

Dates for the Diary

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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From our Deputy Principal

Dear Families and Friends

2019 has been a year of review and renewal. Extensive consultation has occurred with students, families and staff to consider our values and expectations through the implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Next year will see the implementation of our values and expectations across the school.

The values

As a school we believe students learn best when they feel safe, valued and happy. Our staff is committed to providing an environment that nurtures personal growth and self-esteem. The school values underpin how we support our students to interact in positive and productive ways.

Integrity – this was chosen because it incorporates so many of our previous values including acceptance, honesty, responsibility, respect and kindness. When explaining this to children we will talk about 'Making good choices, even when it's hard' and 'Making good choices, even when no one is looking.'

Persistence – this value is about persisting with tasks and learning, being resilient, and continuing to strive to achieve goals despite challenges. When explaining this to children we will talk about 'Trying different strategies to overcome challenges,' 'Having a go and learning from mistakes,' 'Following through on commitments' and 'To keep trying, even when it is difficult'.

Excellence - this value is about supporting students to strive to do their personal best. Excellence means we give our best to everything we do. When explaining this to children we will talk about 'When we practise excellence, we are not trying to be better than anyone else; we are striving to be the best we can be'.

All members of the school community have rights and responsibilities, and these are best ensured when agreed procedures are accepted and followed. Primary school students are developing appropriate ways to interact with others. The school and its community share the responsibility to assist students in learning appropriate behaviours. Our PBL Matrix of expectations supports students to interact in positive and productive ways. The matrix outlines how we, students, staff and the community, are **safe, respectful, learners** at school. The matrix is attached to this newsletter and they will be outlined on posters around the school for the start of 2020.

Learning is the core business of school. We have had a long focus on the **inquiry learning assets** and this will continue in 2020. The following assets will be a focus in all classrooms and will be explicitly taught.

We are **researchers** – We can formulate questions and locate and use a range of sources to investigate problems, interests and issues.

We are **thinkers** – We think logically, creatively and reflectively. We think about how we use our thinking and we have different strategies for making our thinking visible.

We are **collaborators** – We can work with others on shared goals, questions and challenges.

We are **communicators** – We can communicate ideas confidently in different ways and for different purposes. We listen thoughtfully to what others communicate to us.

We are **self-managers** – We can learn independently and can make wise decision about our learning. We know ourselves as learners and can set and work towards individual and class goals.

Our next steps in the journey is to establish systems for acknowledging the efforts of students in demonstrating the values, expectations and learning assets.

Classes for 2020 will be displayed in the school foyer by Wednesday morning. This is part of our transition support for students, allowing them to prepare for the year ahead. Also, this week is our Citizenship Assembly on Wednesday morning in the hall at 9.15 – please come along.

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From our Deputy Principal continued...

Reports will be emailed to families Thursday so please keep an eye on the inbox but also check your junk/spam mail. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher after you've received reports please contact them to arrange a time.

Band reports, for years 5 and 6 bands, will be coming home in paper copy and PIPS reports for Kindergarten students will also be sent home all on Thursday.

Lastly, Monday is our Volunteers Morning Tea. This is an opportunity for our staff to thank those who make such a valuable contribution to our school. Please RSVP to Jess.

This is the last newsletter I will write for the year, so I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their contributions to the school throughout 2019. We have such a fabulous community to work with and a staff who are so dedicated to the successful of our students. I look forward to 2020 and wish everyone a safe and happy break. See you next year.

Jodie Rowell

NEWS FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP – End of Year Sale

All second-hand items — buy 1 get 1 free. Discontinued jumpers and pants are only \$10.

THE UNIFORM SHOP HAS MOVED – We are now located behind the hall and next to the canteen in the Tidbinbilla building. This will be our new home for 2020. Last day for the Uniform Shop in 2019 is **Wednesday 11 December**.

BREAKFAST CLUB – will be run from the Canteen on Friday 13 December.

Final servings of free toast and weetbix on Friday 13 December 8:45 am—9:00am in the Canteen area.

CANTEEN – Last day is Friday 13 December THIS WEEK

WELCOME BBQ & AGM – Wednesday 12 February 2020

Save the date for the Welcome BBQ and AGM.

YOUR P&C NEEDS YOU – CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN 2020

The P&C operates with a volunteer committee that includes a president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer and secretary as well as a variety of coordinators and subcommittees. The committee is set up at the start of every year at our annual general meeting (AGM) which will be held on **Wednesday 12 February 2020**. Below is further information on the roles. To register your interest, or if you have any questions please email: president.mpspandc@gmail.com.

President (Office Bearer)

Facilitates communication between P&C, Principal, Board and school community

Encourages family and community participation in P&C activities

Acts as first point of contact and spokesperson for the P&C

Chairs general and executive committee meetings

NEWS FROM THE P&C CONTINUED

Vice President (Office Bearer) – maximum of two

Supports and assists the President

Oversees and supports P&C subcommittees

Treasurer (Office Bearer)

Manages P&C funds and financial records

Organises P&C insurance and ACT P&C Council Association membership

Organises annual audit, and prepares P&C accounts

Reports on P&C finances to P&C meetings.

Assistant Treasurer (Office Bearer)

Supports and assists the Treasurer, including processing Uniform Shop receipts into the P&C accounting system in consultation with both the Treasurer and the Uniform Shop Co-ordinator.

Secretary (Office Bearer)

Prepares and distributes meeting agendas, in consultation with President

Records and circulates meeting minutes

Deals with incoming and outgoing correspondence

Maintains P&C records.

ACT P&C Council delegate

Where possible, attends meetings of the ACT Council of P&C Associations, represents P&C views to the Council, and reports back to the P&C on Council items of interest.

Public Officer

Acts as point of contact between the P&C and the Office of Regulatory Services (ORS)/Access Canberra

Lodges Annual Returns and notifies ORS/Access Canberra of P&C committee and other changes

This position must be held by a resident of the ACT who is over the age of 18 years.

Grants Officer

Coordinates P&C grant applications, including developing contacts, school liaison, grant sourcing, and developing and submitting applications.

Reports on grant applications to P&C meetings.

Preschool representative

Represents the views of preschool parents, and reports to P&C meetings on preschool priorities and items of interest.

Canteen & Breakfast Club Coordinator

Coordinates canteen with Healthy Kids and the School, and manages volunteer rosters

Coordinates the Friday Breakfast Club, food purchases and volunteer roster

Reports on canteen activities and priorities to P&C meetings

NEWS FROM THE P&C CONTINUED

Communications Coordinator

Shares information between the P&C, Principal, Board and school community via the school newsletter, P&C updates, Facebook page, Notes and other communications

Liaises with the P&C and school/Principal to streamline communications

Promotes P&C events and activities via the school newsletter and Facebook page, notes and other communications

Reports on communication activities and priorities to P&C meetings.

Events & Fundraising Coordinator

Coordinates P&C events and fundraising activities including planning and management, event calendars, risk management, food and drink purchasing, promotion and community awareness and volunteer rosters.

Establishes and maintains partnerships with local businesses to support social and fundraising events and activities.

Reports on events and fundraising activities and priorities to P&C meetings.

Gardens & Grounds Coordinator

Liaises with the P&C, school/Principal, Board, families and local community regarding gardens and grounds improvements

Coordinates the Playground Enhancement Project

Reports on gardens and grounds activities and priorities to P&C meetings.

Uniform Shop Coordinator

Manages the Uniform Shop including ordering and pricing stock, school liaison, opening times, volunteer roster, promotions, stock-takes, counting funds and liaising with the Treasurer.

Reports on Uniform Shop activities and priorities to P&C meetings.

We always need new parents and carers to help us continue making a positive and valuable contribution to our school and our kids, especially as families with older children move out of the school. Please consider getting involved in 2020.

Sheree Murray

P&C President

THANKYOU

To our school community for donating towards the Belconnen Community Services Christmas appeal. An extraordinary amount of goods were collected. We have passed the items on to be made into hampers.



Meup Meup Swimming Lessons

Our class has been participating in swimming and water safety lessons this term. Each week we take a bus to Cranleigh school to use their hydrotherapy pool. We are learning how to swim safely on our front and backs and have been practising sculling and floating. We are thankful for Royal Life Saving Australia for giving us the opportunity to participate in the Water Warriors program.



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
2020 Stationery Pack	All year levels	Payment by 7 Feb 2020
Year 6 Fun Day	Year 6	Wednesday 11 December

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**.

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

Adults must stay with their children during programs.
Visit a branch or our website www.library.act.gov.au to book now.

LEGO® Brick Club



2, 9 & 16 December, 4pm | Belconnen
3, 10, 17 December, 4pm | Woden

Do you love to play and create with LEGO®? Join our Brick Club and build something amazing with our LEGO® Bricks. Get your inspiration from our themed stories.

Ages 5-8

Dickens at Dickson: A Christmas Carol



6 December, 6.15pm | Dickson







We're excited to bring back Dickens at Dickson this Christmas, but with a twist! YOU will be helping US tell the story. Come and enjoy a SPECIAL INTERACTIVE version of the classic story, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

All ages



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

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

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

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry 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 for more information.

Contact
your local Saver Plus Coordinator

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Left Lane Outreach Theatre



Little Star

7 December, 10.30am | Kingston
7 December, 2.30pm | Dickson

Little Star doesn't like to shine brightly, but when a Rocket Ship can't find their way home Little Star must find the confidence to light the way. Take off into deep space and explore the planets with us.

Come to one or multiple sessions. The repetition is a great way for kids to learn.

Ages 3-7

Bilingual Story Times



7-14 December, 10.30am | Various branches

Are you raising bilingual children or want to expose your children to other languages? These bilingual story times are for you. This story time is in Arabic.

- Arabic 7 December | Gungahlin
- Mandarin 12 December | Gungahlin
- Urdu 14 December | Tuggeranong
- Vietnamese 14 December | Dickson

Ages 3-5

AUDITIONS - WODEN VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR

WVYC will hold auditions during January for its two senior choirs for students going into Year 7 or above.

Woden Valley Youth Choir has a strong emphasis on music education and is seeking young people who have an interest in developing their musical skills. The flagship choir, Australis Voices, is for young men and women with treble voices and Centauri Voices is a choir for young men with changing voices.

Audition times are flexible and can be held on dates and times to suit prospective choristers, with the expectation that successful applicants will attend the beginning of year camp on the first weekend of February.

For further information go to <http://wvyc.org.au/join-us/> and download an application form.

Auditions for primary aged applicants will be held on Saturday 22 February following an open rehearsal on Tuesday 18 February.