Staff are busy completing mid year assessments and beginning to write student reports. We plan to distribute reports on Wednesday June 25th, the last week of term.

Another fundraising event has been organised for this term. This will need community support to be successful and details are attached to this newsletter. It is fantastic that parents are coming forward with ideas and being prepared to coordinate different fundraising activities. Our school will benefit from all funds raised with plans to purchase a shade tent, PMP equipment and furnishing for our new library from this year’s fundraising.

This has been a long term for students after a short term one of only seven weeks. The last day of this term is Friday June 27th. We will hold a BBQ at lunchtime followed by the traditional parent student game for the Macarthur Cup. This term the game will be T. Ball so please come along and join in the fun.

Lynn Lyles
Soccer for fun and fitness!

Hamilton Soccer Club continues its soccer skills sessions and games for boys and girls during term Three. Sessions run from 9.30am to 11am on Saturdays at Mitchell Park. Beginners are very welcome.

All training and games take place in age and ability groupings. The emphasis is on fun, learning and developing skills and enjoying healthy outdoor exercise. New players should come along on first Saturday of term (19th July). For all enquiries please contact Ralph Behrendt, PH 5572 1144

Canteen

Please note that, at this date, there are a number of days when the canteen will not be operating. When canteen volunteer helpers ‘Working With Children’ checks have been cleared, names may be added to these days.

**Canteen Duty Term 2:**
- Fri 13: Narelle Cassidy
- Mon 16: Sharyn Pye
- Wed 18: Sally Gay
- Fri 20: NO CANTEEN

Do you knit, crochet or sew?

Volunteers Needed!

I am looking for people willing to make and donate items for the needy. It may only be a hat or scarf or even a blanket or item of clothing. Adult or children’s.

Items need to be new and handmade. These are not put into shops for sale but are given to the homeless or needy people in our districts who have never received a brand new item before.

Also I am looking for people interested in knitting or crocheting hats and bootees for prem babies.

Any donations of wool/yarn would also be greatly appreciated.

Any enquiries—Julianne Purcell - Ph: 55764281
Or 0427 764281

Suzy says thanks - I would like to thank you all so very much for the beautiful flowers & all your thoughts. It has been one of the hardest weeks we have been through & would have been so much harder if not for the support we have received.

Thank you again.

Suzy & family

The start of the Prep One Digital Portfolio
Family violence, past or present is considered a risk factor affecting a child’s development and wellbeing. The optimal environment to aid a child’s development includes stable and loving relationships as well as a safe and stress-free home. For optimal healthy development, a child also needs a stimulating and nurturing environment. Unfortunately too many children are being exposed to episodes of violence in the home. This may be due to parent’s alcohol or drug abuse, mental health issues or a disability or ill health. When one of these issues is present in the home, children are at risk.

An infant instinctively seeks attachment to their primary care-giver regardless of the quality of their parenting. When children are exposed to frightening and overwhelming circumstances or neglect and abuse their body will respond. The autonomic nervous system is activated and a biochemical response releases hormones into the body. The result is that children can become hyper vigilant and agitated. Prolonged stress like this can affect brain development and ultimately have a detrimental impact on concentration and future learning.

Infants and young children pick up on the stress of parents. If there are constant arguments or tension in the home, they will become unsettled and more demanding. Children who are exposed to trauma in the home can ‘act out’ at school exhibiting difficult behaviours. It can also affect their relationship with their peers as they struggle to know how to develop friendships. Teenagers may engage in self harming or risk taking behaviours. Ongoing family violence can have a detrimental affect on both the mental and emotional development of a child.

No child wants to see their parents fighting or arguing. It is scary and frightening for them. They may try to stop the fight by coming between their parents. Alternatively, they may blame themselves, thinking they are responsible for the trouble.

Parents who are in this situation need to seek help and support for themselves and their children.

Protective factors for children include:
- Reducing exposure to family violence
- A sense of belonging
- Positive peer interactions
- Relationships with significant, stable adults
- Support and understanding from the school and community
- Positive role models
- Being engaged in some activity which gives the child a sense of achievement; this may be sport, drama or creative arts.
- Being valued as an individual

Regional Parenting Service on 5227 0817.
Fundraising Opportunity – HELP, HELP, HELP

The school has an opportunity to cater for a function held by the Moyne Shire on the 25th June 2008. They require soup and nibbles from 6pm. We need your HELP in catering so we can make some cash, maybe $600, this would be a big help toward our children’s shade project.

Could you please fill in the form below indicating what you can donate, these are only suggestions, anyone with other suggestions please write it on the form: (the more we get donated the less we have to buy) and return it to the school in the next week or so:

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We also need on the night:   Dish washers   Kitchen helpers

I will be there early on the night to heat everything up. The food will have to be dropped off at the Senior Citizens room no later than 5pm. We will not know the exact numbers until a week before – so I will ring around the volunteers and let them know how many people.

Leonie Dyson
Macarthur Primary School Fundraiser Committee

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Legend:
PDP - Professional Development
Conf - Conference
SC - School Council
MPS - Macarthur Primary School
LL - Lynn Lyles
JM - Jacinta Mulder
SC - Sharna Cunningham
JW - Jan Wilson
SM - Suzy Millard
JT - Julie Timms
SL - Sylvia Luke

N.B. - the correct date for SC meeting