

Dates for the Diary

Wed 31 July
Assembly

Thurs 1 Aug
HATS ON!

Yr 3/4 Touch Football Day
P&C Creative & Crafty Night

Fri 2 Aug
Visit from **Kenny Koala** (K—6)

Wed 7 Aug
Year 6 Combined Band
Practice
P&C Meeting

Thur 8 Aug
Yrs 3—6 Oztag Gala Day

Fri 9 Aug
Limelight Rehearsal

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,

Last week we saw students come back from the break with many stories to tell and a readiness to learn and reconnect with friends and staff. I've heard stories about movies students saw, play dates, playing computer games of course and a few overseas trips. It's been lovely to see everyone back so relaxed and rested.

Last week teachers spent a day with their team and talked about Australian Curriculum, what will be covered and reported on for the remainder of the year and the expected learning which will take place in classes. Families should receive the Term Overview this week which will outline learning for the term. The purpose of the overview is to support the home/school connection. Talking to your child about what they are learning helps consolidate what they are doing at school and gives you the opportunity to hear about their learning growth over time.

Some of our students play football at break times. This can be a challenging activity - students playing football are trying to play the game, referee the match and accept when things don't go how they expect them to. Students have been asked not to play tackle football at school and it has been difficult for them to manage to avoid this type of play. We ask that students who want to play football do so with close adult supervision. An LSA will supervise structured games at break times which students can choose to participate in. The LSA will also support students to play by the rules, accept referee decisions and play with integrity. We ask that children not bring their own football to school, we will provide them with equipment based on the games the LSA will run for that day.

This week the three kinder classes, Buru, Gula and Burugun will host assembly. The year 5 band will also perform for the first time. Please join us if you are able.

This week sees a return to *hats on* which is an exciting sign that we are getting closer to the end of the cold winter. Please support your child to pack a SunSmart hat (bucket or legionnaires) to bring to school from Thursday this week. As we are a registered SunSmart School our policy states that children without a hat will need to play in the shade.



Library

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

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Directory

K—6 Site Ph: 6142 1550 Fax: 6142 1571

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From our Principal continued ...

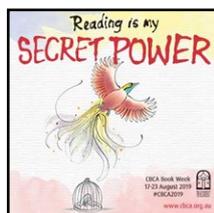
SunSmart ACT reports 'High sun exposure in the first 10 years of life more than doubles melanoma risk, ² while intense, intermittent sun exposure (for example, in the form of sunbathing vacations) during each decade up to 29 years of age, increases risk of melanoma by over one-and-a-half times.' Please visit the SunSmart website for more information <https://actcancer.org/>.

Macquarie Primary School is working with Belconnen Community Services (BCS) to trial an innovative program. BCS will provide a Family Support Worker for our families to access two days a week. Ryan is our Family Support Worker and he is available on Thursday mornings in the Staffroom for drop in (he won't be at school this week but please come along next week). He is also available for appointments if you would like to speak to Ryan in a more private capacity. Ryan can help with connecting families to appropriate services and programs, providing advocacy, linking and providing support around mental health, supporting families with processes to link with medical professionals and so on. Please make use of Ryan as he is an excellent resource for our families.

Kenny Koala will visit school on Friday to talk with students about safety. Be sure to ask your children what Kenny's key messages were to consolidate the safety messages he delivers. You can read about Kenny's messages here <https://www.constablekenny.org.au/>.

Have a wonderful week.

Jodie



LIBRARY

READING IS MY SECRET POWER!

Reading reduces stress. When in the flow of a good book, perhaps with a cup of tea, there are few better ways to momentarily halt the stresses of life. Hold on tight to this feeling.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 orders are due in by Friday, 9 August. Payment is either by cash (to the Front Office) or online at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who will receive merit awards at Assembly on Wednesday, 31 July.

Si P'True & Eligh (Meup Meup); Perrine & Samuel (Komiti Reta); Helena & Karla (Ohana); Perri & Marcus (Daramoolen); Billy & Manaia (Gurumbul); Siale & Sachiel (Birrigai); Kiara & Nam (Wollway); Tilan, Matthew & Lockyer (Maliki); Ali & Max (Jooba Budgiel); Vihaan and Ajuur (Tamariki); Shahd & Erdem (Yurwan); Alex & Charlie (Whanau); Sebastian & Om (Woggabaliri); Krish & Ryan (Buruguns); Tanya & Isabella (Burus); Yuol & Lucia (Gulas).

NEWS FROM THE P&C

CREATIVE AND CRAFTY NIGHT: Thursday, 1 August

The P&C are hosting a Creative and Crafty night to make gifts for the upcoming Fathers' Day stall. If you are able to offer some of your valuable time to help out, please come along on Thursday, 1 August. Contact fundraising.mpsandc@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 7 August

Come along and learn more about what our Parents and Citizens Association has been up to and what we have planned for the rest of 2019. The meeting will be held in the Staffroom and everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL DISCO: Friday, 16 August

Save the date! The P&C will host a disco for all students on Friday, 16 August. A sausage sizzle will be offered on the night for \$2.50 per sausage. Further details to come.

COMING SOON: Fathers' Day Stall

Our annual Fathers' Day stall will be held on Tuesday, 27 August for Preschool and Friday, 30 August for Preschool—Year 6. Gifts will range from \$1 - \$10 and we will have a large range of handmade items for the special men in our childrens' lives.

IDEAS BOOM

Does your child have a great idea for something the P&C could support? If so please send it through to president.mpsandc@gmail.com

Sheree Murray
P&C President

ORDER FOR SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

If you would like to place an order for any of the following photos your child may have been in, please collect an order form from the Front Office: *house captains, netball team, school captains, year 5 and year 6 band.*

The photos can also be viewed at the office. Orders are to be made directly through MSP photography.

SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Read the newspaper on-line. This just doesn't save on paper, but on your pocket too.



NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Belconnen Athletics	Selected students	Perm note & payment by 2/8
Baby Photo request	Yr 1/2	Response by 2/8
Combined Band Practice	Yr 5	Perm note by 8/8
Canberra Theatre	Kindergarten	Perm & payment by 29/8
Canberra Theatre	Yr 1/2	Perm & payment by 29/8
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