

## Dates for the Diary

### Tue 28 Aug

Fathers' Day Stall  
Limelight Tech Rehearsal  
Belconnen Athletics Carnival

### Fri 31 Aug

Fathers' Day Stall

### Wed 29 Aug

Assembly

### Thur 30 Aug

Limelight Dress Rehearsal & Performance

### Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am  
Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm  
Friday: 8.45am—9.15am

## Reminders

### *Wednesday, 29 August*

Assembly @ 9.15am hosted  
by Year 3 classes



## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

It is hard to come down from the excitement of Book Week last week. After the building tension by staff with students all week, it was a wonderful experience to have our book week parade hosted by intergalactic travellers, Thor and Loki (aka Mr Gray and Mr Kien), and read the Oi Goat book that had inspired us all week.

### ADULT LEARNING

Last week members of the Directorate's Curriculum section came to Macquarie and gave us an overview of the Australian Curriculum. This was the first of four sessions, with the opportunity for staff to delve deeply into curriculum to enhance their understanding of year level expectations, and thus harness every learning opportunity presented to ensure our students develop and grow their skills and dispositions as learners.

On Thursday evening we held the third P&C sponsored parent workshop in sexual health. The focus was on puberty and aimed at families with children in Years 4—6. Once again Aga presented the facts with humour and sensitivity, and I think everyone learnt something from the session.

### PERFORMING AND COMPETING

Today we hosted the Year 5 combined band practice in our Hall. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to make connections with musicians from other schools, and to play as part of a large orchestra.

Tomorrow our fastest athletes will compete at the Belconnen District Athletics Carnival. We are so lucky in Canberra to have a world class facility like the AIS and it is really wonderful that the students have the opportunity to use these facilities when they run, jump and throw. Good luck to all our athletes.

Year 3 will host assembly on Wednesday morning. I have been hearing murmurings coming from the classrooms, I am filled with wonderings about what they will be sharing with us.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

## Macquarie Directory

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## From our Principal Continued ...

Thursday evening our hard rehearsing Limelight Choir members are performing at Step into the Limelight, the annual arts showcase for Public Schools held at the AIS arena. I am really looking forward to seeing the show.

### SAFETY AT SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Our teachers wear hi-visibility vests when on playground duty, to help students get assistance quickly. Staff can contact the Front Office to get extra assistance when and if necessary, and we regularly rehearse evacuation and lock down drills, so that when required we can respond. Teachers spend time inquiring into what it means to be safe with students so consistent and regular messaging is given.

We have a staff member on duty from 8:45am each morning, so arriving as close to then is advised. There are a number of students who catch the bus home in the afternoons, and we are able to facilitate these students being released from class a few minutes early so they do not have to wait at the bus stop in the afternoons. If this interests you please call the school to let us know.

### SCHOOL REVIEW

This week we welcome Australian Council of Educational Research Lead Reviewer Christina and Liz from Fadden Primary, to Macquarie to conduct the review process of our last strategic plan. They will be looking at evidence compiled, conducting interviews with staff, a selection of students and parents to get a sense of what the school has achieved over the past 5 years. At the end of the process the reviewers will make commendations and recommendations to guide the school into the development of our next strategic plan, which will shape our journey for the next five years.

Have a great week.

*Danielle*

## 2018 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

The 2018 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete it by **Monday, 3 September 2018**. A survey invitation was emailed to parents and carers and a hard copy was sent home with students. If you do not have an invitation for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The invitation contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2017 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website ([www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2017 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

## P&C NEWS

### FATHERS' DAY STALL

The P&C will host the annual Fathers' Day Stall on Friday, 31 August. We still need a few volunteers to help run the stall during the mid-morning. If you are able to assist, please send an email to [coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com).

### DISCO

The P&C will also host a free Disco and sausage sizzle on Friday, 7 September for all students. The junior disco for Preschool - Year 2 will run from 6pm - 7pm and the senior disco for Years 3-6 will run from 7.15pm - 8.30pm. All students must be signed in and out on the night. If you can help out on the BBQ for the evening, please send an email to [coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com).

The Macquarie Primary School P&C Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary/>



# Congratulations

## AWARDS — ASSEMBLY

Please congratulate the following students who will receive merit awards at Assembly on Wednesday, 29 August.

Jonty & Eligh; Samara & Vihaan; Tilly & Dante; Anna, Ellison & Luke; Umu-J & Om; Jason & Annida; Maddy & Joshua; Finley & Jayde; Jacob & Oliver; Noah & John; Manaia & Umar; Perrine & Mehak; Tanush & Areebah; Awaan, Ruby & Anna; Vikram & Issy; James & Eilah; Lucy & Ella; and Finn & Amelia.

Please also congratulate the following students who will receive certificates for their participation in the UNSW ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment.

Ellie, Rebekah, Kuhen, Oliver, Vikram (Participation). Tom (Merit). Rhys (Credit). Dexter & Lucy (Distinction). Jeremy (High Distinction).

## RECEIVE THE MACQUARIE MEMO VIA E-MAIL

In working towards environmentally sustainable habits, we would love to be able to email our newsletter to you each week as a **pdf document**. If you are happy to receive the Macquarie Memo this way, please email [leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au) or contact the Front Office.

## NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Belconnen Athletics	Selected students	Perm & payment ASAP
Carey's Cave	Yr 4/5	Perm & payment by 5/9
P&C Fathers' Day Stall	All families	Response as necessary
Volunteers form		



## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Fix a leaky tap.

## Community Notices



### Weetangera Auskick

Wednesdays - 5/9 - 26/9

3:30 - 4:30

Boys & Girls 5-12

Weetangera school

[stephen.camp@afl.com.au](mailto:stephen.camp@afl.com.au)

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)   



Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:







- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

**Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am—5pm.**  
Phone: 6287 3833



## Could \$500 help with your child's start at school?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  lessons & activities
-  camps & excursions
-  laptops & tablets

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Barry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

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Department of  
Primary Industries



## Kids' fishing workshop



Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

**COST is \$40 PER CHILD**, and includes \* rod and reel combination  
\* shirt \* hat \* tackle box  
\* show bag—all to take home!

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.**  
Maximum 25 participants.

### Locations and Date

Gaden	Fri-Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	October 2018
	Fri-Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	January 2019
Lake Illawarra,	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	January 2019
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	April 2019
Greenwell Point	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	January 2019
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	April 2019
Batemans Bay	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	January 2019
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	April 2019
Merimbula	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	January 2019
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	April 2019

To book, e-mail [stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or ring Stephen Thurstan, 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190

Details on the web: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop>  
NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts