

Dates for the Diary

Wed 21 Aug

Year 5 Combined Band Practice

Fri 23 Aug

Book Week Parade

Tue 27 Aug

Fathers' Day Stall

Limelight Tech Rehearsal

Wed 28 Aug

Assembly

Year 3/4 Camp Information

Session

Year 5/6 Camp Information

Session

Fri 30 Aug

Fathers' Day Stall

Limelight Dress Rehearsal

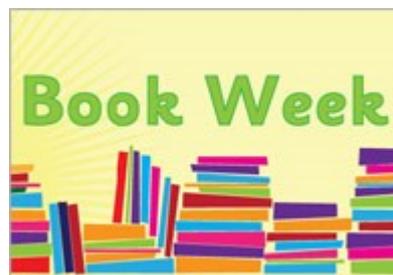
Limelight Performance

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am

Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm

Friday: 8.45am—9.15am



From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

What another busy week we have had at Macquarie. We celebrated Science Week with lots of interesting (and messy) investigations going on. We had an out of this world assembly hosted by Meup Meup – who beamed in from the moon, four of our senior students engaged with a STEM day at the Science Centre located in Chisholm, lots of students from years 3—6 played oz tag and the P&C held a junior and senior disco on Friday night. Phew – that was a lot.

Last week the annual School Satisfaction Survey opened. This tool is used both by us at school and also across the whole system to see how we fair against other schools in our community, staff and student perception. It is an important way of gathering information about our programs, processes, facilities and communication – so please take 10 minutes to complete it.

Friday night saw lots of dancing by both big and little people. A big thank you to all the volunteers who organised, cooked sausages, manned the entrance, supervised the students, cleaned and packed up. It is only with joint community effort these wonderful events can be run.

This week is Book Week where we notice and celebrate all things bookish. This morning we held our second Wonderbook morning and it was wonderful to see so many students and their extended families engaging in reading together. I am sure many of you appreciated the coffee and croissants, I know I did. Each day we will be doing something aligned with book week, culminating on Friday with our Book Character Parade. I hope many people can make it to see us all in our costumes.

Library

Open for families
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
8.30am—9.00am

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Directory

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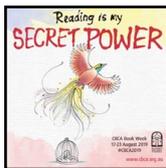
From our Principal continued ...

We also have several students attending the Belconnen Athletics Carnival today. We wish all participants good luck and hope they perform well. It is so exciting to be part of a district carnival, which is held at the AIS. We are lucky in Canberra to have such amazing facilities for our young athletes.

We have started our planning for 2020 and are beginning to work out class configurations and staffing needs. If you know of anyone who is eligible to enrol at Macquarie Preschool or Primary for next year and hasn't done so, please remind them to enrol online through the following link <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>, or google *enrolling in a public school*. Also if you are moving on next year and won't be returning to Macquarie, please let us know.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Book Week!

Danielle



LIBRARY

HAPPY BOOK WEEK!

What a great week for libraries, when we get to celebrate with our school community the things we love best – books! At Macquarie we love books and reading every day of the year, but it is so much fun to have a whole school focus on the importance of quality literature, and what a difference it can make to our children's lives.

Thank you to those who attended today's Wonderbook Story Time to kickstart our celebrations. We will continue with morning stories each day this week, with a mystery teacher reading in the library before school starts. We have also started some special book week activities at lunchtime which have proven to be very popular – your children have helped create some great displays!

I can't wait to see all our favourite book characters coming to life at our parade on Friday. I know it can create extra work for parents, but your help is so appreciated as it will be such a memorable and enjoyable day for our students.

READING IS MY SECRET POWER!

Reading improves writing. The more you read, the better grasp of the written word you have.

SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

In the ACT, recyclable items do not need to be washed, just emptied.



THE 2019 SCHOOL SATISFACTION

The 2019 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete it by **Monday, 2 September 2019**. A survey invitation was emailed to parents and carers or sent home with students.

If you do not have an invitation for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The invitation contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.

ENHANCING SCHOOL CULTURE

PBL is a Framework that implements a continuum of interventions to achieve positive academic and behavioural outcomes for all students. As a Framework the emphasis is on a process or approach, therefore PBL is not a 'program' or a 'curriculum'. PBL is a Multi-Tiered System of Support that highlights the relationship between academic achievement, social behaviour, positive school culture and individual student success.

PBL effectively enhances school culture through embedding systems that support strong personal relationships. The development of positive social skills through clearly defined and acknowledged expectations help students to feel safe, supported and ready to learn. When a strong school culture exists the benefits include improved staff and student satisfaction, increased instructional time and reduced behaviour referrals. Many schools seeking to enrich school culture have achieved this through the implementation of PBL.



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

EVENT DETAILS	NOTES HOME	DATE DUE BACK
Canberra Theatre	Kindergarten	Perm & payment by 29/8
Canberra Theatre	Yr 1/2	Perm & payment by 29/8
National Arboretum	Preschool Gurrana	Perm & payment by 3/9
National Arboretum	Preschool Dyurra	Perm & payment by 5/9
Camp Warrambui	Year 3/4	Expression of interest & deposit by 6/9
Language Perfect	Yrs 3–6	Perm note ASAP
Class Dojo	All families	Response ASAP
Band payment	Members of band	Payment when possible
Voluntary contributions	All families	Payment when possible

NEWS FROM THE P&C

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the parents and friends who helped out at the disco last Friday night – everyone seemed to have a great time. Thank you also to all our volunteers who make it possible for us to offer canteen, book club, the uniform shop and breakfast club. We couldn't do it without you!

CANTEEN ORDERS AND EXCURSIONS

Don't forget if your child will be off-site on a Friday they can't receive a canteen order. Here are two upcoming Friday events:

- ⇒ 30 August: a number of students will be away from school for a Limelight rehearsal
- ⇒ 6 September: all Year 1/2 students will be away from school on a class excursion

CANCELLING A CANTEEN ORDER

Healthy Kids Association provide canteen orders to our school every Friday. If you have any enquiries or need to cancel your order please phone 6248 0857. Please cancel your order by 9am Friday morning. For general enquiries you can also email dicksoncanteen@gmail.com

FATHERS' DAY STALL COMING SOON

It's hip, it's fab, it's groovy ... it's our annual Fathers' Day stall on Tuesday, 27 August for Preschool and Friday, 30 August for the rest of the school. Gifts will range from \$1—\$10 and we will have a large range of handmade items for the significant male in our children's lives. Please send a re-usable bag with your child to take their gift home.

* Please note that students involved in **Limelight** will be able to purchase their gifts prior to leaving on the bus on Friday morning.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please send your details to fundraising.mpspandc@gmail.com if you can help for an hour or two at any of the following:

- ⇒ **Fathers' Day Stall** in week 6. We need help with setting up and running the stall. Please click on the following link and add your details: <https://signup.zone/PRoFvtCrgQ2YCRKfg>
- ⇒ **Reading hour from 5—6pm on Thursday, 19 September** The P&C will be serving milo and biscuits at this annual event which is held in the Library.
- ⇒ **Uniform shop** Volunteers are needed to help run the shop especially on Monday from 8:45 – 9:15am or Friday from 8:45 – 9:15am.

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 30 October** (Week 3 of Term 4).

Sheree Murray, P&C President

2019 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

\$100 per family per year

Thank you to the many families who have made voluntary contributions this year. Voluntary contributions are always welcome and can be paid at any time. Money raised through voluntary contributions is an important way that families can enhance the education program of the school. The Macquarie Primary School voluntary contribution amount is \$100 per family per year. Lesser amounts are welcome. Please note that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you choose not to make a financial contribution and individual records of contributions are confidential, as specified in the *Education Act 2004*.

If you would like to make a voluntary contribution, you can pay via the usual methods of payment:

Option1: Electronic Funds transfer

Account Name:	Macquarie Primary School Management Account
BSB Number:	032 777
Account Number:	001586
Use reference:	<i>Child's Surname</i> VOLCON

Option 2: Quickweb

Go to our school website and follow the prompts on the payment page	
Use reference:	<i>Child's Surname</i> VOLCON

Option 3: Cash or cheque paid directly to the Front Office in a sealed envelope labelled with your family name.

Father's Day Family Night

FREE



Thursday 29 August - 6.00-8.00pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

Activities include

- Drive-able Model Railway display
- Reptile Exhibition
- Photobooth
- Fun and Games
- Glitter Tattoos and Face Painting
- Free Sausage Sizzle

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au

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WESTFIELD BELCONNEN JUNIOR SUMMER SPORT EXPO

Looking to sign up for summer sports but not sure what to pick? Join us for an all in one information night with a host of local sporting clubs!

They'll have all the information and sign up processes ready to go so when the temps warm up you're ready to get out onto the field.

Time: 4:30pm – 7:30pm
Date: Friday, 23 August
Venue: Westfield Belconnen Level 1 (Centre Court)

For more information go to: <http://bit.ly/WB-SportsExpo19>

Craig Mewett. Piano tuition.
All ages and all styles
Beginners welcome

Ph. (02) 6278 7382
Mob. 0409 151 887



Community Notices

New Members



Welcome!

- Do you love to sing?
- Like to be part of a women's group who sing in harmony – a cappella?
- Like to develop your technical skills and musicianship?
- Perform in the community?
- Make new friends?

Want to learn Christmas songs in 4-part harmony?

You can achieve all this and more!

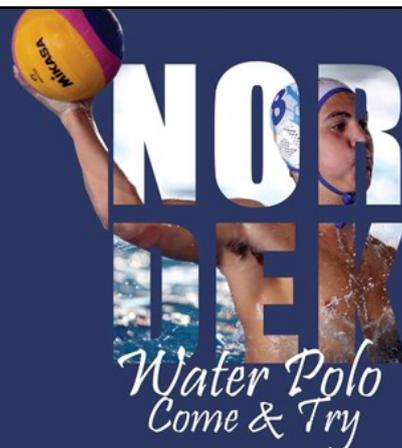
Come and visit us

Canberra Harmony Chorus

Rehearsal on Thursday 7.30-9.30pm
At Calvary Haydon Retirement Village Hall,
2 Jaeger Circuit, Bruce ACT

For more info:

Canberraharmony.org.au Email: info@canberraharmony.org.au



Water Polo
Come & Try

FREE come and try water polo for junior and senior players with Nordek Water Polo Club.
Just pay pool entry at Canberra International Sports & Aquatics Centre (CISAC)

Juniors (10-15 years old)	Seniors (16+ years old)
Sunday Mornings	Monday Nights
Aug 25th, Sep 1st & Sep 8th	Sep 1st, 8th, 16th & 23rd

For more info email - info@nordekwaterpoloclub.com OR visit www.revolutionise.com.au/nordekwp/come-try/