

13th July 2009



**DATES TO
NOTE**

14 th - 16 th July	Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews
18 th July	Working Bee
21 st July	School Council Meeting
22 nd July	Fete Meeting



**PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT**

Dear Parents

I hope that everybody had an enjoyable term holiday break and are looking forward to a prosperous Term 3. I enjoyed my 4 weeks in the North West region of Western Australia. Thirty degree days, swimming, fantastic scenery, and clear blue skies make for a most pleasant life style that one could easily become used to at this time of year.

Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Child/Teacher interviews for Grades Prep-6 will be held this week on Tuesday 14th July, Wednesday 15th July and Thursday 16th July. Parents will collect the children from the classrooms for the interview at the specified time. Please check for the location of the classes at the office as a special timetable will be in operation. It is important that parents keep to the allocated times.

Student Report Card

The 2009 Mid Year Student report will be sent home today. Please read the report carefully with your child in preparation for the Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews. A reminder for your appointment time is included with the report. Parents are reminded that the assessment and reporting process involves the teacher, student and their parents. Please return the Parents Comment sheet to complete the process.

If any parents require a second copy of their child's/ren's please see their teacher.

Welcome

We welcome Olivia Smith, Bonita Headberry, Jordan Reeves and their families to Macedon Primary School. Olivia is in Grade 4, Bonita in Grade 3 (3/4) and Jordan in Grade 3 (3/4).

Bike Education

The Grade 4 Bike Education Program was held last term. Some children still require some more instruction. They will need to bring their bikes to school on the first three Fridays during this term. Thanks to all of the parents who assisted with the program.

Prep Enrolments 2010

Prep enrolments for 2010 will be taken. Children need to turn 5 years old by the 30th April 2010 to be enrolled. A copy of their Birth and Immunisation Certificates are required. Forms are available from the office.

Uniform

The Uniform Shop will operate on Thursday after school - 3.15pm-3.40pm and on Mondays after assembly.

Education Maintenance Allowance

It is now time to forward information to the Department of Education, Employment and Training regarding the second instalment of E.M.A.

- Any parents who successfully applied for E.M.A. at the beginning of the year and, who are still eligible, need not apply again.
- Any parents who did not apply for the first instalment and who are eligible to apply now, will need to come to the office and fill in the required form. Please bring your valid Centrelink pension/health card with you. Cards will need to be valid as at 13/07/09.

If you applied for the first instalment and are no longer eligible for the second instalment, please contact the office so that your details can be amended.

To enable information to be forwarded and hopefully verified, please contact the office by **Friday 7th August.**

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will commence this Friday.

Fete

The next Fete Meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd July at 7.30pm.

New School Building

During the holidays preparation work commenced for our new building. The project is due to officially commence on 1st August.

National Pride School Maintenance

Work has been carried out during the holidays: new spouting and downpipes on the 'old building' and the sheds, a new water tank, construction of retaining walls and sand pits, new cupboards in the corridor and painting of corridor and toilet walls.

Water Grant

The final works for our Water Grant are in the process of being completed. A water tank and stand to catch water from the hot house at Middle Gully are about to be put in place. All of the tanks below the oval and behind the eco shed at Middle Gully have been provided through this grant. Thanks to Mr Gower for his work in this area.

Working Bee

The second Working Bee for the year will be held on Saturday 18th July from 9.00am to 2.00pm. This is a most important Working Bee as it will be our only chance to work on the area where our new building will be placed.

The basketball towers have to be dismantled, some playground equipment needs to be relocated and large amounts of woodchips need to be moved before they are 'lost'. There will be other tasks in the grounds and at Middle Gully to be carried out. A big turnout of families would be appreciated. Even if you can only spare an hour or two it all helps. There will be the customary sausage sizzle and refreshments for lunch.

The school has been very successful of late with grants but we do still need to roll up our sleeves and make our school even better for the children.

Notices

The following notices have been sent home today:

Children's half year Reports

Grade Prep/1/2/ Excursion

Previous Weeks:

Parent/Teacher interview times

John Ewels



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

I.C.T.- Cyber bullying and online safety are issues most parents are concerned about. We all want to know our kids are safe and technology has made that a lot more difficult. It's hard for us to really know who our children are talking to, what they are talking about and just what they're looking at because it's so easy to connect with others from around the world. (This document will be available in full on the school's website)



SPORTS REPORT

State Cross Country

We wish Stephanie Ampulski the best of luck. She is competing in the State Cross Country at Bundoora on Friday 24th July.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21st July** at 7.45pm. All parents are welcome to attend.



O.S.H.C

Before School

Welcome Back – hope everyone had a great rest. It was so cold it was a good chance to curl up by the fire and play lots of board games or read a good book. There was also some lovely rain for the gardens during the holidays. Don't forget if you are coming to have breakfast with us you need to bring your toothbrush and to wear a warm jumper and you could also bring your slippers if your feet get cold. Enjoy first week of third term.
Helen and Ruth

Surveys

The Validation Surveys are an important part of the Childcare Quality Assurance process. If you have not returned your survey, could you please do so as soon as possible so they can be returned to NCAC.

Thank you. Lorraine Greer - Admin



P.F.A. ***NEWS***

Next P.F.A. Meeting will be held on Friday 17th July at 9.00am. All welcome.

Welcome back. Hope you all had a terrific break. Students and teachers enjoyed their Pasta Day at term end. These special healthy food days are run as not for profit events. Thank you to all the helpers and organisers for a great effort.

We are looking forward to a productive and happy term. In particular we are organising the Auction/Raffle for the Fete. If you have any items or services to offer or know of individuals or businesses that may be able to assist, please let a PFA member or Mr Ewels know. We really need the support of the whole school community to make this a successful fete component.

Narelle Potter.

Lunch Roster: 17/07/2009

Yael Morris

Maxine Doe

Lise Ramsden

If you are unable to attend on the day rostered, please arrange a swap or replacement. Phone numbers have been provided.



HAPPY ***BIRTHDAY***

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthdays during July: Amy Armour, Dante Le Reveur, Gabriel McBeath, Jonah McBeath, Alex Burrows, Lawson James, Ben Harman, Tom Sinclair, Zoe Sinclair, Liam Thomas-Lee Tet, Ben Noden, Georgie Speed, Angus Henry, Lachlan Dunphy, Darcy Newing, Luke Pender, Joshua Spry and Shanae Brundell.



COMMUNITY ***NEWS***

PIANO TUTORIAL-Classical, Modern, Theory.
A.M.E.B. Exams available.

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