

Dates for the Diary

Tue 13 March
Teddy Bears' Picnic

Wed 14 March
Assembly

Fri 16 March
Matt Giteau Cup

Wed 21 March
Harmony Day

Thur 22 March
Orienteering
Reading Workshop
P&C Mtg

Wed 28 March
Assembly

Reminders

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,

I hope you all enjoyed the warm weather over the long weekend. Canberra Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the history of our city and acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as the traditional custodians of the Canberra region. I thoroughly enjoy listening to conversations had around our school about our history as they reflect our commitment to engaging learners in reconciliation, respect and recognition of the world's oldest continuous living cultures.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Held every year on 21 March, the Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

This year we will be inviting classes to contribute to a video production promoting the 2018 message 'everyone belongs'. As always, families are welcome to speak with classroom teachers if you would like to be involved on the day.

PERFORMANCE DATA

At Macquarie we use a range of datasets to inform our strategic planning. The 2017 Parent Satisfaction Survey responses have supported our identification of key focus areas for 2018. A summary of responses to the 2017 Parent Satisfaction Survey can be found over the page. There were 114 responses to the survey with families invited to provide a response for each child they have at the school.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

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From our Principal Continued ...

2017 Results of Parent Satisfaction Survey for Macquarie Primary School and P—6 School Type		
<i>Item</i>	<i>% Agreement for school</i>	<i>% Agreement for P-6 School Type</i>
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best	93.75	93.04
Teachers at this school provide my child with useful feedback about his or her school work	85.98	85.84
Teachers at this school treat students fairly	92.86	88.72
This school is well maintained	85.09	90.52
My child feels safe at this school	92.92	91.41
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns	95.58	93.06
Student behaviour is well managed at this school	78.70	79.15
My child likes being at this school	96.46	92.56
This school looks for ways to improve	86.73	89.08
This school takes parents' opinions seriously	76.42	81.27
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn	93.81	88.20
My child is making good progress at this school	86.73	85.22
My child's learning needs are being met at this school	83.93	82.48
This school works with me to support my child's learning	79.65	82.64
The achievements of students are celebrated at my child's school	92.04	92.08
Community partnerships are valued and maintained	81.31	86.07
Computer technology is an integral part of learning and teaching at my child's school	82.00	84.30
Overall I am satisfied with my child's education at this school	85.09	87.26
Overall I am satisfied this school has high expectations in all that it does	80.91	83.71
I am satisfied with the availability of healthy food and drink at this school	78.90	74.03

I will be providing some more information about how we use data to inform our planning at the next P&C Meeting on Thursday, 22 March.

STUDENT AGENCY AND LEADERSHIP

One of the principles that guides our work at Macquarie is that learners need to lead. Last week, educators from across the ACT at the Australian Literacy Educators Association Unconference thoroughly enjoyed listening to how our students engage in school improvement with creativity and maturity.

It is always a pleasure meeting with students who confidently share their thinking and preliminary planning for events and activities to enhance the school, or to support people in the wider community. The commitment and energy that our students bring supports Macquarie as a dynamic place for learning. We often reflect on the insight that having an idea is the easy part. It is bringing an idea to fruition that requires work and skill. Our teachers support this through providing time each week for students to explore lines of personal inquiry, while guiding skill development for taking action.

From our Principal Continued ...

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINES

End of day routines for our students involve parent/carer pick-ups, walking, riding, or catching buses home, attending After School Care, or a combination of any of these. From time to time, a family's routine may be interrupted unexpectedly and alternative arrangements are made. Generally, our students head to the Front Office if their routine is disrupted and staff are able to assist by passing on a message or making a phone call to a parent or carer.

Looking forward to the week ahead.

Sophie Bissell
Principal

Last week we saw examples of special effort from:

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| Jonty | For his work identifying and making patterns. |
| Students in 3B | Their inquiry into the new waste sorting system they have set up in their classroom. |
| Charlie & Daniel | For their creativity in designing a highly engaging game using a limited range of equipment. |



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Use fans, they only cost a couple of cents an hour to run.

P&C NEWS

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

The P&C are extremely keen to run the school canteen for our children during 2018, but WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are open to your suggestions on how the canteen should be run and welcome your input into this activity. If you would like to be part of the canteen team for this year, or have suggestions on what kind of canteen we should provide, please send an email to canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com. Let's make this happen!

PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Areebah and Hassaan who commenced last week.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Matt Gitteau Cup	Yr 5/6	Perm by 14 Mar
UNSW ICAS	Yr 3—6	Perm & payment by 19 Mar
Camp Cooba	Yr 6	Perm & medical by 16 Mar
Voluntary Contributions	All families	Payment by 23 Mar
Curriculum Resources (student stationary)	All families	Action as necessary
Student Information & Check Sheet	All students	Payment ASAP
Known Medical Response Plan	Identified students	ASAP
Medical Information & Consent Form	All students	ASAP

Community Notices

YOUR REMINDER TO PARK SAFELY AND LEGALLY AROUND SCHOOLS

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

ANOTHER CHANCE OP SHOP

Ross Smith Cres, Scullin Shops

A March madness sale will be held from 1— 31 March with half price clothing. New stock on display daily. Help us move out our summer stock. Open daily 10am—4:30pm and Saturday 10am—1pm. Great selection of books, toys, kitchenware and more in store. Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church.

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.

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