**From the Principal’s Desk**

**Mini Olympics**
This Friday the school is planning to hold a Mini Olympics day. This is being organised by Miss Mulder and some of her grade 6 students. It looks set to be a fantastic day and a great way to celebrate the Olympics. Parents are welcome to attend for the whole day and share a picnic lunch with students. Please BYO everything. A note is attached to the newsletter with more information which has been prepared by the students.

The Mini Olympics event will take the place of our Dress Up Day which we have often held during Book Week or Literacy Numeracy Week in the past.

**Working Bee**
Thank you to the many parents who have responded with offers to help at our working bee. I still do not have a confirmed date for this as we are still waiting for our plumbing work to be completed so we can begin using our new building. Hopefully this will be very soon and I can confirm a date. The majority of parents are able to help on a Friday afternoon/evening so it may be possible to set a date for next Friday August 29th. I will let the community know as soon as I can.

**Congratulations**
I would like to congratulate some of our students on their sporting achievements over the last week. Leah Drendel competed in the girls section of the Victorian Golf Tournament in Mortlake and came 4th in the event. Well done Leah. Temika Gay competed in the Warrnambool Junior Badminton Tournament, Under 11 Division. Temika achieved well against many older students and came 3rd in the girls singles, 2nd in the girls doubles, and 5th in the mixed doubles. Well done, Temika.

**School Council**
We will be holding a meeting of School Council tonight at 7.30pm. in Miss Mulder’s classroom.

**Literacy Numeracy Week**
This will be celebrated this year in the week beginning September 1st. The school will be working on author studies for the whole of this week and all students will once again be involved in creating some author inspired classroom doorways.

On Monday September 1st it is Statewide Games Day when all schools are being encouraged to participate in games with a literacy and numeracy focus. Children at Macarthur PS will be working in multi-age groups during the morning session and experiencing a variety of games.

During the week following we will combine with two other schools, Cavendish PS and Braxholme - Wallacedale PS for a group day. Student in grades Prep to 2 will go to Cavendish PS for the day, Grade 3 and 4 students will combine at Macarthur and grades 5 and 6 will go to Braxholme. Children will work in groups with children from other schools on literacy activities. This is a good opportunity for children to broaden social groups and also experience some high quality literacy activities.

**Pre School Information Session- Prep 2009.**
I am planning to hold an information session for parents of pre school children who will be enrolling in Prep at Macarthur P.S. in 2009. This will be held next Wednesday morning from 9.30 -10.30am. and will be held at the school. I have chosen this time as I believe
On Friday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} is our mini Olympics.

All parents and friends are invited to this event at 10:45am. Volunteer officials will be needed; no training will be needed for this event.

These are the groups:

- **CHINA**: Sam, Bailey, Hayley, Carly, Casey and Jim.
- **INDONESIA**: Adrian, Victoria, Ruby, Nikki, Aaron and James.
- **ITALY**: Hamish, Lucy, Hannah, Will, Johnathon and Taneyha.
- **FRANCE**: Addison, Jayden, Laura N, Thalia W, Laura A and Chantelle.
- **GERMANY**: Claire, Taylah, Charlie, Tahlia P, Jessica and Sean.
- **GREECE**: Brae, Sarah, Kyle T, Harry, Kate and Kelsey.
- **AUSTRALIA**: Kyle S, Zoe H, Chelsea, Travis, Samuel and Leah
- **UNITED KINGDOM**: Riley, Skyla, Indi, Temika, Zoe P and Darcy.

Athletes are encouraged to dress in their national colours, no face paint.

- China, red and yellow
- Indonesia, red and white
- Italy, Green, white and red
- France, blue, white and red
- Germany, Black, red and yellow
- Greece, light blue and white
- Australia, green and gold
- United kingdom, red, white and blue

For lunch we are having a BYO picnic.

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By collecting Wonder White bags you can get sports equipment for your school.

Start collecting specially marked empty Wonder bags until 30th September 08.

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Special birthday wishes to Hamish Wortley (22nd)

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Collect 1111 bags - receive $100 sports equipment (general pack 1 of 1 x basketball, 1 x football, 2 x netballs, 2 x playballs (21cm), 2 x playballs (15cm), 2 x soccer balls, 2 x plastic whistles, 2 x whistle lanyards, 1 x large mesh bag)

- Collect 1111 - receive $100 Cricket Pack
- Collect 3333 - $300 General Pack 2
- Collect 3333 - $300 Netball Pack
- Collect 5555 - $500 General Pack 3
- Collect 5555 - $500 Soccer Pack
We are needing lots of beads and old jewellery to be cut up for one of our clubs activities. If you can help please send to the school.

Country Women’s Association of Victoria (CWA)

Event: Henty Group 46th Creative Arts Exhibition

Date: 29th August 2008
Time: 1:00—4:00pm
Venue: Hawkesdale Memorial Hall
Dawson St Hawkesdale
Entry: $6 inc delicious country afternoon tea
Contact: 55608524

Displays of needlework, crafts, knitting, crochet, art, floral, photography, cooking & preserves all at competition standards.

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