

Dates for the Diary

Tue 9—Thur 11 May
NAPLAN

Tue 9 May
Mothers' Day Stall
P&C Mtg

Wed 10 May
Assembly

Fri 12 May
Board Meeting
Mothers' Day Stall

Tue 16 May
CHS Transition Visit

Fri 19 May
Cuppa & A Yarn



Office Hours
Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

What a pleasure it was to accompany two of Macquarie's student leaders to the Education Directorate's Student Congress forum last Friday. Robbie and Alex represented our student cohort, joining over 100 students from ACT Public Schools to begin a conversation about education for the next generation. They will play a key role in gathering information from our students for the development of a submission to inform ACT Government strategy.

Given our relentless focus on delivering high quality contemporary education that meets the needs of our community, families, students and staff, we are well placed to contribute to this conversation. Ensuring that our community's children *are loved and safe, have material basics, are healthy, are learning and participating, and have a positive sense of identity and culture* is a vision that I believe we share with the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our students, staff and families for making Friday's Athletics Carnival a tremendous success. The level of student participation was high once again, in competitive and novelty events across all ages and class groups. We thank carnival coordinators Sophie, Angela, Ross and Faith, our University of Canberra Pre-service teachers, Canberra High School student volunteers, and our P&C for ensuring seamless operation on the day!

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 at Macquarie and around Australia will be participating in the *National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy* this week. The assessment tasks provide a snapshot of student performance that is used by the school and the directorate in analysing performance trends, programs and resourcing across the school and

system. Families receive individual reports about their children's performance on the test later in the year.

NAPLAN tasks will be conducted this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and we thank families, in anticipation, for helping our students arrive at school well rested, with energy from a nourishing breakfast, and on time to support their smooth participation.

If you would like to know more about the upcoming assessments, please don't hesitate to contact our NAPLAN Coordinators, Jim and Bec.

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

This week students from Preschool—Year 6 will participate in a 'lock down' drill. Safety drills are a routine part of the Workplace Health and Safety practices at Macquarie, and are conducted several times throughout the year. They prepare students with skills and knowledge to assist in managing unusual circumstances that may require evacuation or remaining inside the school buildings. While Macquarie teachers take great care and skilfully support students during these events, from time to time drills provoke questions and sensitive responses. If you would like to know more about our procedures or ways to talk about them with your children, please don't hesitate to contact their classroom teacher.

CARPARK UPDATE

Our carpark users can expect to see the return of 'secondary signage' throughout the term. These will show messaging that our design team created last year, as they discovered the impact of 'friendly' messages. I thank Verity and Tiana for setting the scene last week, as they took signs beyond the fence to Brooks Street and reminded drivers to avoid parking on the nature strips.

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From our Principal continued ...

A small way you can make a big difference to the experience of using our carpark is through dropping your child a short walk away from the school each morning. The Macquarie Primary School Route Map, produced by the Active Streets team may support you in creating safe and active morning and afternoon routines. An Active Street Map for Macquarie Primary School is available through the Front Office and at www.transport.act.gov.

All the best for the week ahead.

Wendy Cave
Principal

Last week we saw examples of special effort from:

Macquarie's Saturday Netball Team	For showing commitment, sportsmanship and teamwork in training and competition
Macquarie's Year 1 & 4/5 students	Who demonstrated their skills as communicators, collaborators, thinkers and researchers at the National Museum of Australia last week.

P&C NEWS

BIG HEART PROJECT

Connie and Samuel Johnson (our most recent Gold Logie winner) are hosting Love Your Sister's Big Heart Project this Wednesday, 10 May at the Lyneham Netball Centre on Northbourne Avenue. The project involves collecting 5 cent pieces to raise money for Breast Cancer. These 5 cent pieces will be laid into the shape of a massive love heart which will be visible from space and hopefully break the world record for the longest line of 5 cent coins. If you would like to make a donation, please drop your 5 cent pieces off to the Front Office by 3.10pm on Wednesday, 10 May, or alternatively, log on and make a donation via the following link: <https://loveyoursister.ecwid.com/#!/Buy-metres-here/p/74835498/category=21505117>

CANTEEN

Please note that all Canteen orders need to be in by Tuesday afternoon.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Don't forget our Mothers' Day stall this coming Friday. Items will be available for purchase between \$1 and \$10. If you are able to help run the stall, please fill in the volunteer form (note accompanies this newsletter) or send an email to fundraising.mpspandc@gmail.com

REMINDER

As an ACT Government facility, families and friends are reminded that Macquarie Primary School is a non-smoking site. We thank our community for considering the health and wellbeing of our community and acknowledging this requirement.

REMINDERS

Tuesday, 9 May
P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 10 May
Assembly

CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to Macquarie's Cross Country place getters who received ribbons last week.

... to Minthy who recently competed in the ACT Swimming Carnival at the AIS.

... to Amalie, Taylor and Sarah for being selected to play in the Belconnen Touch Football team which will compete at the ACT Gala Day.

... to Dante, who received his first medals playing with the Valley Dragons Football Club.

YEAR 6 SHIRT UPDATE

We have been notified by the suppliers of our Year 6 shirts that there is an unforeseen delay with the delivery of the stock. We are expecting to receive them in Week 6 or 8 of this term.



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STUDENT TEACHER PROFILE

Nicole is in her first year of a Bachelor of Primary Education, Graduate Entry. She pursued a career change to teaching after being inspired volunteering in a local school in Vanuatu. Currently, Nicole is working with Brooke Brown and 2B. She has been inspired by Brooke's leadership of inquiry-based teaching and learning. Nicole has observed and reflected on how Macquarie students are engaged and valued as individuals. On the future of education, she believes it will be vital to promote innovation and embrace change, as Macquarie Primary School does. It is imperative to be research engaged and to personalise learning to ensure all students reach their learning potential.



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS



Pick up one piece of rubbish a day – if everyone in Australia did this there would be approximately 24.5 million less pieces of rubbish littering our environment.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Canteen Menu	All families	Orders by Tuesday each week
Mothers' Day Stalls	All families	For action as necessary
Mothers' Day Volunteer Note	All families	Response by 10/5
CHS Visit	Yr 6	Perm note by 12/5