Dear Families and Friends,

It was exciting to arrive at school this morning to see the results of the weekend’s activity on the playground. The Goldleaf Team was clearly hard at work on Saturday, preparing the ground for planting our forest of 250 trees.

We thank James, Goldleaf’s Managing Director, for joining us at a special assembly on Friday, where he shared a little about his interest in urban forestation and the importance of trees to our world. We enjoyed a slideshow of the species of trees that will be planted this week, with the help of our environmentally conscious young people.

We look forward to the learning that the forest will afford, as our students help it to grow and thrive over the coming years.

2017 SCHOOL CAPTAIN SELECTION

School leadership is in sharp focus for our 24 nominees in the School Captain selection process. These students have risen to the challenge of demonstrating active leadership on the playground and in classrooms, in the lead up to the Week 9 elections. We are enjoying the creative ways in which they are providing support to people and operations across the school.

This year’s approach requires the enactment of Macquarie’s Top 6 values, and I am sure our student voters from Kindergarten—Year 5 will recognise the examples of kindness, respect, responsibility, acceptance, honesty and cooperation that our nominees demonstrate.

Congratulations to the students who have stepped up to this challenge, and their supporters who are helping them along the way.

A NEW PARTNERSHIP

Earlier this term, the Public Advocate and Children and Young People Commissioner, Jodie paid a visit to Macquarie, along with her senior advisor, Lisa. Jodie and Lisa were interested to hear a little more about our commitment to enabling learners to lead.

Since their visit, a number of our Year 5 students have partnered with this team, to talk about the transitions that happen for children and young people, and what they find to be most helpful when aspects of life are changing. As project partners, our students will be helping to design a consultation strategy that the Commissioner hopes to take to other primary schools in the ACT next year. The outcomes of this project will directly influence her work program, and help prioritise the issues that she focuses on when advocating to government and service providers.

We anticipate this project will be a rewarding experience for our students, developing their thinking, leadership and ability to make a difference to the wider community, and thank Jodie and Lisa for engaging with us.

If you would like to know more about this work, please don’t hesitate to contact Sophie at school, Lisa at the Human Rights Commission on 6205 2222, or Jodie by email at ACTkids@act.gov.au

2017 PLANNING

Macquarie’s education team is well engaged in the careful consideration of structures and arrangements that will best support social and academic learning success for our 400 students. Please remember to contact the front office team if your family is moving from our community next year, or if you are aware of others who may be joining us.
From our Principal continued ...

While we await finalisation of 2017 staffing, preparations are underway for anticipated class structures. We remind families that we welcome your contributions to the process of determining class placements. Please feel free to arrange a conversation through our school office team if you would like to share your thinking. We value your support as partners in your child’s learning.

All the best for the week ahead. I look forward to seeing you at the Twilight Festival this Friday.

Wendy Cave
Principal

During the past week, we have seen examples of special effort from:

Matthew Writing and publishing an engaging picture book, The Lost Tadpole
Bryce Creating a digital presentation to showcase his learning for his Three Way Interview

P&C NEWS

A Twilight Festival will be held in the school grounds on Friday, 2 December (weather permitting). Please come along and enjoy music from the Macquarie Sensational Singers, the Christmas Community Choir and our Year 5/6 bands. Bring a picnic to share with your family and friends or enjoy a sausage from the BBQ run by Year 6.

A raffle will be held with some amazing prizes including gift vouchers from Jamison Travel. All proceeds from the night will be put towards the Year 6 Graduation dinner. Raffle books have been handed to the youngest child in each family this week. Please ensure all books are returned to the P&C box near the office by Friday, 2 December, ready for the raffle to be drawn at the Twilight Festival that evening. All books and monies must be returned whether tickets are sold or not. If you would like a second book, please contact Fleur. We hope you can make it!

MACQUARIE GIVING TREE

The festive season is not always an easy time for families. As part of our ITIME inquiry, we have organised a Giving Tree that will be located in the front foyer. If you would like to donate canned goods or good quality second hand items, such as books and toys, please place them under the tree by Friday, 2 December. Gifts will be distributed to the Canberra community through the Salvation Army.

Ella and Abri

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Families are reminded to contact the school office team should changes to your child’s emergency contacts emerge. Currency of this information supports safety and wellbeing practices at Macquarie.

REMINDERS

Wednesday, 30 November
Kindergarten Information Session

Thursday, 1 December
Bunnings Excursion for students in 1/2Le

Friday, 2 December
Macquarie’s Twilight Festival

FIRST AID COURSE

On Tuesday, 29 November students from K—2 will be participating in a St John First Aid course. The program includes age appropriate content on how to be a good first aider, how to call for help, managing bleeding and managing burns.

Please contact Lynda if you would like additional information.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2017

Macquarie Primary School’s Board provides a formal structure for parents, carers and staff to participate in school decision making. The Board plays an important role in establishing the strategic direction of the school, and monitoring and reviewing school performance.

April 2017 will bring an end to the term of School Board membership for Justine (staff member), and Claire and Fern (P&C members). I thank these board members for their contributions to our strategic thinking and planning, and for bringing the confidence to explore and support innovative educational practice.

The nomination period for the School Board Elections:

⇒ opens at 11.00am on Monday, 30 January 2017 (first day for new students); and
⇒ closes at 11.00am on Monday, 13 February 2017.

Our Business Manager, Shelley is the Returning Officer, and nomination forms are available from our school office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me, or other members of the Macquarie Primary School Board if you would like to know a little more about the roles, responsibilities and operations of the Board.

Wendy

SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Dry your clothes on the clothes line outside.

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BAND PLAYERS WANTED
Do you play an instrument? Ever wanted to play in a band? Well here's your opportunity. Come and join the Year 5 and 6 Macquarie Bands at the Twilight Festival on Friday, 2 December. All instruments are welcome. We will provide you music on the night.

If you are interested in playing in the band, please contact the office.

Looking forward to a fun night.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CHOIR
Do you like singing? Always wanted to be in a choir? Then come and join the Christmas Community Choir. Parents, staff members, grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends are all welcome. No experience necessary.

Practice has commenced and will continue on Wednesday evening from 6.30—7.30pm in the meeting room in preparation for a performance at The Twilight Festival on Friday, 2 December.

Please register your interest at the office. We are also interested in any favourite Christmas carols you would like to try. If you are interested in being part of the choir but are not able to make it to practice, please leave your contact details at the Front Office and we can make other arrangements.

Janine and Brooke

WELCOME ...
... Tanika who is joining us for her Work Experience Placement.

BRING YOUR OWN TRANSPORT (BYOT) SESSIONS
We invite Preschool & Years 1—3 students to a BYOT session on Thursday, 1 December and Kinder & Years 4—6 on Friday, 2 December from 1.20pm.

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE
In keeping with ACT Government Policy, we remind families who walk their dogs to school to arrange a meeting and drop off spot outside of the school boundary. For more information, go to http://www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets/keeping_dogs_in_the_act/where_can_i_take_my_dog

CONGRATULATIONS ...
...to the Macquarie Primary School Orienteering Team (Jamie, Matthew, Jeremy and Andrew) for their representation and performance at the ACT Primary School Orienteering Championships last week.

... to Clare, who danced in the Nutcracker Suite last week, with the Brisbane Ballet Company.

...to Nate and Amalie, who represented the ACT in the School Athletics Nationals last week.

... to the following Year 5 students who are nominees for Macquarie Primary School Captains for 2017.

Boys — Zander, Zac, Jamie, Sam, Ayden, Ben, Jack, Prabhat, Xavier, Johnus, Key, Eliseo, Robbie and Lawson.

Girls — Clare, Taylor, Jada, Samantha, Adelle, Amalie, Verity, Rachel, lo and Tiana.

...to Macquarie’s ACT Instrumental Music Program Choir members Alex, Lucy and Patrick for their impressive performance at Parliament House last week.

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property is currently on display in the front foyer. Please feel free to look for your misplaced items of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes. There are also many items from the swimming.

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 or contact the Front Office.

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours
Monday: 8.45am—9.15am
Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm
Friday: 8.45am—9.15am

Macquarie Primary is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs, all nuts and kiwi fruit
After School Piano, Guitar & Violin Lessons starting week 2 Term 1 2017

Celtic Arts Agency will be offering private 1/2 hour music lessons at Macquarie Primary School commencing in week 2 of Term 1 in 2017.

We will be offering piano, guitar and violin with experienced teachers, in the Oasis Room from 3.15 to 6.15 pm two afternoons a week.

Lessons are booked on a per term basis.

More information is available on our website: www.celticartsagency.com

Enrolments are being accepted now for the new year.

Contact Sharon Casey on
E: musicfun@jcresswell.com or
T: 0404 217 528

The Macquarie Primary School P&C is now affiliated with the Canberra Southern Cross Club Group. When you dine at the following list of clubs, 10% of your meal and beverage value will be donated back to our school: Jamison, Woden, Tuggeranong and the Yacht Club.

Please use the following link to sign up if you are a current member, or pop in to the club to sign up.

https://csccmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/z1yqzsjq0orxe0g/