

Dates for the Diary

Mon 17—Wed 19 Dec

Camp Birrigai

Thur 20 Dec

Graduation celebrations & activities

Fri 21 Dec

LAST DAY OF TERM 4



YEAR 6 GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

9.15am – 11.00am	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (Hall) followed by morning tea with families (Oasis)
11.30am – 2.45pm	Year 6 on excursion (John Knight Park & Flipout)
6.00pm – 7.15pm	Graduation dinner for year 6
7.15pm – 8.30pm	Graduation disco for year 5/6

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Can you believe it's the last week of the school year. Hasn't that flown by? It certainly has for me. I have been reflecting on all the things that have happened since I started at Macquarie on 30 April this year. We have participated in many learning experiences both inside and out of the school grounds. It has been our 50th anniversary year, which has included a number of commemorating events and the development of our book, *Moondust from the Blackboard*. You will find your family's copy with your youngest child today.

THE TALENTED TALENT SHOW

It was great to see so many of you at our school talent show last Friday afternoon. What a wonderful opportunity for our young people to showcase their passions, and demonstrate their confidence to perform in front of the whole school. This initiative came into fruition due to the hard work of a small band of year 3 students who lobbied for the event, designed and developed the posters, organised the timeline and running sheet and compared the event. Well done to all the participants.

BIRRIGAI EXPERIENCE

This morning we farewelled our year 4/5 students who are attending Camp Birrigai. This is a wonderful culminating experience for these students who will engage in team work and physical challenges during their three days away. I can't wait to see them on Wednesday when I will spend the day with them.

2019 CLASSES

Classes have just about been finalised and will be on display in the front foyer from Thursday. They will also be available to look at when school opens again on Tuesday, 29 January 2019. Putting classes together each year is a very complex process, as we balance learning, social and emotional, and group dynamics to create the most harmonious and productive classes we can. We then match teachers to groups. This process takes lots of time and double checking. We are all invested in providing students with the best learning setting possible.



Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Directory

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From our Principal Continued ...

THANK YOU AND GOODBYES

I would like to publicly thank all the volunteers who give their time and energy to supporting Macquarie Primary School. Since I began here I have seen people assist in classrooms and outdoor learning spaces, listen to reading, cook BBQs, sort uniforms, organise events, attend forums, and P&C and Board meetings just to name a few. Without this commitment to supporting all facets of our school it wouldn't be the wonderful place that it is.

For some of our families this is their last newsletter, their last week at Macquarie. Some are moving on to new places and for some their youngest child is about to finish year 6. Goodbye if this is your last newsletter, I have enjoyed getting to know you and wish you and your children all the best for what comes next.

Have a wonderful week and safe summer break. See you next year.

Danielle

GRADUATION PREPARATION

We are seeking parents or community members who would be available to assist with hall set up for the graduation dinner and disco from 11:30am—1:00pm on Thursday, 20 December. Please contact the Front Office staff or the year 6 teaching team directly if you can help.



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



LIBRARY

The library is now closed. It would be appreciated if all library books could be returned ASAP.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Graduation Day— Lunch & Flipout	Year 6	Perm note & payment ASAP
Graduation Disco	Year 5	Invitation

P&C NEWS

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for their efforts at the 50th Birthday Arts Showcase on Friday, 7 December. What a fantastic night of celebrations it was. The BBQ was great and the dessert bar was a very popular area.

Thanks also to Lauren and Christie for organising the Cherry drive last week. We raised some great funds for the P&C and the Cherries were delicious!

The Macquarie Primary School P&C Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary/>

BREAKFAST CLUB

There will be no Breakfast Club this week.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

The nomination period for vacant positions on our School Board will open on **Monday, 4 February 2019**. This group 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 the board, please contact our Returning Officer, Ann, or the front office team. Nominations close at **11.00am on Monday, 18 February 2019**.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a collection of precious lost items at the Front Office. If you are missing jewellery, glasses, wallets or toys, please call by to see if your special item has been handed in.

Other lost property including clothing, lunchboxes and drink bottles will be on display in the foyer until the end of week 10.

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.



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

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Tuning in to Kids



Belconnen
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Emotionally Intelligent Parenting for parents of children in Preschool – Year 4



Would you like to:

- Improve interactions with your child?
- Better understand your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids is an eight week program that shows you how to help your child develop their emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- ✓ Have greater success making and keeping friends
- ✓ Have better concentration at school
- ✓ Are more able to calm down when upset or angry



When: 9:15am – 11:15am
Term 1 2019
February 28th – April 11th

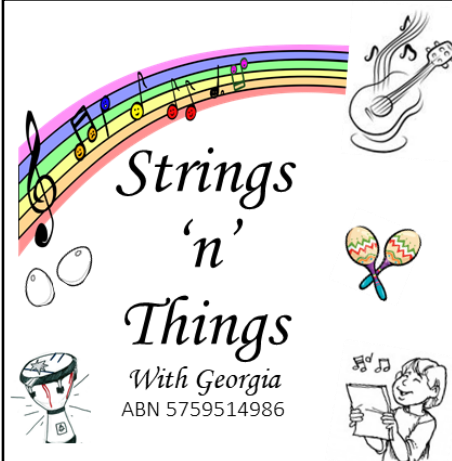
Where: Macquarie Primary School

Registrations are essential and places are limited.
Contact BCS: 6264 0200 / email Groups@bcsact.com.au
Or Jodie Rowell at Macquarie Primary on 6142 1550



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Community Notices



Strings 'n' Things

With Georgia
ABN 5759514986

Holiday Program at

Macquarie Primary School

Friday, 4 January 2019

9am–3pm in the School Hall

Book now by calling

Georgia on 0403 800 877

\$140 for the day's program

Groups are limited to 10 students

Morning tea will be provided

Payment and registration must

be received by

Friday, 21 December



Macquarie Primary After School Piano, Guitar & Violin Lessons Term 1 2019

Celtic Arts Agency offers private 1/2 hour after school music lessons at Macquarie Primary School in piano, guitar and violin in the classrooms above the Oasis Room. Lessons are timetabled from 3.05 every half hour on a Tuesday and Wednesday and cost \$306 for a 9 week school term.
Lessons are booked on a per term basis.

Enrolments for 2019 are now open



Contact Sharon Casey on
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More information is available on our
website:
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