

## Dates for the Diary

Wed 30 May  
Canberra Symphony Orchestra

Thur 31 May  
Belconnen Cross Country  
Carnival

Fri 1 June  
HATS OFF

Mon 11 June  
Queen's Birthday - public holiday (school closed)

Wed 13 June  
School Photo Day  
ICAS UNSW—Spelling  
Assembly

Thur 14 - Fri 15 June  
Kinder Health Checks

Fri 15 June  
Preschool Photo Day

## 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 everyone had a wonderful Reconciliation Day yesterday. It is pretty wonderful to be part of a community that has taken the lead nationally to recognise the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' histories and culture. This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week is *Don't Keep History a Mystery*. This week classes will be inquiring into a variety of elements related to this theme in their classes with Wynetta and creating a shared artwork. I encourage you to talk to your children about Reconciliation Day, and how it commemorates the 1967 Referendum where 90% of Australians voted to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into the census and enable the government to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

We held our school Rostrum final last Wednesday morning and were impressed with the high calibre of presentations. It was fantastic to see students from Years 3—6 confidently present their speeches to a nearly whole school audience, with many community members also attending. Our adjudicators were hard pressed to differentiate between the speakers as they were all so good.

### VISITING THE COMMUNITY

Last Thursday saw our Year 6 students attend an open morning at Canberra High. They had a tour of the school and experienced some of what high school has to offer. I saw many of our students that evening at the open night, which was well attended. I would like to remind you to complete the online enrolment process before 30 June for high school. This helps the receiving schools to plan accordingly.

Thursday was a busy day, as Kindergarten students participated in their excursion to Mount Painter. They caught a bus to the foot and walked to the top, exploring and investigating on the way. The students had an amazing experience and were very tired upon their return.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

This week our long distance runners who qualified to compete at the Belconnen District Cross Country Carnival will be running against students from all over Belconnen at the Mount Stromlo cross country track. They will be accompanied by Ross and Andrea for the day.

### Macquarie Directory

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Preschool Site 6142 1570 After School Care: 0451 681 604 (Huw)

Email: [admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au)

Website: [www.macquarieps.act.edu.au](http://www.macquarieps.act.edu.au)

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

School Mobile Phone: 0434 751 607

P&C President: Christie Horsfield  
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Board Chair: Mark Roddam

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## From our Principal Continued ...

### REPORTING

Teachers are in the midst of writing the Semester One reports. These reports document your child's learning over the first part of the year and provide information about progress and goals to be set for the second half of the year. The reports will be sent home with your child on Thursday, 28 June. The envelope will contain your child's school based progress report and an A—E summary. If you would prefer not to receive the A—E summary please let the front office team know.

### MUSICAL CONNECTIONS

Everyone is excited that our Canberra Symphony Orchestra performances will be held tomorrow. Students from Macquarie and Southern Cross Early Childhood School are coming together for the performances. Years 3-6 will be participating at 9:30am. Preschool and Kindergarten at 11:30am and Years 1 and 2 at 1:40pm. If you are available please feel free to come down and watch the show.

Please accept our apologies that last week's Musica Viva performance times were changed. We switched the performance times to enhance engagement by all participants. Unfortunately we didn't communicate the change. We have noted that and will make sure it doesn't happen again.

Last week our Year 6 band travelled to Kaleen Primary to participate in a combined band practice. They joined with 5 other bands to play together. What an amazing experience for our young musicians. In addition to the musical experience the students also socialised and met new friends.

I can't believe we already into Week 5, and halfway through the term. I am starting to feel at home and have really appreciated getting to meet so many of our wonderful community. Please don't hesitate to email, call or drop in to touch base and let me know of any questions or concerns.

Have a great week.

*Danielle Porter*  
Principal

### SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES

School photo envelopes have been sent home with each student today. Please return it to your child's teacher or the Front Office before 13 June.

A discount applies for families with 3 or more children. After purchasing Individual Packs for EACH child a Siblings Presentation pack of your choice will be free.

Only children who present a Siblings Presentation order form to the photographer on Photo Day will have their Family/Siblings photo taken. Envelopes are available at the Front Office.

### SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS



Make sure the dishwasher is FULL before using.

## P&C NEWS

### 5 CENT CHALLENGE

A huge congratulations to 3V for winning the 5 cent Challenge this year! It was a very close competition, with 3V collecting 868 coins. The P&C will be in contact with your teachers to arrange your class party prize.

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

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year the School Board writes to families suggesting an amount for a voluntary financial contribution to the school. This year, the contribution remains at \$100 per family.

Thank you to those families who have supported the school through this payment. If you are able to make a voluntary contribution to the school, you may pay via EFT, online through the payment tab on our website or by cash or cheque at the Front Office.

### BEFORE SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

In the interests of keeping students safe, our playground is supervised from 8:45am each morning. The black top areas are busy places at this time, and we remind students to move slowly around these spaces. Helmets must be worn by students who ride bikes, boards and scooters.

Students are encouraged to arrive close to the 8:55am bell time. Families requiring early morning care may like to contact the YWCA's Before School Care Program on 0451 681 604.

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

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
School Photo Envelopes	All students	Before 13 June
Combined Band Practice	Yr 5	Perm note ASAP
Instrumental Music Program (Band) payment	Yr 5 & 6	Payment when possible
Flexischools	All families	Information & action as necessary

## Community Notices

### THE CANBERRA CHINESE SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

**Time:** 12pm—3:30pm, Sunday, 3 June  
**Venue:** TB Millar Hall, Radford College, 1 College Street, Bruce  
**Activities:** 12pm—1.30pm: Food stalls and kid's fun activities: face painting, brush painting, calligraphy, paper cutting/crafting and lion dance  
 1.30pm—3pm: Stage performance: Chinese dance, singing and martial arts

This is a FREE event and all are welcome.

For a poster of the event see the school website at [www.canberrachineseschool.net](http://www.canberrachineseschool.net)



### Could \$500 help you with school costs?

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| laptops & tablets  | lessons & activities |
| uniforms & shoes   | books & supplies     |
| sports fees & gear | camps & excursions   |

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



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 your local Saver Plus  
 Coordinator

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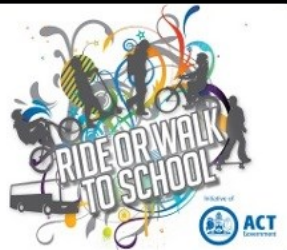
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Our school promotes riding and walking to school



*Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress. Parentline ACT is a confidential, free telephone, face-to-face counselling and information service.*

Phone Parentline if you would like:

- ⇒ To talk with someone about parenting issues.
- ⇒ Help with some ideas on raising children.
- ⇒ Support in the important job you are doing.
- ⇒ To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- ⇒ To build better relationships in your family.
- ⇒ Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- ⇒ Make an appointment for a counselling session.

**Monday to Friday (except on public holidays)**  
 9am – 5pm Phone: 6287 3833



### 2018 Term 2 at Macquarie Primary School Week 5 – Week 10

Your little rock star will; Sing, Dance, play Djembes and Ukuleles and learn to read TAB as well as the basics of song writing!

Tuesdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Beginners Mrs Sweeting's room  
 Wednesdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Follow on Mr Dennis' room  
 Thursdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm Advanced Miss Bentley's room

Book now for Term 2 by calling  
**Georgia on 0403 800 877**

\$50 for the 5 week program  
 Groups are limited to 10 students  
 To secure your child's place

**Payment must be received by Thursday, 31 May**