“Food for Thought” Poster Competition

Congratulations to Tahlia Purcell who has won second prize in the district “Food for Thought” Poster Competition. Tahlia will be presented with her prize at assembly on Friday afternoon.

Pet Day

We will be holding our Pet Show this Friday July 25th at 9:00am. All pets are to gather on the basketball court and we will have areas set up for the different pets to meet. We are really looking forward to meeting the family pets and I know the event is causing great excitement among the students. All pets will need to be in either a cage, box or held on a leash. They will need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult who can take the animals home after the parade.

Junior School Council will be organising some awards for the various pets in different categories.

- Eg Dogs
- Cats
- Birds
- Unusual Pets
- Large Pets
- Water Pets
- Small Pets

A complete list is attached to this newsletter.

Basketball Success

Yesterday a group of our grade 5 and 6 students entered the Hoop Time Competition in Hamilton. Laura Addinsall, Kelsey Malseed, Kate Addinsall, Leah Drendel and Zoe Purcell joined with children from St. Joseph’s Primary School, Penshurst, to form a team and were very successful in the competition. They won all of their games and also won the final against Hamilton Gray Street with a score of 14 – 0. This is a fantastic result for our school. Well done to all students and thanks to all parents who provided transport to the event.

Chess

The school chess team will once again be competing in a competition in Warrnambool next week. Sean Dyson has been training his team in preparation and we wish them luck in the event.

Clubs Program

We are hoping to run our Clubs Program again this year. Jan Wilson is once again coordinating this program and has attached a letter to this newsletter with information. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the program over the last two years and the many parents who have been involved have also been very positive about the program. Any parent who would like to become involved please fill in the form and return to school to Jan.

Lynn Lyles

PET DAY

9am this Friday
Found - a wrist watch in school ground. Contact Office.

Hamilton Junior Netball Association
The next meeting of the HJNA will be held on Saturday 26th July 2008 starting at 10:30am. This meeting will be very informal and basically a catch up, and to ensure end of season items (ie trophies, organising umpires for finals, date of AGM), are on track.

Canteen
Wed 23 Julie Watson
Fri 25 Sharyn Pye
Mon 28 Jenny Nield
Wed 30 Andrea Drendel
Fri Aug 1 Leonie Dyson

Due to unforeseen circumstances there has been a change in company and date.

The date is Friday 15th August from 4.30pm and cost is $12.

Could all parents who indicated interest please contact me by Monday July 28th to reschedule your appointment.

Please also return your new voucher to the school or myself.

For the parents who have already paid I will need to collect an extra $2.

Sorry for any inconvenience
Andrea Drendel
Phone: 55764264 or 0428761097
“Food for Thought” Poster Competition Results – Food & Thought Mela

A sincere thank you to all the students who participated in the recent RMIT Local-Global Project “Food into the Future” Primary School Poster Competition. We received over 85 entries from eight schools. Thank you also to the staff for their interest and support. The judges, Danny and Kate McDonald, were impressed with the vibrant, colourful and innovative posters. The winning entries were chosen on the following criteria:

- Interpretation of the idea
- Originality of thinking
- How much information the students brought to the picture
- How the students had thought their ideas through
- If the entry worked as a poster
- Illustrating the complexity of issues

Congratulations to the following students on their winning entries:

**Year 5/6:**
- **First:** Chloe Kennewell Casterton Primary School (Year 5)
- **Second:** Jake Burger George Street Primary School, Hamilton (Year 5)

**Year 3/4:**
- **First:** Hannah Carter Heywood Consolidated School (Year 4)
- **Second:** Tahlia Purcell Macarthur Primary School (Year 3)

Prizes will be presented to these students in the near future.

Vicki Finch, Cicely Fenton & Terrie Nicholson
Local-Global Project Team
RMIT Hamilton
Overview

- The Education Tax Refund (ETR) aims to help families, with children undertaking primary or secondary school studies to meet the costs of school education through assistance with certain education expenses.

- Under the Government's ETR, eligible families will be able to claim:
  - a 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to $750 for each child undertaking primary school (that is, a refund of up to $375 per child, per year);
  - a 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to $1,500 for each child undertaking secondary school (that is, a refund of up to $750 per child, per year).

Eligibility

- Those entitled to Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A in respect of children undertaking primary or secondary school studies for the relevant financial year are eligible to the ETR.

- Eligibility is also extended to parents with school children undertaking primary or secondary school studies who would be an eligible child for FTB Part A purposes, but for the fact that the child receives certain payments or allowances, for example:
  - Youth Allowance;
  - Disability Support Pension;
  - ABSTUDY Living Allowance;
  - payments under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme; and

- School children undertaking primary or secondary school studies and who are independent of their parents may also be eligible.

- For families that have shared care arrangements, the ETR will be shared just as FTB Part A is shared.

- The families of students who enter or leave school in any school year would be eligible to claim the ETR for half of the financial year that they attended school.

- For students who transition from primary to secondary school in a single financial year the full ETR, based on the secondary-school rate, can be claimed.

- Families with home-schooled students can also claim the ETR. To be eligible, students must be registered with the relevant State/Territory Government.
Macarthur PS Clubs Program 2008

Dear Parents,
After the success of our ‘Clubs’ program last year, we would like to run the program again this year, with some changes.

The program would include all students– grades P-6.
To enable us to do this we need to have Parents/Volunteers who would be willing to come to school for two fortnightly sessions, 1.30 – 3.30p.m.
We would like to run the program on Friday afternoons
Friday August 29th
Friday September 12th

Groups will be multi-age hopefully with 6 students – this is dependent on the number of activities we are able to run.
We would like to run two 45 min sessions each week.

If you are able to help, and have an activity you would like to run, please complete the form. All materials will be supplied by the school.

Jan W

 Clubs Program 2008  (29/08, 12/09)
Name:......................................................

Activity......................................................

Materials required..............................................

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