I often talk about the Family of Macarthur - families are very important at our school. We understand how families provide the sense of security which is so important in the development of our students. Similarly we value the relationships built between teachers and parents as they seek to work together to support and encourage our boys and girls.

Grandparents have a very special place in our families. Even though the role of the extended family has changed somewhat in our society, we cannot undervalue the importance of grandparents as they support parents in child rearing. Today’s grandparents may still be working, at least on a part-time basis, but despite this, they are often very active in caring for their grandchildren.

Macarthur’s Grandparent’s Day brings many grandparents to the school. I am delighted to have so many generations of the Macarthur Family visiting the campus and have enjoy observing the nature of the relationships and interactions across the ages. These relationships span the generations and are invaluable in assisting our students to develop an understanding of history, the passage of time and the nature of change. I thank our grandparents for all that they do for our students and trust their day at Macarthur is a memorable one.

Today also marks the close of Summer Term. This term has been full of memorable experiences for our students, from the visit of David Helfgott, to our Easter Service, from Swimming Carnivals to excursions including the Thailand Outreach, from camps to examinations. As always I have been impressed by the commitment our students have shown throughout the term and rejoice in their many achievements.

As the end of term approaches, we also farewell our Year 11 and 12 History students who will tour Europe over the coming weeks. This trip provides an outstanding learning experience for the students and we pray that they will be kept safe as they learn and enjoy the tour.

I thank Mr Kokic for the excellent way he has acted as Deputy Headmaster and Mrs Gould-Drakeley as Acting Director of Studies. Mr Nockles will resume his Deputy duties next term. I wish all families a happy and safe holiday period and look forward to the student’s return on Monday 28 April.

Riley Warren AM
Headmaster
WINTER UNIFORM

The changeover date for Winter Uniform for all students is Monday 12 May, 2008. The dress and bearing of students contributes to the disciplined atmosphere at Macarthur and has a direct, positive influence on student’s conduct in lessons.

- Winter uniform includes the school blazer, which should be worn every day.
- The blazer should be worn while travelling to and from school on public transport.
- Students who drive or are driven to school should also wear their blazer every day.
- On the way to school the jumper is not to be worn on its own, but may be worn under the blazer.
- A black overcoat may be worn over the blazer, but not instead of the blazer. A black scarf may also be worn.

Parents are asked to check the length of trouser, pinafores and skirts. A good way to check the length of a pinafore or skirt is for the student to kneel on the floor. With the back straight, the hem should just brush the floor.

We depend upon parents to help maintain the standard of uniform. Please see that your child leaves home well-dressed - that is they are wearing no non-uniform items or jewellery, top buttons are done up, shirts and blouses tucked in and shoes are cleaned.

Andrew Kokić
Acting Deputy Headmaster

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

The students in the Junior School had an enjoyable time last Tuesday 1 April when we celebrated the St Michael Secondary School Doughnut Day. We were able to raise over $800.00 to support St Michael students who are sponsored by each grade. It is a wonderful thing for the children to have the experience of supporting someone who is much less fortunate than they are in a third world country. The provision of an education to these students enables them to have a tool for life which they can utilise to escape from the poverty cycle. I would like to thank all of the students and, of course, our parents for your support of Doughnut Day and of our continued partnership with St Michael School.

Congratulations go to Nicholas Masjuk who sold over sixty doughnuts. I would also like to recognise Mrs Elling and Mrs Ibrahim who organised the day.

Boys and girls in Year 3 and Year 6 classes were enthralled by the CSIRO presentations on Insects and Weather held last Thursday. As part of these presentations they were able to undertake a variety of practical Science activities.

House meetings were also held last Friday, and these were capably led by our House Captains. The students completed activities and had discussions based on the importance of respect. These meetings are an important part of our ongoing pastoral care through the Bounce Back programme. The children develop their social skills and Christian values through the work done in these sessions.

I wish you a happy and safe holiday break.

William Wallace
Head of Junior School
Jesus taught a parable which introduces us to the strange phenomenon of nominal Christianity. That is, it is possible to be a Christian in name, not in heart, in appearance, not in reality. I wonder if this offends you? It’s quite confronting really and invites us to ask the question: Am I a real Christian? How can I know for sure?

In Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (why not read it?) Jesus makes it clear that just as a field contains wheat and weeds, so the Church contains both believers and unbelievers. Within its membership the Church contains the true and the false. There is the visible church (people who claim to be Christian) and the invisible church (all who are truly Christian). The so-called weeds that Jesus speaks of are called darnel, which, at least in its early stages, is almost indistinguishable from wheat. It seems the devil has a hand in sowing and growing these.

Now for the really scary news! Just as when a harvest occurs and the wheat and weeds are separated, there is going to be a day of dividing for humanity and that separation will take place at the end. Counterfeit Christians will not be able to preserve their disguise forever. The Day of Judgment (division) will unmask them.

Now, please understand what I am saying. I want you to be sure! I am not saying we should attempt to do God’s sifting and separating work for Him. We cannot read hearts and must not pass judgment on those who profess and seem to be true believers. On the other hand we cannot be totally inclusive of open evildoers and heretics – there is room for discipline here! What we can do is embrace Jesus’ words of promise. “Seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be open to you, ask and it shall be given!” How good is that!

If you would like to know more about being sure or about the Christian faith, or want to receive an easy to read, free Bible, contact Steve or Ros at Chaplaincy on 46 296 225 or email: church@mas.nsw.edu.au

We would be very glad to be of assistance if we can.

STEVEN DAVIS
Chaplain
**SCIENCE WITH THE CSIRO**

During this term, Year 6 have been studying the weather and recently had their knowledge and understanding enriched by a visit from the CSIRO.

The CSIRO presenter performed many experiments and also allowed the children to participate in several of them. The presenter managed to lift a student from a chair with a garbage bag, demonstrate the formation of a cloud and create a vacuum using a cup of water and a plate.

The concept of high and low pressure was clearly explained using balloons, liquid nitrogen and lots of ‘hot air’ from the class. Year 6 was most impressed by the properties of liquid nitrogen.

It was a wonderful way to complete the unit and confirm the learning that had taken place throughout the term.

**KATRINA HA**  
**Teacher**

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**A TASTY VIEW ON LANGUAGE**

Mr Ben Davis has recently organised two very successful events. The first of these was a visit to the Satay Hutt Restaurant in Campbelltown where students in Years 9 and 10 Indonesian had the opportunity to taste authentic Indonesian food and also practise ordering food using Indonesian language. Everyone enjoyed the great tasting food and had plenty of opportunity to practise the language.

Mr Davis also arranged an opportunity for Year 10 to cook Indonesian food.

Under the guidance of Mr Davis, Miss Fenton and two Indonesian visitors, the students were able to prepare dishes like beef Rendang Sate, Nasi Putih and Ayam Panggang. This activity too allowed students to practise Indonesian, as they took advice and asked questions about the cooking process using their language skills. The dishes cooked by Year 10 were delicious!

**ARTHUR PICKERING**  
**Acting Faculty Head**

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**GATEWAY QUEST**  
**Saturday**  
**17 May, 2008**  
**8.30am-3.30pm**

**Enter to Learn**  
**Go out to Serve**
CUTTING-EDGE ECONOMICS

Up-to-date information is essential for HSC Economics students and it is difficult to get more current than information from Australia’s Commonwealth Treasury officials in Canberra.

On 13 March, Year 12 Economics students secured a visit with two Treasury officials, Shane Brittle and Rose Verspaandonk, Managers of Treasury’s Monetary and Fiscal Policy Unit.

Our students compiled a list of questions which were emailed to the officials in advance. Topics covered included the new Government’s changes to fiscal policy, future prospects for the Australian dollar, the NAIRU, Future Fund and the economic effect on Australia of possible recession in the USA. The Treasury officials were impressed with the questions and likened them to a Senate Estimates Committee. The trip was invaluable to our students’ understanding and application of the work studied in class.

The students also visited Parliament House during Question Time. A detailed study of the effects of opportunity cost followed in the afternoon.

Thanks to former student Janelle Johnson who gave up her time to accompany the class on the day.

Owen Sinden
Teacher

MEMORIES GALORE FOR YEAR 1

During the term Year 1 have completed a Social Studies unit in which they have learned about Families, both now and in the past. The children have discussed their memories of their families and shared stories they have heard from their parents and grandparents.

The children have enjoyed bringing in objects that help them to remember things about their family. These objects are now on display in their classrooms. The children are looking forward to sharing their school day with their grandparents today during Grandparent’s Day.

Katharine Morse
Teacher

SECOND HAND INSTRUMENT REGISTER

The Parents and Friends Association has established a register for selling second-hand instruments.

Enquiries:
Mrs Hadiwibawa
46 475 333
Café Macarthur Opens for Business

After months of anticipation and much interest in the ongoing work being completed in the Cottage, last week Café Macarthur opened for business.

Mrs Patricia Lorenz, President of the Parents and Friends Association performed the official opening. “It is wonderful to be able to make a facility like this available to parents and staff of Macarthur. The PFA Committee want to encourage all our families to visit the Café when they have the opportunity. I am sure many will find it a convenient stop on their way home after dropping or collecting children or a great place to visit when making purchases from the Uniform Shop.”

Mrs Sandy Thompson has been very pleased with the patronage of parents and staff in her first week of operation. “Many people have come to have a look at the new facilities and everyone seems to be enjoying having a nice place to sit and have a cup of coffee”, she said.

Mrs Sue McKell has been very busy moving uniforms into the new Uniform Shop over the last few weeks. She is looking forward to opening in the new location during the holidays. “We have more space and families will find the new layout and change rooms more convenient”, she said.

The Office of Advancement staff have also settled into their new home. Mrs Kate Jones (Foundation) and Mrs Judith White (Marketing and Alumni) are now operating from their office in the Cottage. “The new location will allow us to greet prospective, new and existing parents in a comfortable and welcoming environment,” Mrs Jones said.

During the holiday period Café Macarthur will operate a limited service for food and drinks, opening 10.00am - 2.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, being closed Wednesday in the first week of the holidays and open throughout the second week of the holiday period.

Judith White
Director of Advancement

Winter Uniform

The date for changeover into Winter Uniform for all students is Monday 12 May, 2008.

Would boys from Year 7 to Year 12 requiring grey trousers, white shirts, ties, belts and grey socks please come to the Uniform Shop to try on these items which can be put aside for you and payment made at a later date.

Girls in Year 11 should also come to the Uniform Shop to try on kilts and senior blouses which can also be put aside for you and paid for at a later date.

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days during the School Holidays:

- Monday 21 April 8.45am - 4.30pm
- Wednesday 23 April 8.45am - 2.00pm
- Thursday 24 April 8.45am - 2.00pm
MORE NEWS FROM THE ROYAL!
The Macarthur Show Team exhibited two steers at the recent Sydney Royal Show. Our thanks go to Mr Alan Anderson for supplying the Simmental steer and Ms Deb Cotter the Squaremeater. We really appreciate their willingness to support the students in this project.

Tahlia Carter (Year 12) paraded the Simmental and was awarded second place in a field of fourteen animals in the Middleweight class for steers prepared by schools.

Ashleigh Walker (Year 10) paraded the Squaremeater in the Open Middleweight class, a very competitive class of sixteen steers. Though not awarded a ribbon our steer was well presented and the team are congratulated on their efforts.

Other members of the team responsible for preparing the steers included Kaitlyn Bartlett (Year 8), Hannah Osborne and Michelle Buchtmann (Year 10).

CAMPBELLTOWN SHOW SUCCESSES
Macarthur Show Team members Jessica Blachura, Lindsay Jones, Emily Newton, Veronica O’Neill, Amy Bartlett (Year 7), Katherine Milson (Year 8), Louisa Suleau, Nathan Zadro (Year 9) and Amy Milson (Year 10) exhibited Angora goats at the Campbelltown Show last Saturday.

The day was very successful with our doe, Macarthur Horizon, receiving a Champion ribbon, our buck, Macarthur George, a Reserve Champion ribbon, five first places, three second place and three third place ribbons.

Thanks are extended to Rachel Clegg (Year 12, 2006) for her support and assistance with team organisation throughout the show season.

MILTON GOWER
Agriculture Teacher

ENROLMENT IN TRANSITION AND KINDERGARTEN, 2009
Enrolment interviews for Kindergarten and Transition 2009 will take place from the beginning of Autumn Term. If you have a younger child for enrolment in Kindergarten or Transition in 2009, it is important to check that your child is registered.

If you are unsure about whether we have your younger child’s details, please contact our Enrolments Assistant, Mrs Beth Blench.

T: 4647 5333 E: bblench@mas.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Blench will quickly confirm the details we have, or supply you with an Application for Enrolment if your child is not registered.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
Applications for Academic and Music scholarships for 2009 close on 11 April, 2009 - this week. Late applications can be accepted, but an additional cost is incurred. Please ensure that your applications are submitted through our website:

www.macarthur.nsw.edu.au

Scholarship Testing day is Saturday 10 May. Further details will be posted to applicants during the vacation period.

ROBERT SIM
Registrar

MEET THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL
Year 6 parents are reminded of the upcoming opportunities to meet with the Head of Middle School, Mr Tim Cartwright.

Meetings will be held on
1 May and 22 May
in the Cafeteria at 4.30pm

Please call Mrs Hadiwibawa to book
46 475 333
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Brendan Hay (Year 12) was recently selected to be an ambassador for Griffin Theatre Company, housed at the historic Stables Theatre at Kings Cross. Students from schools throughout Sydney apply to be ‘Griffin Ambassadors’ and are selected for their leadership qualities, school spirit and commitment to theatre. As Ambassadors, they attend all Griffin productions, participate in special workshops, interact with resident actors and designers, and become closely acquainted with the life and workings of a theatre company.

Congratulations to Meredith Landon (Year 10) who was chosen as a member of the AICES U16 Hockey Team to play in the CIS Hockey Tournament in July.

Emma Friedland (Year 11) won Runner-up Best in Show with her Saluki Champion Padtheway Schiram Qafra (Qafra) at the Saluki Open Match Dog Show. At the Sydney Royal, she placed second with her Rhodesian Ridgeback - ‘Elangeni Dream Girl’. Emma has been showing dogs for all her life.

Hayden Gigg (Year 6) attended the NSW CIS Australian Rules Football Trials last week and was selected as first emergency for the CIS team.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR SCHOOL**

**NASSA SWIMMING**

On 12 March a team of twenty students represented Macarthur at the NASSA Swimming Carnival. The top three students in each event were selected to represent NASSA at the AICES Carnival.

Several students swam very well on the night achieving Personal Best swims. Courtney Alchin, Alicia Alchin, Brandon Lamb, Mark Borojevic, Kaylie Ekinci, Teniele Chesterton, Benjamin Page, Justin Holbeck and Adrian Wosik made it to the AICES Carnival in individual events.

The Macarthur Senior Boys Medley and Freestyle relay teams included Benjamin Page, Justin Holbeck, Kyle Sommerville and Joel Geist and, along with the Junior Boys Medley Relay team, Mark Borojevic, Brandon Lamb, Matthew Perigo and Ryan Tegel, also made it to AICES.

**ERICA LOOYEN**

Sports Co-ordinator

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR SCHOOL**

**AICES SWIMMING**

Thirteen swimmers were members of the NASSA team at the AICES swimming carnival on 31 March. The standard of swimming was very high and our students did their very best.

Several students had success in their heats:

- **Alicia Alchin** first in 50m Breaststroke
- **Courtney Alchin** third in 200m Freestyle (also a PB) and third in 50m Backstroke
- **Teniele Chesterton** third in 50m Breaststroke
- **Brandon Lamb** fourth in 50m Breaststroke
- **Adrian Wosik** fourth in 50m Breaststroke
- **Junior Boys Medley Relay** fourth
- **Justin Holbeck** fifth in 50m Backstroke
- **Kaylie Ekinci** swam the fourth fastest time for the 12 Years Girls 50m Butterfly and will represent AICES at the CIS carnival on the 29 April.

**ERICA LOOYEN**

Sports Co-ordinator

Please continue to support this missionary family with your donations and your prayers.

Jono, Amy, Lili, Isaac, Brie and Abe Vink
who work with the Church Missionary Society in Tanzania
javink@cms.org.au
COMBINED INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL
At the CIS Swimming Carnival this year eight students represented Macarthur and our association, NASSA.

All swimmers did an exceptional job at the Carnival. One of the outstanding performances was by Thomas van der Velde who narrowly missed out on the final for the 12-13yrs Boys 50m Breaststroke.

Special congratulations to Joshua Simat who qualified for three finals – 11years Boys 50m breaststroke, 11years Boys 50m backstroke and 11years Boys 50m Butterfly. He also narrowly missed a spot in the 11years Boys 50m freestyle final. Joshua qualified for the CIS team in the 11years Boys 50m Breaststroke achieving third place. He then went on to compete at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships on 7 and 8 April.

Congratulations again to all of our swimmers and thanks to the parents for the continued support of their children.

JONATHAN BEGGS
K-6 Sport Co-ordinator

NASSA JUNIOR FOOTBALL GALA DAY
On Monday 31 March Macarthur Anglican School Junior School’s senior boys and girls football teams competed in the NASSA Junior Football Gala Day. This day is primarily a selection day for the NASSA teams to be selected and represent NASSA at the CIS Football Gala Day in May.

Both teams represented the School well. The girls team played particularly hard the whole day, having four narrow losses, drawing one game and winning the remaining game. Special mention should go to Jordan Parker, Danielle Glynn and Tahlia McCroary for their committed efforts for the whole day.

The boys team also played well throughout the day, growing in cohesion as they played and achieved a significant win in the last game of the day. The whole team should be congratulated for their persistence and ‘never give up’ attitude.

Congratulations to Jaiben Dawson and Lachlan Roberts who were selected for the Possibles v Probables match. Lachlan Roberts was selected in the NASSA team to play at the CIS Gala Day in May.

JONATHAN BEGGS AND ANDREW WOOD
Coaches

Survival Skills for Healthy Families

Dates:
Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm
13th May to 24th June, 2008

Location:
Centacare, 35a Cordeaux St,
Campbelltown

Enquiries:
Raya Newell 4621 6666
MINISTRY AND SERVICE IN THAILAND

After sixteen exhausting days in Thailand all nine students and three teachers returned safely to more temperate weather than that experienced in Bangkok. During our stay the Macarthur Outreach Team spent most of their time in Northern Thailand based at Chiang Mai.

At the Mackean Leprosy Hospital our students had the opportunity to paint two main rooms that will eventually be used for vocational training for those people affected by leprosy or the debilitating effects of landmines in Burmese villages. Certainly the worldview of our students was challenged as they witnessed the trauma of the patients and saw the compassionate Christian care provided by the staff of this hospital.

Our main efforts were concentrated on the teaching of subjects such as Biblical Studies, Mathematics, English and Design/Art at the Varee Chiang Mai School. This Christian school has established itself as a leading K-12 school offering a Christian education to people of Buddhist background. Despite the fact that the majority of teachers are Buddhist, the message of the Gospel is strong and clearly delivered by the few Christian teachers employed at the school. The ECamp, run by the Outreach team made up of the Macarthur students and eight students from Pacific Academy, Vancouver, provided the opportunity to work with approximately three hundred Thai students. They worked with the Thai children throughout the week, presenting dramas and songs related to the theme of searching for the ultimate treasure found in Jesus. Our students spoke and presented themselves in a polished way, making this team one of the most successful teams to ever lead the ECamp.

Thank you to all those parents that have supported the fundraising efforts for the Thailand Outreach team, and who prayed throughout the mission for safe keeping and good health. I am pleased to say that the message of the Gospel has been faithfully planted thanks to the commitment of our students and their willingness to place themselves in a unique and challenging environment over the course of the sixteen days.

TIMOTHY CARTWRIGHT
Outreach Team Leader
MUSICAL TREATS AHEAD

Rehearsals are progressing very smoothly for the musical Oliver! The cast members are working very hard to learn their songs, dialogue and the choreography. Rehearsals provide us with many laughs as some of the cast try and master the art of singing and dancing at the same time!

The students in the musical orchestra have also started their rehearsals. Under the direction of Mr. Coward the students are drilled and encouraged to give of their absolute best.

Many students have indicated a desire to be involved backstage, with sound and lighting and building and painting sets. These students will join the cast and musicians at the rehearsals starting from next term. Alexis Cunningham from Year 11 has agreed to take on the role of Backstage Manager and I am confident she will meet the challenge of this role with great skill.

Performances will be held in the week beginning Monday 28 July, so keep these dates free in your diary.

NADINE JAMES
Director

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Jubilee Quilt Committee
The committee working on the construction of the
Silver Jubilee Quilt met last week. The design is now largely complete, fabrics have begun to be

selected and the teams will begin working on the various sections of the quilt during next term.

It is wonderful to have so many quilters involved in this project.

MEMORABILIA
Have you seen the collection of crested items on display in Café Macarthur? There are items for every member of the family, with new items arriving regularly. Purchases may be made through Café Macarthur.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?
Every fortnight we print over 800 newsletters and email the link on our website to another 600-800 people. Most of those emailed reach home, but many that go home with students do not reach parents until well after their publication date.

If you would like to receive an emailed link or have changed your email address please contact us at:

advanced@mas.nsw.edu.au

We will ensure that your details are updated or added to our database.

Grandparents, would you like to receive the newsletter or other correspondence? Please complete the form below and return it to the Office of Advancement
PO Box 555
Camden 2570

or send your details to the email address above.

DETAILS
Student Name: ________________ Year: ______
Title: ______ Name: ______________________
Address: ________________________________
_______________________________________
Telephone: _______________________________
Email: _________________________________

HOW MANY BUSINESSES HAVE YOU CALLED?
Don’t forget... you help build a stronger Macarthur Anglican School Community by supporting our business networks. Look in your Directory first!

Didn’t get a copy? Call the Office of Advancement on 4647 5333 or email: advancement@mas.nsw.edu.au