

## Dates for the Diary

### Tue 8 May

UNSW ICAS Assessment—Digital Technologies  
Mothers' Day Stall

### Thur 10 May

Kindergarten Reading Workshops — Supporting your child with reading

### Fri 11 May

Mothers' Day Stall  
Cross Country ribbon presentations  
P&C 5 cent challenge ends

### Mon 14 May

War Memorial Excursion

### Tue 15 May

P&C Meeting

## Reminders

### Friday, 11 May

Cross Country Carnival ribbon presentations for Years 1—6

Book Club closes



## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

We have had a busy and productive start to Term 2. We held a very moving ANZAC Assembly on Wednesday which was run by our school leaders very capably. They demonstrated the seriousness of a commemoration event and all students participated with respect.

I have had a chance to say hello to lots of families over the last week. I really enjoy meeting and getting to know you. As we all know learning is best when home and school work together in a strong partnership. I look forward to continuing to get to know our fabulous Macquarie community.

### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN. They will be assessed in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy. The testing will be online this year, which is a change. With the exception of the Year 3 writing task, which will be hand written in a booklet, as in previous years. We will be commencing the testing on Tuesday, 15 May and anticipate completion by Friday, 18 May. If you have any questions about the testing please speak to your child's teacher or a member of the executive team.

### STAFFING NEWS

We have had 7 preservice teachers in last week participating in their first practicum. We have a strong connection with the University of Canberra and work closely together to ensure that teacher education students have enriching school based experiences.

### KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

This week students will participate in a 'lock down' drill. Safety drills are a routine part of the Workplace Health and Safety practices at Macquarie and are conducted several times throughout the year. They prepare students with skills and knowledge to assist in managing unusual circumstances that may require evacuation or remaining inside the school buildings. While Macquarie teachers take great care and skilfully support students during these events, from time to time drills provoke questions and sensitive responses.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Macquarie Directory

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Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary>

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## From our Principal Continued ...

If you would like to know more about our procedures or ways to talk about them with your children, please don't hesitate to contact their classroom teacher.

### PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

This week two of our amazing teachers, Karen and Monique are presenting a workshop for kindergarten families about reading at home and how families can support emerging readers develop their skills. I hope you are able to attend the workshop from 6pm on Thursday in the kindergarten classrooms.

### TEACHER LEARNING

Last Tuesday afternoon our staff participated in the first session of Team Teach training. We learnt how pushing buttons can lead to conflict, how to identify our own buttons and how to recognise when children's buttons are pushed. We learnt about the conflict cycle and how many opportunities there are to de-escalate situations to avoid conflict. This learning supports staff to work proactively with students to help them avoid and resolve conflicts as they progress through schooling.

Have a wonderful week.

**Danielle**  
Principal



## BRING YOUR OWN TRANSPORT (BYOT)

BYOT sessions for all students (K—Yr 6) are now offered each day during lunchtime. Students may bring their bike, scooter or skateboard and a helmet.



## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

If washing up by hand, only fill the sink to a third or half.

Please let the Front Office know, as soon as possible, if your contact details change (home address and/or telephone numbers).

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Flexischools	All families	Information & action as necessary
Kinder Reading Workshop	Kindergarten	RSVP ASAP
War Memorial Excursion	Yr 1/2	Perm & payment by 14/5
Tennis Come & Try Day	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families	Perm by 14/5
Musica Viva	All families	Payment by 18/5
Mt Painter Excursion	Kinder	Perm & payment by 23/5

## P&C NEWS

The P&C will host our annual **Mothers' Day Stall** on Tuesday, 8 May for our Mon/Tue Preschool group and Friday, 11 May for the remainder of the school. Items will range from \$1-\$10. Please encourage your child to bring a reusable bag (maybe their library bag) to take their purchases home. If you are available to volunteer on Friday, 11 May for any amount of time, please send an email to [coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com)

The **5 cent challenge** is BACK! Collect as many 5 cent pieces (or any other coins) as you can and pop them into the container in your classroom. The class with the most number of coins will win a classroom party! The competition closes on Friday, 11 May.

**Entertainment Books** are now available for purchase. Please go to [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/245s52](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/245s52) or contact Fleur at [coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com) to order your book. 20% of proceeds come straight back to our school!

**Uniform Shop** — *Winter is coming* sale in Weeks 2 & 3 only. 2 for 1 second-hand items and \$10 discontinued jumpers and pants. See you at the Uniform Shop located next to Oasis.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our **P&C meeting** in Week 7. Also to those who have volunteered their time and assisted the work of the P&C this year.

With your help this year we have supported:

- a second set of classroom musical instruments including xylophones, drums, boom whackers, percussion sets and an equipment trolley;
- new bikes and a rope ladder for preschool;
- family activities such as the Welcome Picnic;
- free hats for our pre-schoolers;
- the fruit platter for the pre-school teddy bears picnic;
- food and drink options at Breakfast Club; and
- uniforms for the MPS netball teams.

Our hard working volunteers:

- ensure our children have 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;
- distribute Book Club catalogues and orders twice each term;
- coordinate fun and interesting events and activities for students and families; and
- keep our school community up to date by sharing information via the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary/>

Thanks everyone - we couldn't do it without you!

### Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am

Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm

Friday: 8.45am—9.15am

## Community Notices

Don't miss our  
free 2 day workshop  
for parents & carers of  
school-aged students  
on the autism spectrum

Canberra  
22 & 23 May

Register your place:

[positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au)



## ANOTHER CHANCE OP SHOP

Join us for a 50% off sale - all clothing, linen, craft, kitchenware and artwork.

**Time:** 10am —4:30pm weekdays & 10am — 1pm Saturday  
**Date:** Tuesday, 29 May – Saturday, 2 June.  
**Where:** Scullin Shops, Ross Smith Cres

*Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church*

## TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL CHINESE PROGRAM @ MACQUARIE PRIMARY



华夏中文学校  
Canberra Chinese School

**Provider:** Canberra Chinese School  
**Time:** 3:15pm—4.15pm  
**Course dates:** Tuesdays from 15 May — 3 July  
**Venue:** Macquarie Primary School  
**Cost:** \$12/Session (Chinese Only)  
**Target students:** Students (Year 5 & 6 especially) who are interested in studying Chinese in high schools such as Canberra High & Radford College  
**Enrolment form & information** Download from Canberra Chinese School website package: [www.canberrachineseschool.net](http://www.canberrachineseschool.net)

Contact: Suzie [canberraclca@gmail.com](mailto:canberraclca@gmail.com)

## INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS

Do you want to ski or snowboard for Macquarie Primary School? Can you confidently ride and link turns on easy blue runs? Then interschools could be for you!

**Date:** Thursday, 26 July 2018  
**Venue:** Perisher



For more information contact Kirsty through the Front Office or go to [www.actinterschools.com.au](http://www.actinterschools.com.au). There are costs involved including registration, race entry and lift passes if you don't have a Perisher season pass.

Team entries need to be in by the end of Week 8 (22 June).



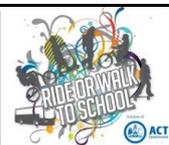
Imagine yourself in a more comfortable version of your own home. With open living, bigger spaces, more sunlight and storage space while keeping the same address. All this is possible in older Canberra houses, even in drafty and small room houses, like some commonly found in Macquarie and other suburbs.

Consider designing a renovation or extension to your house alongside an experienced, punctual and friendly designer at an affordable price so you can love the space you live in.

Call Daniel to set up your FREE Initial Consultation by mentioning this ad (usually \$190). Daniel is one of Macquarie Primary's ACT Public Education Volunteers of the Year 2017.

Daniel: 0468 831 784 [daniel@aurumdesigns.com.au](mailto:daniel@aurumdesigns.com.au)

Our school promotes riding and walking to school



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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](mailto:leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au) or contact the Front Office.