

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

What another big week we have had at MPS. On Wednesday we had a spectacular band assembly where our year 5 and 6 band students performed beautifully. We also heard a record number of hopeful school leaders pitch to the whole school community. It is so courageous of our students to stand up before the whole school and speak persuasively to their peers. I commend you all on your presentations.

Friday's Market Day was a roaring success. It was wonderful to see the inventive and entrepreneurial stalls and activities. A wonderful opportunity for our senior students to apply all their learning about business and marketing, and raise funds to support the year 6 celebrations and gift to the school.

As the year draws to a close, we have been working on staffing, classroom placement and classes for next year. Our staffing configuration for next year is as follows:

Executive Team	Danielle Porter Jodie Rowell Stacey Naden Veronique Canellas	Principal Deputy Principal Executive Teacher – P-2 Executive Teacher – 3-6
Preschool Team	Maree Sweeting	Teacher
Kindergarten Team	Andrea Rowley Karen Tozer	Teacher Teacher
Year 1/2 Team	Brooke Brown Ali Bos & MaryAnn Cremen Monique Darragh Ami Grover & MaryAnn Cremen	Teacher Teachers Teacher Teachers
Year 3/4 Team	Meg Signor Reannon Sorbie Patrick Kien Chlo Sutherland	Teacher Teacher Teacher Teacher
Year 5/6 Team	Rebekah Graham Emma Murphy Emma Leahy & Cynan Brace Melanie Pollack & Ross Dennis	Teacher Teacher Teachers Teachers
Learning Support Unit	Kathy Jones	Teacher
English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD)	Lynda Leigh MaryAnn Cremen	Teacher Teacher
Specialist Teachers	Cynan Brace Shirley Larsen Ross Dennis Veronique Canellas	Performing Arts Performing Arts Movement French Language
Learning Support Assistants and Preschool Educators	Sharni Macarounas Denise Cowling Heather Millar Leanne Platts Lidiya Panagiotopoulos	Preschool LSU/Preschool Primary/Preschool LSU/Primary LSU/Primary
Administration Team	Ann Walker Jessica Shaw Pamela Gaukroger John Virtue	Business Manager School Secretary/Enrolments Library Building Services Officer

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 3 December
Meup Meup swimming

Wednesday 4 December
Year 6 Farewell committee meeting
5:30pm

Wednesday 11 December
Assembly including citizenship awards

Tuesday 17 December
Year 6 Farewell Assembly
Year 6 Farewell dinner

Wednesday 18 December
Year 6 Fun day

Thursday 19 December
Last day of school for 2019

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We are farewelling Sami Wansink and Jessica Connelly, who have both been on maternity leave this year. They are moving onto new schools next year and we wish them well. Wayde is taking leave to seek new adventures for term one. We will be welcoming Emma Leahy who is transferring into Macquarie from Harrison School and Emma Murphy and Chlo Sutherland who will be commencing their teaching careers with us.

There are some classroom relocations for next year too. Our LSU class will be moving into the Oasis space. This will enable a permanent outdoor space to be created and a classroom space that has an internal withdrawal space and a purpose-built toilet within the space. This is an exciting infrastructure change which will cater for the diversity of needs of our current and future students.

Kindergarten will be moving upstairs to the Loft. We are removing the glass walls to create a wonderful integrated learning space. This enables all our 1/2 cohort to be together in the Brindabella building. Our senior school will remain in the Namadgi building.

On an exciting note – we were successful in winning a Commonwealth Grant that the school and the P&C applied for, which means that we are able to progress the adventure playground as soon as possible. We have contacted the contractor to book the project in. As soon as we have more information about start dates, we will share it.

Have a great week,

Danielle

ICAS RESULTS

ICAS certificates have been presented to students over the past few weeks. Parents can access a full copy of their child's results by going to this site <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/results-and-reports-portal/>. On the back of the certificate you will find a ten digit TAP-ID and a four digit pin. Use these to log into the results portal and view.

Please let me know if you have any problems or use the contacts on the site to talk directly with ICAS.

Thank you

Jodie Rowell

Deputy Principal

CONGRATULATIONS



Jess pictured here with Rod Gardner and Bob Greeney, two of our regular volunteers for Mecanno.

Congratulations to the wonderful Jess who has been recognised for her excellent work and commitment to our school community by the local Rotary Club, receiving the Vocational Excellence Award at a ceremony last Wednesday.

We all agree that this is well deserved recognition.

We also wish to thank the Rotary Club not only for acknowledging Jess, but for the volunteer work they do each and every week with our students at Meccano Club. We love their enthusiasm!

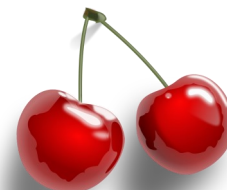
NEWS FROM THE P&C

2019 in review

Did you know that without the P&C and our volunteers there wouldn't be breakfast club and canteen on Fridays, a uniform shop selling cost price and second-hand uniforms, a school disco, trivia night or Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls?

Other activities and projects that the P&C have supported in 2019 include:

- family activities such as the Welcome Picnic, Mt Painter walk and Reading Hour
- working bee to enhance the sculpture garden
- hats for preschoolers
- kids trivia night
- lunch for staff to celebrate World Teachers Day
- opportunities for students to purchase gifts, including handmade, from the Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls
- hats for our preschoolers
- sports shirts for students representing the school
- student disco
- food and drink for Breakfast Club
- uniforms and registration fees for students representing the school at Tag20 Nations Cup
- year 6 farewell activities
- school fundraisers such as the Walkathon, Election Day stalls, cherry drive and Entertainment Books.
- supper for the Kindergarten and Preschool information evening.



Our hard working volunteers work tirelessly to provide:

- fun and interesting events and activities for students and families throughout the year
- weekly lunch orders
- access to a range of cost price uniforms as well as pre-loved/second hand school wear through the Uniform Shop three days per week
- Breakfast Club each Friday morning.

If you have ideas about what else the P&C can support next year or would like to get involved in 2020 please email us via macquariepandc@gmail.com or president.mpspandc@gmail.com

Cherry drive: orders must be in by Friday 6 December

Our final fundraising event of the year is the cherry drive. Orders can be made using Flexi Schools with online orders or order forms are available from the office. Proceeds will be used in the upgrade of the school playground. Cherries can be ordered until 5pm on Friday 6 December with delivery scheduled for Wednesday 11 December. Costs - 1 kg Box \$19.00, 2 kg Box \$30.00, 5 kg Box \$50.00

Christmas shopping: helping our school

The Athlete's Foot in Westfield Belconnen will donate \$5 to Macquarie Primary for every pair of shoes (adult's and children's) purchased in store. So please don't forget to mention our school when buying your next pair of shoes.

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NEWS FROM THE P&C CONTINUED

Uniform shop: Get organised for 2020

The uniform shop next to Oasis will operate as usual until Wednesday 11 December. Price lists and order forms are available from the office or school website at http://www.macquarieps.act.edu.au/our_school/uniform

Friday 6 December is the last day to order uniform items with Flexischools for delivery in 2019.

Orders received after Friday 6 December can be collected at the end of January 2020.

Breakfast Club every Friday

Join us for free toast and weetbix at Breakfast Club every Friday morning from 8:45 am—9:00am. It's open to all students and friends of MPS and is subsidised by the P&C. Last Breakfast Club for 2019 will be Friday 13 December (week 9).

Canteen: get your orders in by 8:30am Friday

Canteen is available every Friday. Register via www.flexischools.com.au to view the full menu and to make an order before Friday 8:30am (sorry no cash orders). Choose from a selection of sandwiches, salads and warm meals such as fried rice and chicken burgers. Gluten free and halal options are also available.

If you have any enquiries or need to cancel an order please phone Healthy Kids Association at 6248 0857. Please cancel your order by 9am Friday morning. For general enquiries please email dicksoncanteen@gmail.com

Last day of canteen will be Friday 13 December (week 9).

Your P&C needs you

The P&C operates with a committee comprising of officer bearers including president, vice president, treasurer and secretary as well as sub committee co-ordinators. The committee is elected at the start of every year at our annual general meeting (AGM) which will be held in Week 2 of Term 1. We also have a number of sub-committees you can get involved in. Details about these for 2020 will be available in next week's newsletter.

Sheree Murray

P&C President

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Two members of our school board will reach the end of their appointment in February 2020 creating one vacancy for a parent member and one vacancy for a staff member.

Our school board provides valuable input into strategic planning and monitoring across many aspects of our school. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or would like to know a little more about what is involved with being on the board, please contact our Business Manager, Ann Walker or talk to one of our current board members. Further information can also be found on the Education Directorate website : https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school_boards

The 14 day nomination period for vacant positions on our School Board will open at **11am on Monday, 3 February 2020.**

NEWS FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Belconnen Community Service (BCS) Giving Tree

The SRC are proud to be partnering with Belconnen Community Service to make Christmas a little brighter for families in our community. For many, the Christmas season can be a difficult time. Some families, individuals and young people struggle to make ends meet. You can make Christmas a little brighter for someone in Belconnen by giving generously to the BCS Giving Tree.

Each year, with generous donations from our community, BCS prepare and distribute up to 100 hampers to households in Belconnen. A hamper contains some delicious treats, special decorations and a gift for each family member.

Please bring all donated items to your child's classroom. The donated items will be collected by Belconnen Community Service.

We ask that all donations are received at school by **Friday 29 November**.

Giving Tree Donation Suggestions:

Store and movie vouchers

Children's toys

Delicious Christmas treats

Christmas decorations

Sports equipment

Interesting stocking fillers

Homewares

Books

Board games

Stationery gift packs

Personal care gift packs

Items appropriate for older children, young people and adults are encouraged.

To help BCS provide a dignified and respectful service, they kindly request:

All goods must be new and not wrapped.

Second-hand items cannot be accepted.

They do not require everyday food items.

Please note, BCS cannot accept items that do not meet current safety standards or have been recalled.

Thank you for your donations

Macquarie Primary School Student Representative Council



LIBRARY NEWS

Please remember to return ALL library books by this Friday December 6, ready for stocktake.

Preschool Term 4

This term we have been joined at preschool by a number of very hungry silk worms. The children have enjoyed the chance to observe these very hungry creatures grow from small caterpillars into large caterpillars, then become bright yellow cocoons. In week 7, when we started to wonder if they would ever appear, we suddenly had a collection of silk moths.



Our excursion this term was a walk to Belconnen Markets. The children got to play at the mushroom playground and visit Ziggy's Fresh to learn about (and taste) fresh fruit. If you are at the markets in the next month keep an eye out for the colouring competition entries, which may include many preschool contributions.

To prepare for the excursion we did some shorter walks to discover parts of our suburb, such as big trees that were habitats for birds, big old swings, and a network of paths that connect different places.



We would like to wish everyone a healthy and adventurous Christmas and New year. Wayde, Sharni and Kerri.

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

All notes are available on our school [website](#)

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
SAS reporting email collection	All families	ASAP
Year 6 Farewell invitation	Year 6	RSVP by 6 December
Band payments	Members of band	Payment ASAP
Voluntary contributions	All families	Payments always welcomed

SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL CONTACT OFFICERS

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive learning environment that benefits all our students. As part of this our school has two members of staff, one female (Monique Darragh) and one male (Patrick Kien), who support and respond to students who may be experiencing bullying, racial or sexual harassment. They have undertaken specific training for this important role. They frequently remind students that they are available to help them with any concerns. If you would like to know more about the range of approaches we take to ensure our school is safe and supportive of all students, please talk to your child's teacher or the principal.

Students can access Monique every Tuesday lunch time in the library for "Tuesday Chit-Chats".

RECEIVE THE MACQUARIE MEMO VIA E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the Macquarie Memo via email, please email admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au or contact the Front Office.

Macquarie Primary is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Avoiding all nuts and soft shell crab.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

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

Library

Open for families
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
8.30am—9.00am

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



CALVARY HAYDON INTERGENERATIONAL PLAYGROUP



Intergenerational Playgroups provide seniors, children and their parents/caregivers with opportunities to interact through play.

Intergenerational Playgroups are a weekly fun and learning activity and are open to families with children aged birth to five years old.



Where Calvary Haydon, 2 Jaeger Cct, Bruce

When Every Friday during ACT School terms

Time 10am till 11.30am



For more info or to register contact ACT Playgroups:

Ph: 1800 171 882 or (02) 6251 0261

E: play@playgroupact.org.au

W: www.playgroupact.org.au

Facebook: ACT Playgroups Association Intergenerational Playgroups Canberra

Christmas Family Night

FREE



Thursday 5 December 6pm - 8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping station
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Activities Include

- Jumping Castle
- Model Railway
- Face painting and Glitter Tattoos
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- Fun and Games
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CAMP 2. Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Girls aged from 8 - 13 years

9am - 5pm supervised camp activities

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Inc all sports activities & camp t-shirt
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