

• **BOOK LISTS**

Earlier this week, every student enrolled in Years 1 - 6 and returning to us in 2006 was issued with the book list for the new school year. It detailed all of the requirements for the year level and is produced as an order form, ready for use at our Book Shop. Whilst produced in this format, it needs to be emphasised that there is absolutely no compulsion to do your shopping through the Book Shop. It should be remembered, however, that every dollar that goes into the Book Shop as profit is ploughed back into our classrooms through the P&C Association. On the Book Lists you will note several MacGregor publications that can be purchased through our Book Shop only. These include the Spelling Journals (Years 2 - 7), the blue-lined writing books (Years 1, 2), the Maths Journals (Years 1-7) and the Day Book (Years 4 - 7). The uniform/stationery shop accepts cash, cheques (phone number written on the back of the cheque); and has an EFTPOS facility.

• **BOOK SHOP**

From tomorrow, Friday, the Book Shop will be ready to process your orders. Parents are reminded that book packs for next year are now being packed and delivered across the school. Parents are encouraged to use the extra hours the book shop is opening between now and the end of the year to minimise long delays in the rush at the beginning of the new school year. It will be open every morning between 8.00 and 8.45 am to Wednesday 07 December along with one afternoon/evening session and one Saturday session. **The former is on Thursday 24 November, when the shop will be open between 3.00 and 6.30 pm. It will open again on Saturday 26 November between 8.30 am and midday.**

To assist you when processing your order, below are a couple of helpful reminders:

To streamline the ordering process, we ask that book orders are completed and totalled with the cash or cheque attached, and put in an envelope and placed in the wooden box on the counter of the book shop. Please use blue/black biro.

1. You can mark the order 'for collection' or otherwise the books will be delivered to the

classrooms. Please note where items are out of stock, they will be listed on a register and given to your child as soon as possible. Thank you to those wonderful ladies already helping pack the books. Anyone is welcome. Contact the tuckshop on 3345 6018 or just turn up if you can spare some time. In previous years, book orders have been placed in the plastic shopping bags for your convenience. With the recent focus on the damage these bags do to the environment, please send in one of your environmentally safe shopping bags when placing your order and the books will be packed in your bag.

2. Check the book pack as soon as you receive it so that any problems can be rectified before books are covered. The Book Shop is not responsible for any books once they have been covered.

The total of each year level book pack excluding any extras is as follows:

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| Year 1 | \$103.00 |
| Year 2 | \$109.80 |
| Year 3 | \$119.10 |
| Year 4 | \$127.10 |
| Year 5 | \$114.00 |
| Year 6 | \$144.60 |
| Year 7 | \$97.60 |

• **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

As you prepare for the new school year, parents are reminded that the school's dress code includes **black shoes that must be worn whenever the day uniform is required**. Your support with this dress code initiative throughout the year has been greatly appreciated and through that support, the quality of our uniform has increased dramatically, in line with our vision of MacGregor as a 'School of Excellence'.

• **SCHOOL DANCES**

The two end-of-year dances are scheduled for next Friday 25 November, starting with the Years 1 - 3 students at 4.30 pm followed by the Years 4 - 7 at 6.30 pm. Tickets will go on sale through the Student Councillors from Monday at \$2.00 and \$3.00 respectively and must be purchased by close Friday afternoon. For security reasons, **tickets will NOT be sold at the door**. Parents are also reminded that the dances are strictly for students of MacGregor Primary School only. Information about the dances was distributed to all

students today. As usual, the Student Council will be running a small canteen at both dances, selling a small range of lollies, hot chips and drinks. For the infants, the McDonald's orange cordial will be provided free of charge. Your presence at both dances is most welcome and strongly encouraged. For the lower school, the Student Council has attached a Christmas theme. We look forward to seeing you at either of the dances. They are great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

- **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ✓ **Maths Challenge for Young Australians:**

Three of our Year 7 students were entered in the Enrichment Stage of this very challenging problem-solving competition. Run over a period of months, Name Withheld **and** Name Withheld have both been awarded certificates of **High Distinction** while Yen-Rong Wong received a Distinction.

- ✓ **Crystal Growing Competition:**

Two of our students entered the 2005 Royal Australian Chemical Institute Crystal Growing Competition. Name Withheld (**Year 2**) was awarded first place in the Year 2 Open section while Name Withheld (**Year 3**) was also awarded first place in the Year 3 Standard section. Their certificates and trophies will be presented on assembly next week. For William, it is his second successive first placing in this competition. Well done to both William and Chelsea.

- ✓ **China Experience Program:**

Congratulations to former student and House Captain 2001, Justin Steele, who is the only Queenslander to be awarded a fully funded month in China courtesy of the Australia-China Council's China Experience Program. Justin will join 9 other young Australians from Years 10 and 11 who have been selected after a strenuous series of interviews which took into account personal maturity, cross-cultural awareness, Chinese language skills and general academic achievement. Justin will home-stay and attend school in Beijing, Guilin and Shanghai while he is there. Justin's fluency and love of the Chinese language was fostered by Ms Pegg and Ms Au who were Justin's first teachers of Chinese. Justin won an academic scholarship to Brisbane Grammar and has an impressive array of awards displaying his skill at foreign languages during his years there. We trust

that his success will inspire other MacGregor students to achieve such awards in the future.

- **MACGREGOR IDOL**

Four of the semi-finals have been concluded and eight acts have already been voted into the Idol finals being held next Wednesday 23rd November in the hall. The semis have been just fantastic and every student who performed is to be congratulated. All of the semi-finalists have been listed below for recognition.

1AB: Alannah Bauer, Name Withheld , Verica Petrovic, Linh-Dan Pham, Sara Kotaniemi, Name Withheld

1CD: Chloe Ryan, Ruqayya Moosa, Amie Sontichai, Theo Duval, Zac Lewis, Elle Ko, Cindy Qiu, Andre Coppenrath, Annika Hildebrandt

1EF: Mariana Khamoo-Hessar, Shanelle Chu, Agapi Kalligeros, Emma Hill

2AB: Name Withheld, Josie Rostran-Henriquez, Arlee Cocking, Name Withheld , Katelyn Carlile, Name Withheld , Name Withheld

2CD: Chance McKenna, Vikki Lam, Name Withheld , Antonia Lu, Name Withheld , Stephanie Lau, Samantha Medlin, Elise Hernandez.

2E: Name Withheld , Noa Tuicakau

J1/2: Name Withheld

J3/4: Name Withheld, Noah Gerometta, Name Withheld , Joshua Jarvis- Fix, Name Withheld, Grace Chen, Samantha Telford, Casey Curran, Angelica Orfanos, Name Withheld , Mitchell McDonnell, Name Withheld, Damien Wheatley

6AB: Rubini Gunaratnam, Kaelah Sideris, Name Withheld , Name Withheld , Name Withheld , Brodie Shepherd

6CD: James Becroft, Name Withheld , Vivien Chow, Rachael Nguyen, Name Withheld , Christina Budur, Name Withheld , Name Withheld

S1/2: Madeleine Semit, Angelica Huang, Sophie Phillips, Georgia Pennisi

S3/4: Cathy Lee, Janna Guy, Nicole Romano, Jenna Truong.

SM5: Caroline Rotondo, Natalie Martinez

7AB: Name Withheld, Name Withheld , Samuel Lui, Kelvin Liu, Emily Majewski, Marian Lien, Angela Hunt, Ariane Serina, Name Withheld , Wesley Wat, Name Withheld , Tue Nguyen, Minnie Hong, Michelle Eslao, Payal Prasad

7CD: Bradley Bell, Cristina Vitanzi, Name Withheld, Madison Bunn, Anita Tam, Vivien Chang, Catherine Bennett

S1/2: Jordan Lonie, Name Withheld, Taaj Kumar

S3/4: Angela Yen, Micky Wei, Brent Solomon, Tau Samuela, Katherine Sagner, Samantha Stevenson

The finalists are:

Year 1: Alannah Bauer, Name Withheld, Emma Hill, Theo Duval, Zac Lewis

Year 2: Name Withheld, Name Withheld, Mitchell McDonnell, Name Withheld, Damien Wheatley

Year 6: Name Withheld, Name Withheld, Nicole Romano, Jenna Truong

Year 7: Samantha Stevenson, Katherine Sagner, Jonathan Vlahos, Jordan Lonie, Taaj Kumar

MACGREGOR IDOL FINALS

Wednesday 23rd November

Years 4 - 7 9.30 am

Years 1 - 3 11.30 am

• **R.E. BREAK-UP CONCERT**

Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend our Religious Education break-up concert in the School Assembly Hall. **The concert will take place next Thursday 24 November 2005.** The times for the concert are as follows: Years 1 - 3, 9.15 am - 10.00 am, Years 4 - 7 10.15 am - 11.00 am. The entrance fee is a **silver or gold coin donation** at the door.

• **AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

Invitations to our awards assembly, Years 4 - 7, set down for next Friday 25th November were distributed earlier this week. You are reminded that RSVPs for this event are required by Wednesday 23rd.

• **P&C MEETING**

The final P&C meeting for 2005 will be held tonight, Thursday, in the staff room from 6.30 pm. All parents are most welcome to attend.

• **PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

MacGregor Music Night -Dance

Our final MacGregor Music night will be held next Thursday, 24th November, where the focus will be our dance program. Please note that students involved in the Dance & Drama Focus program through MacGregor High will be performing on that night.

Choir Auditions

Auditions for children in Year 4 who would like to be in the choir next year will be held on Friday 18th November at 1.10 pm. For children in Year 3, auditions are on Wednesday 23rd November at 1.10 pm and at the same time on Friday 25th November for children in Year 2.

Songsters

Movement auditions will be on Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th November at 1.10 pm. Attendance at both days is required.

String Players

All boys must return their tartan cummerbunds to the music room. Only MacGregor Strings players will need to keep them for their performance at the awards assembly next Friday.

Intermediate Strings

They need to return their orange orchestra book and their Dozen Dazzler Books to Miss Milligan as quickly as possible. Thank you.

• **PARENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME**

All parents who had subscribed to the 2005 Parent Contribution Scheme and have a left-over component of the fund owed to them will receive a letter informing them of the options available.

1. *Credit the money against next year's excursion*
2. *Seek a cheque refund*
3. *Donate it to the school*

On receipt of the letter, please indicate your preference by a tick in the appropriate box and return it to the school office by Friday 02 December 2005. **No forms will be processed after that date.**

• **SWIMMING CARNIVALS**

Please note the dates for the end of year swimming carnivals.

Monday 5th December

Year 3 9.00 - 11.00 am

Year 2 11.30 am - 1.00 pm

Wednesday 7th December

Year 1 9.00 - 11.00 am

There will be no end of year carnivals for Years 4 - 7.

• **NORTH SHORE NEWS**

Following the great results achieved by our students in the Creative Problem Solving Competition, MacGregor Primary School was announced as the winning school in the upper primary category. Louis Ren, Yen-

Rong Wong, Wendy Pei and Albert Ding combined to win \$500 worth of library books for the school. For Louis Ren, his score placed him 3rd across all Year Sevens in Australia. A special thank you is extended to North Shore for inviting me to attend their awards presentation night earlier this week. It was a great pleasure to see so many of our MacGregor students receiving awards for their hard work.

- **REPORT CARDS**

For all students report cards will be distributed on Tuesday 6th December. Parents who will be taking Christmas holidays before that day are advised that a **stamped, self-addressed A5 size envelope** is required at the office should you wish to have the report forwarded to your holiday address. It will not be possible to distribute the reports any earlier than that date. Quite deliberately, the deadline for reports is kept as late as possible to avoid the 'holiday' syndrome creeping into classrooms.

- **INTERSCHOOL SPORTS NEWS**

Tomorrow, Friday, is the last day of summer interschool sport. Despite the persistent wash-outs throughout the season, a number of finals will be played tomorrow, many involving teams from MacGregor. We wish them well. The Sports assembly will be held on Friday 2nd December where the Best & Fairest and Most Improved player in every team will be recognised. In addition, medallions and premiership pennants will be presented. That assembly will start at 2.00 pm.

- **AUTHOR VISIT**

We have invited author, John Flanagan, to the school to talk to Year 6/7 on Monday 28th November. He has written a series of books for ages 10-12 called The Rangers Apprentice. His books are available to buy from the school library. They are \$14.95 each. They may be autographed by the author if they are purchased before the event. These could make good presents for Christmas.

- **LIBRARY NEWS**

In an initiative taken on by our Library Teacher-Aide, Mrs Karina Allison, the library monitors for 2006 have been finalised. Trained by the current Year 7 monitors, the following Year 6 students were presented to

the student body at full school assembly this week and congratulated on their graduation into the job. They were: James Becroft, Celeste Birgan, Name Withheld , Name Withheld , Name Withheld , Brianna Day, Name Withheld , Name Withheld, Sam Grice, Janna Guy, Shaziya Hasham, Nathaniel Holloway, Name Withheld , Name Withheld , Name Withheld , Christie Leung, Name Withheld, Queenie Ly, Aarash Majoo, Adrian Man, Shivaun Palewandrem, Johnson Poon, Name Withheld , Alex Tai, Susan Tan, Name Withheld , Name Withheld , Rebecca Wai, Tate Winchester, Helen Wu, Name Withheld , Marion Yeung and Name Withheld. They will receive their badges at our Badge Presentation Assembly in late February. Congratulations.

- **CHINESE DANCERS**

Chinese dancers will be required to meet at 6.15pm in the music room on the dance night held on Thursday 24 November. Just a reminder to all Chinese Dancers there are 2 more rehearsals left on Wednesday. They will be 1 hour lessons and will finish at 4.15pm.

- **INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS**

Softball

Girls Senior A def Wishart
Girls Senior B def Mansfield
Boys Senior A def Wishart A
Boys Senior B lost to Rochedale
Junior A boys had a bye
Junior B boys lost to COC

Tee Ball

A Girls def COC
B Girls def COC

Basketball

Boys Year 5 A lost to MAC B
Boys Year 5 B def Mac A
Boys Year 6 A def Upper Mt Gravatt
Boys Year 6 B lost to Rochedale South A
Boys Year 7A had a bye
Boys Year 7 B lost to Rochedale South
Girls Year 5 A def COC
Girls Year 5 B lost to COC
Girls Year 6 A def Upper Mt Gravatt
Girls Year 6 B lost to BAC
Girls Year 7 A lost to COC
Girls Year 7 B def COC

Volleyball

Yr 6 Girls A def Mansfield2 and def MAC2
Yr 6 Girls B def Mansfield1 and lost to MAC1
Yr 7 Girls A def Rochedale and def MAC 2
Yr 7 Girls B lost to MAC1 and def COC 4

Yr 6 Boys A def MAC2 and lost to Mansfield5
 Yr 6 Boys B def Upper Mt Gravatt def and
 lost to MAC1

Yr 7 Boys A def Upper Mt Gravatt and def
 Mansfield1

Yr 7 Boys B lost to Mansfield2

Cricket

Seniors def EMP

Juniors def COC

Our Sports Stars for the week are:

Softball; Name Withheld, Name Withheld.

Tee-Ball: Joy Tang, Lina Go. *Basketball*; Name

Withheld, Anna Kho, Alison Lee, Nicole Romano, Name Withheld, Christie Leung, Payal Prasad, Name Withheld , Andrew Quinn, Vedad Fetahagic, Name Withheld, Eesa Rane, Wesley Wat. *Volleyball*: Cathy Lee, Name Withheld, Name Withheld , Name Withheld , Kevin Hsueh, Andrew Yen, Daniel Lawson, Name Withheld. *Cricket*: Taaj Kumar, Mitchell Perry.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

| | MACGREGOR STAR | | MACGREGOR STAR | | MACGREGOR STAR |
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| 1A | Alannah Bauer | 3A | Zainub Mahomed | 5B | Jaymee Seeto-Guy |
| 1B | Shayan Khezri Nassab | 3B | Jack Balcombe | 5C | Hoyin Chan |
| 1C | Eric Chu | 3C | Grace Pang | 5D | Grace Liao |
| 1D | Sarah Lam | 3D | Name Withheld | 6A | Matthew Howland |
| 1E | Janice Huang | 3E | Name Withheld | 6B | Ihsaan Mahomed |
| 1F | Name Withheld | 4A | Ajdin Fetahagic | 6C | Jason Huynh |
| 2A | Name Withheld | 4B | Name Withheld | 6D | Michael Bogdanovic |
| 2B | Brandon Hasemann | 4C | Name Withheld | 7A | Name Withheld |
| 2C | Kin Liang | 4D | Madeleine Mcdonnell | 7B | Name Withheld |
| 2D | Jon Van Der Kreek | M1 | Name Withheld | 7C | Katherine Liu |
| 2E | Name Withheld | M2 | Name Withheld | 7D | Name Withheld |
| J1 | Stephanie Moore | M3 | Prue Austin | S1 | Name Withheld |
| J2 | Samantha Ting | M4 | Alexander Seeto | S2 | Brian Chuang |
| J3 | Josh Jarvis-Fix | SM5 | Name Withheld | S3 | Julia Steele |
| J4 | Name Withheld | 5A | Nicole Alcantara | S4 | Tau-Maoate Samuela |

Congratulations and well done boys and girls.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- Queensland University of Technology Bachelor of Education students available to tutor 1 on 1 private lessons NOW! Weekdays and throughout all school holidays. \$30 per hour. For further information please contact Jessika on 0422 173 025 or Maritza on 0421 335 719.
- Saints Netball Club- Early Registrations for the 2006 netball season are being held 3-3.30pm, Tuesday 22 November at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School netball courts, Shearwin St, Sunnybank. New and existing players aged 5 - 15 welcome. For Further information, call Carmel on 3273 2353.
- Family Sacramental Program- Parents with children baptised into the Catholic faith, may wish to come along to our information night for the 2006 Sacramental Program for Our Lady Lourdes(Sunnybank) and Our Lady of Fatima (Acia Ridge) parishes. This evening will be held on Tuesday 22 Novmber at 7pm at Paloma Complex, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank.