

## Dates for the Diary

Wed 6 March  
P&C Meeting

Mon 11 March  
Canberra Day public holiday  
(school closed)

Wed 13 March  
Assembly

## Reminder

**Monday, 4 March — tonight**

Kinder Reading information  
session (for kinder parents)  
5—6pm in the Library

## Please note

On Wednesday, 6 March a funeral will be held at the International Church (next to Preschool). It will commence around lunch time and finish sometime after school pick up. Please be advised that the carpark will be reserved for those attending the funeral.

## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

It was lovely to see so many people during the week as families met with their children's teachers during getting to know you interviews. I would like to thank everyone for their flexibility as we moved to the online booking platform within a very tight timeframe. If you were unable to see your child's teacher please don't hesitate to get in touch through the front office to make an alternate time.

### STAFFING NEWS

We have selected a new Executive Teacher who will commence on Tuesday, 12 March. Veronique is an experienced school leader who has most recently worked in the Curriculum Section of the Education Directorate. Veronique will lead the senior team (years 3-6) and is looking forward to starting with us.

Our other exciting news is that Tarni is having a baby and will go on maternity leave during term 2. As soon as we have secured a replacement teacher I will let you know the details. We are actively recruiting now, to enable a good hand over to ensure students' learning program is not impacted.

### SCHOOL SATISFACTION RESULTS

Each year around August parents, students and staff complete a survey about our school. There are a variety of questions covering a range of elements that contribute to successful schooling. This information is collated and provided back to the school to identify areas of success and need to support forward planning. We have received our results from last year's survey. Overwhelmingly across all three stakeholder groups there were two areas to focus on. They are:

- the school is well maintained; and
- behaviour is well managed at this school.

To begin to address these areas of need we have already commenced work. During the Christmas break classrooms were painted, the kindergarten classes received new furniture and we are working closely with the Infrastructure and Capital Works (ICW) of the Education Directorate to undertake an upgrade of the toilets in the Namadgi building.

As a school we have embarked on a new approach to how we operate and respond to behaviour. This approach is called Positive Behaviours for Learning known as PBL. Staff undertook two days of professional learning during January. We are working through identifying areas in the school outside of classrooms and articulating how we should all behave in these areas. Students are contributing to these and a draft will be shared with the community for input soon.



### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Macquarie Directory

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## From our Principal Continued ...

### ONLINE SAFETY

Last week there was a renewed spike in media attention about MOMO, an avatar who allegedly pops up in online children's viewing and scares children. I urge you to read the ABC article (link below) and take an active interest in your children's online access. We are in the process of booking a parent workshop for online safety and will publicise that information when we have a confirmed date.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-01/momo-challenge-sparks-warning-from-online-safety-watchdog/10861080>

### SCHOOL EVENTS

We held our first school event last week with students from years 2-6 attending our annual swimming carnival at Big Splash. The weather held out wonderfully well and it was great to see all our students at the pool. It is important that children's swimming ability is accurately assessed to ensure safety. An extra thank you to Andrea and Ross, who were the organisers of this year's event. It is no mean feat to get over 200 students to the pool, keep them actively engaged and return them all safely.

Our smaller students had amazing opportunities to interact with water in a variety of ways at school. They made bubbles, raced with sponges, painted rocks and drew with chalk just to mention a few. All in all it was a great day.

On Friday we all turned out to Clean Up Australia Day in our school environment. All students participated with enthusiasm and the grounds now look amazing. I hope many of you were able to participate in the whole country clean up on Sunday and contribute to a big community event.

Our next event is National Day of Action Against Bullying on Friday, 15 March. We are taking time as a whole school to look at this issue, so that all students know how to get help if needed and provide important messaging that bullying is never ok.

Have a great week and hope to see many of you at the P&C meeting on Wednesday evening.

*Danielle*

## INTRODUCTION

Hi, My name is Rebecca. I am teaching year 5/6 at this wonderful school. I have been teaching for 13 years and love it. My favourite subjects to teach are Art and English.

I am a born and raised Canberran. I have a 3 year old daughter and a dog named Kaiser.

I am really looking forward to getting to know students at Macquarie and to be a part of the school community.

## P&C UPDATE

**Wednesday, 6 March**

All welcome

## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property, including items from the swimming carnival, is currently on display in the foyer. All labelled items have been returned to their owners. Please take a minute to wander past the table.

## MACQUARIE RUNNING CLUB

Running club will commence tomorrow (Tuesday) at 8.30am on the oval and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday. The aim is to help kids develop a love of running as well as helping to improve their technique. The club will be run by Claire and Shannon, and an indemnity form will be available for parents to sign on arrival. All welcome.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Hello Macquarie community. My name is Pamela and I've just started at your school as the librarian. I arrived just in time to set the library up in a new space. Students have enjoyed coming to explore the larger space and find their favourite books again. If you would like to see the new library please feel free to pop in. I am here from 8.30am every morning except Wednesday, and you are welcome to join up as a family borrower and choose some books for your children.

Classes are visiting once a week for borrowing and browsing with limits of 1 book (preschool), 2 books (kinder - 2), 3 books (years 3/4) and 4 books (years 5/6). Younger children are strongly encouraged to bring a library bag on their library day:

<b>Monday</b>	Tamariki and Birrigai
<b>Tuesday</b>	Burugun, Whanau, Woggabaliri, Yurwin, Maliki, Wollway, Ohana, Gurran
<b>Thursday</b>	Gula, Buru, Komiti reta, Dyarra
<b>Friday</b>	Jooba Budgiel, Gurumbul, Daramoolen, Meup Meup

*Pamela*

## NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Student Information Sheet	All students	ASAP
Stationery Packs	All students	Payment ASAP
Information Check Sheet	All students	ASAP
Medical Information Consent Form	All students	ASAP
Known Medical Condition Response Plan	Selected students	ASAP



## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Use public transport more often.

## Community Notices



### ENROL at ANY TIME DURING THE TERM!

*Classes for all ages preschool, primary, teens and adults!  
Fully equipped Dance Studio – Aranda Scout Hall next to Aranda Primary School*

From the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson children will learn to dance like Emma Wiggle or Michael Flatley with traditional and modern pieces from the beautiful "Riverdance" Show!

No experience necessary – special individual classes are offered on enquiry

PHONE OR EMAIL TODAY TO ENROL FOR 2019!



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### Macquarie Primary After School Piano, Guitar & Violin Lessons Term 1 2019

Celtic Arts Agency offers private 1/2 hour after school music lessons at Macquarie Primary School in piano, guitar and violin in the classrooms above the Oasis Room. Lessons are timetabled from 3.05 every half hour on a Tuesday and Wednesday and cost \$306 for a 9 week school term. Lessons are booked on a per term basis.

To see available spots for piano (6) and violin and guitar (2) please see our website  
<https://celticartsagency.com/lesson-timetables/macquarie-primary/>



Contact Sharon Casey on  
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T: 0404 217 528

More information is available on our website:  
[www.celticartsagency.com](http://www.celticartsagency.com)



### 2019 Term 1 at Macquarie Primary School Week 6 – Week 10

Thursdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Kinder – Yr 2  
Wednesdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Yr 3 – Yr 6

Classes to be held in Oasis  
Book now for Term 1 by calling  
**Georgia on 0403 800 877**

\$70 for the 5 week program

Groups are limited to 10 students

To secure your child's place forms and payment must be received by **Friday, 8 March**

### ANOTHER CHANCE OP SHOP

Ross Smith Crescent, Scullin

50% off all clothing from Monday, 18 – Saturday, 23 March in celebration of our farewell Summer sale. Find us at Scullin shops, 10am – 4:30pm weekdays and 10am – 1pm Saturday's.

*Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church – "in the community, for the community".*