please tick responses)

- I am able to do Canteen
- I am unable to do Canteen
- I have a WWC Card

The Day(s) I would prefer:

- Monday
- Wednesday
- Friday

The Canteen will operate Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

New parents are encouraged to do Canteen Duty and will be paired with another parent, for the first time.

Your name: ..........................................

Signed: ...........................................

Phone: ...........................................

Please note that a *Working With Children* card is required.

Forms are available at the Office (in limited supply) or from the Post Office.

The only cost, as a volunteer, is the cost of the identity photo.