Book Week Activity Day
This Friday we have a very big day organized for Book week. The day will begin with a Dress-Up Parade at 9.00am. Children are invited to dress up as a book inspired character for the day.

We will follow this with an information session for parents on Restorative Practices and the Friends for Life Program. We hope many parents can attend this session which will focus on the approach we take to resolving conflict and relationships at the school. This session will begin at 9.30am. Jane Langley, Regional Student Wellbeing Officer, and Cindy Jenkinson-Clarke, social worker with the Warrnambool Schools Network, will attend this session.

Morning tea will follow at 10.30 then parents are invited to visit children in their classrooms during a literacy session between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

We hope many parents can attend our very busy morning.

Clubs
We currently have 7 clubs groups confirmed but still have one group to organize. Anyone able to run an activity please let me know so I can finalise the program. Thanks to all who have offered to help so far: Gardening: Ange Jones, Pauline Cowland

Mosaics: Tamara Hardy, Nikki Belleville
Dance/Aerobics: Jodie Nichols, Chrissie Tischler
Craft: Marita Petersen
Tennis: Macarthur Tennis Club
Cooking: Leonie Dyson, Leonie Margrie
Craft: Sue Logan

We also have a couple of parents able to assist if someone has an activity but would not like to run this alone. Please consider becoming involved. It is great fun and the children love the program and the chance to work with members of their community. Activities do not have to be complicated: the simpler the better. Ideas could be board games, model making, lego, indoor bowls, card-making, knitting, sewing, just to name a few.

Principal Study Trip
Next week I will be travelling to Auckland, New Zealand, with the Warrnambool Principals Network on a study trip. We will be visiting six New Zealand schools as part of our professional learning. New Zealand is currently one of the world leaders in educational practice and I am looking forward to the trip and the many ideas I will be able to bring back to my role at Macarthur. Jacinta Mulder will be in charge of the school in my absence.
Staff School Visit
Yesterday all staff visited Port Fairy Consolidated School as part of their professional learning in numeracy. Last year Port Fairy had a visit from Michael Ymer, the maths consultant who is visiting our school in November, so staff went to look at the maths strategies currently being used. Maths is a major focus for our school during 2012 and school visits are always a very useful way for staff to talk to other staff and bring new ideas back to our school. I am sure all staff have gained much from the day.

Car Park
A reminder to parent that parents using the school car park are to pick up children from the amphitheatre. Children are not to be walking through the car park alone. Many thanks for you assistance with this student safety issue.

Sports Uniforms
A number of children are not bringing their sports uniforms to school. A reminder that sports lessons are on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and all children need to change into sports uniforms at lunchtime on these days.

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.

Junior Tennis Coaching
Monday 26th to Thursday 29th September 2011
(first week of school holidays)
Clinic’s will be taken by a Professional Coach from Warrnambool Indoor Tennis Centre and will be held in the morning for four (4) days.
Coaching for: Children aged between 5 - 16 also Adults if we get enough numbers – so lets have a go!!
Cost: $7.00 per child per lesson
EVERYONE WELCOME

Please register with: Leanne Dyson - 04 5576 4851
Jodi Kry - 08 5576 4918 - leedyno@matmos.com.au

Further details closer to the dates.
CANTEEN

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

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Canteen will now operate this Friday (26th) and Wednesday (31st).
Thank you Leonie for volunteering.

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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ROYAL CHILDRENS 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

Collections
Encourage children to use money; to identify what the coins are; what different combinations add to $1; and working out how much change they could receive from purchases.

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.

Parent Surveys
All families should have received a Parent Survey. Please complete it and return it to school in the supplied envelope as soon as possible.

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

Book Week Activity Day 2011
Macarthur Primary School staff and students would like to invite all parents to attend our Book Week Activity Day and Parent Information sessions.
Friday August 26th 2011
9.00am: Book Character Dress-Up Parade
9.30: Parent Information Sessions
Approaches to dealing with student conflict and relationships,
• Restorative Practices
• Friends For Life Program
Guest speakers: Jane Langley and Cindy Jenkinson-Clarke.
10.30: Morning Tea
11.00-1.00pm: Open Classrooms. Visit classrooms and see children engaged in literacy and numeracy activities
1.00: Lunch.
You are welcome to stay to enjoy a picnic lunch with your children.

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.
WORDS THAT HELP

This short article is a starting point for a whole lifetime of communication. Parents and carers are the primary models for their children for better or for worse, so it is critical to be aware of what you are teaching. To do this effectively, it is important to watch your own words as well as the emotions, actions and attitudes that go with them.

I will use an example of an incident where a fight breaks out when two young boys are playing together but the ideas apply across any age range and for any situation.

Be realistic about your expectations.
Consider their ages, developmental stage and previous experience – should they be more closely supervised? Have they been taught how to handle this kind of situation before? Can you leave them to sort it out? or do they need immediate intervention?

Clarify their needs.
What is behind the behaviour? is the younger one feeling left out? Has the older one had his space invaded? Has one often got your attention in this way before? Is one feeling grumpy after a hard day? Does one need to be removed and given an activity he can cope with?

Avoid using general statements (labels).
Saying things like “You are naughty/ selfish” are not helpful as they give the child a picture of himself that he begins to accept as true. It might also be that the child who seems to be the aggressor is reacting to the other child’s attack.

Take the emotional lead – be calm
The child learns to respond to situations by watching you. If you are calm, they will learn to be calmer too. If you react excitedly, they will see this as the way to behave.

Describe what you see without judging
“Tom - you were concentrating on building that house. Jo – you wanted to help”

Acknowledge the emotions of both
“I know it was very annoying when Jo knocked your stuff over. .. Jo is upset because you hit him”

Set clear positive limits and expectations that help teach the child what to do.
“its not ok to hit – I expect you to use your words/ ask him to wait/ tell me…”
“its not ok to push in – you need to wait/ tell me”

Find workable solutions that meet the needs
“How about I play with you and we build together?”
“Jo, come and play over here with me” (pick him up and move away)
“Tom – would you prefer to do this in your room where Jo cannot get at it?”

The impact of words comes from how they are said
Words themselves are obviously important but it is equally vital to be aware how they are coming across. The same phrase (eg “you have to wait”) can be said calmly and be the start of an explanation that teaches constructive habits or it can be said in a way that shows that the person is angry, frustrated and blaming.
So, check what you are saying and the way that you say it.

For a complete list of Regional Parenting Service articles go to the City of Greater Geelong website

Great Job!
Macarthur School Clothes

For Sale

- Bargain!

3 x size 4 green dresses
4 x pr size 4 blue school pants (100cm length)
2 x pr blue shorts (4 and a 6)
2 x pr green sports shorts
3 x school hats
2 x purple sports shirts (4 and a 6) go purple go purple...
3 size 4 green school skirts
3 size 6 green school skirts
2 x navy beanies
1 x navy scarf
2 x pr green sports track pants (size 4, 100cm length)
4 x second hand jumpers
2 x new green thick raincoats

Most items as new  Ph Cherie 0438 778 668

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 Hillard
CS  Coral Shepherd
AMcN  Anne McNaughton
SM  Suzy Millard
JT  Julie Timms
SL  Sylvia Luke
DS—David Stevens

Moving sale

1 x antique/rustic table and 4 chairs
6 seater (pr $750) $450
2 x new nobo heaters (pr $500 ea) $400ea
1 x LG microwave $60
1 x meat safe $100
1 x bookcase with glass doors $150
64cm teac tv & new set top box $150
1x lge antique walnut tv cabinet $150
1x smtl tv cabinet $50
1 x sm solid antique cupboard (old vege bin cupboard with flip lid) $130
1 x organ $70
1 x GMC lawn mower (start first pull) $80
1 x compost bin $40
1x antique kitchen dresser (needs restoring) $180
2x wardrobes $35 ea
1x kids swing $10

All must go

Ph Cherie MacDonald
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