

Dates for the Diary

Tue 27 March

Belconnen Swimming Carnival
Fundraising and Events meeting

Wed 28 March

Assembly

Fri 30 March

Good Friday — Public Holiday

Mon 2 April

Easter Monday — Public Holiday

Mon 9 April—Wed 11 April

Camp Cooba

Fri 13 April

Cross Country Carnival

Reminders

MEDICATIONS

In the interests of keeping all students safe, **medication that your child requires during the school day must be stored in the office.** Macquarie's school office team manages first aid, emergency medical plans and medications for students. Please contact the Front Office team if you have any changes to your child's medical treatment plan or if you would like further information about our practices.



From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

With just 2 weeks remaining until the holiday break, it is time to reflect on Term 1, 2018. Teachers and students engage in feedback processes at the end of each term and we also gather feedback from our community through the Two Stars and a Wish process. Stars are for the positive attributes about Macquarie and wishes are for areas you'd like to see us working on.

I hope you can find a little time to fill in your thoughts on the feedback slip over the page. Broad ranging feedback and student performance data contributes to our annual School Review process. Analysis of our practices using the National Tool for School Improvement, the National Safe Schools Framework and the National Quality Standard for Preschools is a continuous process.

You may be interested in looking at these support documents online, to frame feedback that we welcome at any time.

<https://www.acer.edu.au/files/NSIT.pdf>

<https://www.education.gov.au/national-safe-schoolsframework-0>

<http://www.acecqa.gov.au/national-qualityframework/the-national-quality-standard>

SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

We recognise the importance of our school board in providing robust forward-thinking school governance at the local level to ensure that we are able to meet the present and future needs of our school community. I work in partnership with the board to establish the strategic direction and priorities of the school, monitor and review school performance, develop, maintain and review curriculum and approve budgets and policies for the effective use of school resources.

This year we welcome Janet, Sarah and Ami to the Macquarie Primary School Board, following the recent nomination process. Janet and Sarah join us as P&C Members and Ami Grover as a Staff Member.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Directory

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From our Principal Continued ...

I thank this trio, along with continuing members Mark (P&C Member) and Justine (Staff Member) in anticipation of the contributions they will bring to school governance at Macquarie throughout the year. I look forward to working with them.

If you are interested in learning more about the role of school boards within the ACT Education Directorate please visit: https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/school_boards

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday, 13 April from here at school. Macquarie's sporting carnivals are always a calendar highlight, thanks to the organisational talents of our motivational teaching team.

Daily activity through movement experiences ensures that our students are well prepared and I know that many of our students have already enjoyed familiarising themselves with the course. If you would like to assist on the day, please leave a message with the Front Office.

ORIENTEERING

What a pleasure it was to host the Orienteering ACT School Competition (SC-ORE) last Thursday morning. Jeremy, Lucy, Matthew and Jessica represented Macquarie and competed against 30 teams from schools across the ACT. The brisk temperature was no deterrent for our highly capable orienteers who came 4th on the day. Orienteering ACT run a number of events throughout the year for competitors of all ages. If you are interested in learning more please visit <http://act.orienteering.asn.au>

HARMONY DAY

I would like to say a very big thank you to Esther and Chloe for inspiring us to think about the message behind Harmony Day for 2018, everybody belongs. Classes spent time on the day learning about one another and creating a short piece of footage capturing their findings. The footage has been expertly put together by Esther to create a short film that will be shared at our next assembly. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sophie Bissell
Principal



YOUR FEEDBACK AND VIEWS

Please share 2 things that you value about Macquarie Primary (stars) and 1 area you would like to see improved (wish).



Name: _____

Contact No: _____

P&C NEWS

The P&C will hold a Fundraising and Events meeting on Tuesday at 6pm in the staffroom. We will be chatting about our upcoming 50th Birthday celebrations and planning our 2018 year. Everyone is welcome to attend!

We are looking to re-establish our Gardens and Grounds Committee this year. If you would like to be involved with this fantastic group, please send an email to president.mpspandc@gmail.com

The P&C are sourcing a Secretary to take minutes at our meetings twice per term. If you have a couple of hours spare in Week 3 and Week 7 each term, we would love your help! Please send an email to president.mpspandc@gmail.com

PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Zoe who commenced last week.

ACT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP

Call for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents/caregivers to join the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Advisory Group. This is an opportunity to represent your community, provide advice and learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education in the ACT and nationally.

Expressions of Interest close 11 April 2018. For a copy of the application or more information, please call Patrick Chapman on 6205 0156 or email Patrick.Chapman@act.gov.au.



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Check out ActewAGL's fridge buy-back scheme.

NOTES HOME		
EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Belconnen Swimming		
Carnival	Selected students	Perm ASAP
Camp Cooba	Yr 6	Perm & medical ASAP
		Payment by 23 Mar