

Dates for the Diary

Mon 13 — Fri 17 Aug

Science Week
Winter Walk to School Week

Tue 14 Aug

CMAG Excursion

Wed 15 Aug

Tennis Competition
Governor-General's Science
Week Challenge
UNSW ICAS Competition

Thur 16 Aug

Rugby Clinics
STEAM Fair
P&C Mtg

Reminders

Thursday, 16 August
P&C Meeting — All welcome

50TH BIRTHDAY T-SHIRTS

Would you like a commemorative T-Shirt? It's not too late to express your interest. See the Front Office for details.



From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

We have had another busy week at MPS. Our Year 2 students participated in a big week of Aqua Safe lessons, designed to build water confidence and safety. Rugby Union clinics commenced for Years 1 and 2 students and many of our senior students participated in an OzTag gala day.

TEACHER LEARNING

Our teachers participated in our second session with Pip, developing our drama skills to support the development of our 50th Birthday extravaganza. As always the afternoon session invigorated the teachers, who will share their new knowledge with their students. Look out for examples of drama skills at home.

We had another session with Steve where we thought through how the TIPs will be shared this year. As each participant's project is hugely personal, there needs to be lots of thought about how it is shared. As a staff we are still considering the best way to share our inquiries, and I will keep you informed in the coming weeks.

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

I would just like to remind you that we have supervision on the playground from 8:45am each day only. It is best if children arrive at school as close to the start of the school day as possible, so they are ready for the daily program. Teachers need the time before school to plan and prepare for the day ahead. Having breakfast before they get to school helps their bodies be ready for the rigours of the day. On Fridays we have breakfast club and students are welcome to come and have some toast.

As August has arrived the UV levels in Canberra are rising, so it is time for hats to be worn. Please ensure your child has a sunsmart (bucket, broad brimmed or legionnaires style) hat at school each day. We access the outdoor classroom daily so sun protection is necessary.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

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From our Principal Continued ...

SCIENCE WEEK

This week is National Science Week and we are celebrating it with our STEAM Fair on Thursday. Mrs Palethorpe has been supporting students to inquire into a variety of scientific challenges and they are presenting their findings, giving demonstrations and conducting experiments during the middle session of Thursday.

Finally, we have had to move this week's 4/5K and 4/5L assembly to next week (Wednesday, 22 August), same time, same place. I hope to see you there.

I hope you have a great week.

Danielle

AFTER SCHOOL CARE — RELOCATION

Due to the STEAM Fair being held in the Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, 16 August, After School Care will be relocated to the 1/2Ca space in the Brindabella Building.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting for Term 3 will be held this coming Thursday evening, 16 August. Come along and share your ideas with our 2018 committee. Everyone is welcome to attend!

FATHERS' DAY STALLS

The P&C will host our annual Fathers' Day stall on Friday, 31 August (along with the Mon/Tue Preschool stall on Tuesday, 28 August). We need volunteers to help run the stall during the morning. If you are able to assist, please complete the attached form and drop it into the P&C box next to the office, or send an email to: coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com

BUNNINGS BBQ

We have been given the opportunity to host a Bunnings Belconnen BBQ on Monday, 1 October 2018 between 9am – 4pm. Given this date is the Monday of a long weekend and the start of the school holidays, we need to see if we will have enough volunteers to run the BBQ before we commit. Therefore, can you please send an email to coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com to advise if you are free during that day. We won't be able to run the BBQ without your help and support!



TRIVIA NIGHT

We will also host a Trivia Night at Macquarie on Friday, 21 September and need prizes for the night. If you are able to offer a donation, or can source a donation from a local business, please send an email to coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com

ASSEMBLY — CHANGE OF DATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Assembly that was scheduled on 15 August will now be held on **Wednesday, 22 August**. It will be hosted by 4/5K and 4/5L.

Happy Science Week everyone!

Last week's science lessons were a hive of activity as students in Years 4-6 finalised their preparations for this Thursday's STEAM Fair. Students have practised and demonstrated creative and critical thinking in their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) projects. While these projects will be shared with younger students in the school during the day, family and friends are invited to come and enjoy the diversity of questions into which our students have inquired from 3—4pm on Thursday in the school Hall.

I look forward to celebrating National Science Week with you there.

Rebecca Palethorpe
Science Specialist Teacher



WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

13—17 August 2018

Families are welcome to walk or ride to school with a group of community members from the following locations on Friday, 17 August.

Cook Shops
Macquarie Shops



For further information, please contact Faith Bentley.

SCHOOL PHOTOS — SPECIAL GROUPS

If your child had a photo taken in a special group (for example, Band, Captain, House Captains, netball) and you would like to purchase the photo, please contact Jess at the Front Office for an order form by Friday, 31 August.



BOOK WEEK PARADE

Friday, 24 August

Book Week will be held from 20—24 August (Week 5). Dress up as your favourite storybook character and join us in the Hall for our annual Book Week Parade.

Keep an eye out for all the activities to come.

NOTES HOME

| EVENT DETAILS | YR GROUP | DATE DUE BACK |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Tennis Competition | Selected students | Perm ASAP |
| CMAG | Preschool | Perm & payment ASAP |
| Botanic Gardens | Kindergarten | Perm & payment ASAP |
| Carey's Cave | Yr 4/5 | Perm & payment by 5/9 |

Community Notices



Give your kids a REAL Challenge!

School Orienteering

SC-ORE

SC-ORE School Orienteering

2018 Term 4

A before school body and brain work out.

Teams 2 girls and 2 boys

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| Thursday 25 Oct | Forrest Primary School |
| Thursday 1 Nov | Garran Primary School |
| Thursday 8 Nov | Hughes Primary School |
| Thursday 15 Nov | Canberra Grammar School |

SC-ORE online registration NOW OPEN

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=29490>

For more information visit <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore/>

Or call 0411 968 001



ENTRIES NOW OPEN
(4-week Challenge in Term 4)

HEALTHY HABITS FOR CHILDREN TO PREVENT COLD AND FLU

Good hygiene is one of the most important ways to help prevent colds and flu (influenza).

- washing your hands regularly and properly with soap and water, particularly after touching your nose or mouth, and before handling food;
- sneezing and coughing into tissues then throwing them away immediately and washing your hands;
- cleaning surfaces such as your keyboard, telephone and door handles regularly to get rid of germs;
- not sharing cups, plates and cutlery;
- where you can, avoid sharing towels with other people and throw disposable tissues and paper towels in the bin immediately after using them.







For more information go to:

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/colds-and-flu-prevention>



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WESTS

Summer 2018/19 Season Trial Dates

HEY!!! Are you keen to develop lifelong friends and join a Club that promotes teamwork, self-confidence and determination?

West's Basketball Club welcomes all players ages 8 – 18, of all skill levels to attend trials for placement in a team prior to registering for the Summer 2018/19 season. Note, trials are not held for under 10 teams.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time to confirm your details and registration with officials. Players will be provided a number (written on their leg and arm) to assist coaches identify players as they are taken through a variety of drills and exercises, similar to a training session. Don't forget your drink bottle and runners... GO WESTS!!!
www.westsbasketball.com.au
wests.basketball@gmail.com

U12 Girls (Born 2008/2009)
Wednesday 22 August 2018
5.00 - 6.00pm Canberra High School Hall

U14 Girls (Born 2006/2007) **PLAYERS NEEDED!!**
Wednesday 22 August 2018
5.00 - 6.00pm Canberra High School Hall

U16 Girls (Born 2004/2005) **PLAYERS NEEDED!!**
Monday 13 August 2018
6.00 - 7.00pm Kingsford Smith School Hall

U19 Girls (Born 2001/2002/2003)
Tuesday 14 August 2018
7.00 - 8.30pm AIS Training Hall

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Wednesday 15 August 2018
5.00 - 6.00pm Belconnen Court 3

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Tuesday 21 August 2018
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Thursday 16 August 2018
6.00 - 7.30pm Kingsford Smith School Hall

U19 Boys (Born 2001/2002/2003)
Monday 20 August 2018
7.00 - 8.30pm AIS Training Hall

