Swimming Carnival
Next Monday we will be holding our annual Swimming Carnival at the Macarthur Pool. This is a house event and house captains will be involved in organising teams for races and events. We begin with a BBQ lunch at 12.30pm followed by the first event at 1.00pm. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Thanks to Tamara Hardy for offering to organise our BBQ and Brendan and Sally Gay for the work they have done in helping organise events and producing a booklet for the day. The booklet will be available at the pool and we are asking for a gold coin donation to cover costs of production.

Don’t forget to bring your swimming gear: we need parent volunteers to compete in the student parent relay. This is always a highlight of the day and great fun for all involved.

Swimming Competitions.
Many of our students are competing at district and zone level over the next week. 17 children will travel to Hamilton on Friday to compete at district level and we wish them all luck at this event.

Special congratulations to five students Laura Nield, Taylah Sharrock, Temika Gay, Jayden Dark and Sam Lambevski who have qualified to compete in Portland next Tuesday.

Maths Trolleys.
We have purchased new maths trolleys for each classroom this year which have just arrived and are now installed in each room. We have also purchased a large amount of new maths equipment for each room as part of our school priority in 2011 to improving our maths curriculum. The maths trolleys have been purchased with assistance from fundraising over past years and will certainly assist all classrooms to provide students with an enriched maths program.

School Council Elections
A reminder that nominations for election to School Council are due this Friday, February 25th by 4pm. Nomination forms are available at the school office.

Junior School Council
The Macarthur JSC leaders are currently asking for children to nominate for a grade representative role on Junior School Council. Students wishing to be on the JSC are asked to collect a form from Will, Tahlia or Ruby and return to school by next Monday. We will announce the JSC for 2011 next week.

Grievance Policy
I have attached a copy of our current Grievance Policy which outlines the process for parents to follow if they have any concerns or grievances. This policy is up for review and I would appreciate any feed back before this is reviewed by School Council.

Working Bee
School Council will be holding a working bee on March 18th beginning at 3.30pm. Jobs include clearing out our shelter shed ready for its conversion into a sports shed and storage space and work in the school grounds. Please put this date in your diary as many hands are needed. More information will follow closer to the date.
Parent Teacher Interviews
We have organised dates to hold parent teacher interviews for grades 1, 2 and 3. Information for each grade is attached to this newsletter. Please return your slip to school with a preferred time. Times will be allocated on a first returned basis. If times are unsuitable please contact the grade teacher to organise a mutually convenient time.

Grade 4,5,6 Information Night
There will be an information evening for parents of students in grade 4,5,6 on Tuesday March 9th at 7.00pm. Jacinta Mulder will outline the classroom program for grade 4,5,6 and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions. Parents who require a personal interview are asked to make a time after this night by contacting Jacinta directly.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Sam Lambevski for reaching the state finals in little athletics. Sam will represent the Hamilton Little Athletics Centre in 4 events, 100m, 70m, shot put and 60m hurdles.

School Sores
I have attached some information for parents on school sores. This is a very contagious condition and quite common in primary schools. However, it is not an excluded condition and children can come to school once treatment has commenced and the sores are covered. Please read the attached information and ensure all children with suspected sores are taken to a doctor for appropriate treatment.

Corangamite Library:
This year 2011 will see a change of times for the library.
As from 9th February 2011 the Corangamite Library will be operating 1 day only.
(There will no longer be a Monday afternoon 3.30pm - 4.30pm session)
The Wednesday afternoon session will be extended. From 1pm - 5pm.

Julie 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.

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

House Athletic Sports Day
CHANGE OF DATE
Unfortunately, I have had to change the date of our House Athletic Sports Day due to an unforeseen district commitment which I cannot avoid.
New day for the sports will now be
Friday, March 18th 2011.
Sorry for the inconvenience to families.

Special Birthday wishes to
February
Kaitlyn Joyce (22nd)
Suzy Millard (27th)

FRESH VEGGIES FOR SALE!!
The School Garden has an abundance of fresh vegetables presently for sale. The School Garden Committee would like to offer these for sale to the school families and general community of Macarthur. Monies raised from this will go directly back into the garden in the form of seed purchases etc

Bunch of celery $2
Beetroot (large) $1 each
Beans (500g bags) $2
Spring onions x 2 $1

Please see Lynn Lyles, Nikki Belleville or Tamara Hardy

Canteen will commence shortly

EMA
Do you need to complete an EMA form?
Closing date is February 28th.
NO late applications can be considered.
Back to School Asthma Checklist

Back to school time presents a phenomenon called the ‘Back to School Spike’, which is a well-documented occurrence of an increase in asthma hospital admissions in children. This trend occurs two weeks after school goes back, with the spike generally occurring in mid to late February. Ensure your child with asthma is prepared for the new school year by following this simple back to school asthma checklist.

- Doctor Review
  - Updated Asthma Action Plan (advise the school of any changes to their plan)
- Medication Review
  - Preventer medication scripts
- Technique Review (good device technique will ensure more medication reaches the small airways)
- H1N1 Vaccination

(A person with asthma who gets any type of flu has a greater chance for developing serious health complications from the infection. Anyone with asthma is recommended to get both the seasonal flu vaccine and 2009 H1N1 vaccine.)

- School Asthma Action Plan returned

(This needs to be updated at least annually or as required)

- Blue Reliever Medication & Spacer
  (ensure your child has their blue reliever medication and spacer device available at all times. Remember to check the expiry date and amount of medication left in the canister)

- Your child is aware of their asthma triggers

For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
### 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. Junior training will not commence until March.

### Macarthur Tennis Club
#### Annual General Meeting
On **Monday 28th February at 7:45pm at Clubrooms**.

### Calendar 2011

**Forward Notice:**
- March 28: Life Ed Van
- April 5: Zone Athletics

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