

Dates for the Diary

Mon 9 April—Wed 11 April

Camp

Wed 11 April

Assembly

Thur, 12 April

P&C Creative & Crafty Night

Fri 13 April

Cross Country Carnival

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Mon 30 April

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Reminders



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is held each Friday morning all students and their families. Please feel free to drop by for a piece of toast and some milo. Breakfast Club is subsidised by the P&C.



From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

I really can't believe it is Week 10 already!

I have thoroughly enjoyed the role of Principal and I would like to say a very big thank you to all of you for working in partnership with me to ensure the ongoing success of all our learners.

STAFFING NEWS

This week I will be joining the Year 6 cohort at camp. Amanda will take on the role of Principal for Monday and Tuesday and Danielle on Wednesday. I know that Danielle is very excited about having the opportunity to spend some time learning more about our wonderful school community. Please feel free to pop in and say hello!

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Merit Awards and Citizenship Awards are an important feature of our commitment to promoting successful participation and positive behaviours for learning. Teachers select recipients by identifying quality examples of our school values and learning assets in action.

Merit Awards are given at assembly and our Citizenship Awards are given once a term. From the beginning of Term 2 we will be announcing recipients of Merit Awards in the newsletter on the Monday before each assembly. This week we will not have Merit Awards as we will be celebrating the achievements of the recipients of our Citizenship Awards.

BUILDING PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

As Two Stars and a Wish feedback slips flow in from our community, it is interesting to see themes emerging as to perceived strengths of Macquarie. One is the recognition of our professional team of highly skilled teachers, who take on active leadership beyond the classroom.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

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From our Principal Continued ...

We have strong practices in place that encourage school wide shared responsibility for student learning and success, and a culture of continuous professional growth. This week our education team engaged in their first Teacher Inquiry Program session for 2018. The session was facilitated by Steve and highlighted the diverse range of inquiries our team is embarking on this year. I encourage you to speak with your child's teacher to learn a little more about what they are exploring through this valuable learning experience.

We also welcomed the opportunity to host our families and visitors from Graceville State School last week. Reflecting on our practices with others strengthens and affirms work we do in enhancing teaching and learning. Our visitors commented on the confidence of our students and were very impressed at how well they were able to talk about not only what they were learning but also which of the learning assets they were developing at the same time.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS (PIPS)

Earlier in the term, our Kindergarten students participated in the PIPS baseline assessment. Their individual reports accompany this newsletter. I encourage you to talk to our Kindergarten education team if you would like further information.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday break.

**Sophie
Principal**



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Friday, 13 April 2018

Reminders – please wear house colours and return the pink race entry form.

9.15am — Parade of Houses (Meet on the Namadgi blacktop)
9.20am — Races begin

Races:

- ⇒ Kindergarten — Short course
- ⇒ Competitors' Race #1 – 11 & 12 YEAR OLDS (Born in 2006 & 2007) - 3 x long course (3km)
- ⇒ Year 1 — Short course
- ⇒ Year 2s born 2011 – Short course
- ⇒ Competitors' Race #2 — 8 YEAR OLDS (Born in 2010) - x long course (1km)
- ⇒ Competitors' Race #3 — 9 YEAR OLDS (Born in 2009) - 1 x short + 1 x long (1.5km)
- ⇒ Competitors' Race #4 — 10 YEAR OLDS (Born in 2008) - 2 x long course (2km)
- ⇒ Fun Run Lachlan – Short course
- ⇒ Fun Run Redfern – Short course
- ⇒ Fun Run Bannelong – Short course
- ⇒ (if time) Whole school (including teachers and parents Fun Run) – Short course

P&C NEWS

The P&C will host the annual Mothers' Day stall on Friday, 11 May from 9am—1pm (and Tuesday, 8 May at Preschool). A note will be sent home in Week 1 of Term 2 asking for volunteers to help at the stalls. Please save the date if you are able to assist!

The P&C will also host a creative and crafty night on Thursday, 12 April at 6pm in the staffroom. Come along and help make necklaces and bookmarks ready for our Mothers' Day stall in May. Please see the note attached to this newsletter. Everyone of all abilities welcome – the more the merrier!

Entertainment books for 2018/19 are now available for presale. To secure your book, please go to: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/245s52>

We are looking to re-establish our Gardens and Grounds Committee this year. If you would like to be involved with this fantastic group, please send an email to president.mpspandc@gmail.com

The P&C are sourcing a Secretary to take minutes at our meetings twice per term. If you have a couple of hours spare in Week 3 and Week 7 each term, we would love your help! Please send an email to president.mpspandc@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to Chloe & Tarni on their Graduation on Wednesday.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is currently on display in the foyer. All labelled items have been returned to their owners. Please take a minute or so to wander past the table.



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Replace air conditioner filters — dirty filters restrict airflow making it harder to cool.

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.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Creative & Crafty Night	All families	Invitation
PIPS	Kindergarten	Information



Strings 'n' Things

With Georgia
ABN 5759514986

Community Notices

YOUR REMINDER TO PARK SAFELY AND LEGALLY AROUND SCHOOLS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6B6PPgOC8I>

2018 Term 2 at Macquarie Primary School Week 1 – Week 5

Your little rock star will; Sing, Dance, play Djembes and Ukuleles and learn to read TAB as well as the basics of song writing!

Tuesdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Kinder – Yr 2 Mrs Sweeting's room

Wednesdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Yr 3 – Yr 6 Mr Dennis' room

Book now for Term 2 by calling

Georgia on 0403 800 877

\$50 for the 5 week program

Groups are limited to 10 students

To secure your child's place **payment must be received by Thursday, 26 April**



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Our school promotes riding and walking to school



Questacon Smart Skills Initiative

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MAKER PROJECT

HOLIDAY
WORKSHOPS

DO YOU LIKE MAKING
AND BUILDING THINGS?

Sign up to a Questacon Maker Project workshop during these school holidays at The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre in Deakin.

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