Dear Families and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome back 328 continuing students and their families, and it has been so nice to meet the 80 children from families who are new to Macquarie. I thank our community and education team for making the beginning of the year a special time, as classes settle into school routines after the summer break.

We thank our School Captains, who have already represented Macquarie at one of the year’s most important events. Holidays ended early for Jada, Amalie, Taylor, Aiden and Jamie as they welcomed and guided our Kindergarten students on their very first day. I deeply appreciate the commitment these senior leaders have demonstrated, which is a taste of things to come!

Macquarie’s education team has spent the past week reflecting on the importance of building learning communities that reflect the richness of cultural diversity within their classes. We enjoyed an opportunity to focus on the concept of intercultural understanding with Eeqbal from the Asia Education Foundation and the Graduate School of Education at Melbourne University. Eeqbal’s contribution as an advisor during the development of the Australian Curriculum was notable, and his interest in supporting educational innovation makes him an excellent fit for work at Macquarie.

We look forward to ongoing work with Eeqbal throughout the coming year, particularly as a key advisor for our Community Languages initiative. We look forward to sharing more about this aspect of our curriculum in the weeks ahead.

2017 TEAMS

Our growing school and a move or two has brought some new teachers to Macquarie, along with the welcome return of some familiar faces. We welcome Jackie from Lyons Early Childhood School, and Karen from Port Melbourne Primary School in Victoria. We are delighted to announce the appointments of Wayde and Monique, who completed their final placements in their University of Canberra studies with us last year. Jordon is stepping back into the team ahead of the return of Sami and Suze. Ross completes our staffing configuration, shifting focus from his work with Bluearth across the region, to a classroom teaching role. We are also delighted to welcome our new school psychologist, Melinda.

We are enjoying the contributions of Annie (School Leader) and Susan (Learning Support Assistant) during the first weeks of term as visiting educators, and appreciate their support and feedback as we commence the year.

Early Years Team

Team Leader   Amanda
Preschool      Justine
Lianne
Shami
Wayde
Karen
Jackie
Shirley
Maree
Lynda

2/3 Team

Team Leader   Kate
Year 2         Chantelle
Brooke
Patrick
Year 3         Kate / Jordon
               Mel / Bec

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Team Leader Brendan (Deputy Principal)
Monique
Angela
Jess
Jim
Andrea

Year 6 Team
Team Leader Sophie (Deputy Principal)
Faith
Ross

LSU
Stephanie
Denise

Across School Specialist Roles
Sue (Literacy Support)
Beck (Science)
Melinda (School Psychologist)

Administration and Support Team
Shelley Business Manager
Vic Building Services Officer
Richard Building Services Officer
Jess Director of First Impressions, Community Liaison and Enrolment Officer
Leesa Executive Assistance and School Administration
Lidiya Learning Support
Heather Learning Support
Leanne Learning Support

BEGINNING OF YEAR ACTIVITIES
We are looking forward to a range of opportunities to share learning about our classroom programs and your children’s needs and interests with you. This important communication process commences in Week 2, with a Welcome Barbecue hosted by our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). We do hope that you are able to come along and meet your child’s teacher at this informal gathering next Tuesday evening, from 5.30pm.

Initial Parent/Teacher interviews, will be the next key information sharing activity. These typically occur during the first 4 weeks of school.

Further information about these events will be published in the newsletter next week. Please note that for 2017, Mondays will be mail days, so remember to check schoolbags and/or email inboxes each Monday afternoon.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon! All the best for the week ahead.

Wendy Cave
Principal

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 strategic thinking and planning, and for bringing the confidence to explore and support innovative educational practice at Macquarie.

The nomination period for the School Board Elections:

⇒ opened at 11.00am on Monday, 30 January 2017; 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 Cave

FRIENDS OF MOUNT PAINTER

Did you know that Macquarie Primary School is a Friend of Mount Painter?

The Friends of Mount Painter Park Care Group (FOMP) is a group of people who bring a commitment to restoring this significant Belconnen land mark to a healthy and functioning grassy woodland ecosystem.

You can learn more about this special place, and FOMP’s important activities at www.ginninderralandcare.org.au . We look forward to being involved during 2017.

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ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL
Avoiding eggs, all nuts and kiwi fruit