

Dates for the Diary

Tue 27 June

Excursion to the MRF
Excursion to Sovereign
Tribal Embassy & The
Arboretum
Excursion to the
National Zoo &
Aquarium

Wed 28 June

NAIDOC Assembly

Thur 29 June

Excursion to MOAD &
NGA

Fri 30 June

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Mon 17 July

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3



Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

SEMESTER REPORTING

Last Thursday afternoon, our students took home their Semester 1 reports. These contain information about your child's development and progress towards the goals of their classroom programs, together with comments that indicate their strengths and future steps. A—E grades reflect progress relative to the *Achievement Standards* within the Australian Curriculum (www.acara), and a C grade indicates performance that is well on track. We congratulate the learners at Macquarie as they continue to aim high and work towards their diverse goals.

Once again, I thank our education team for their thoroughness in monitoring and reporting on the many achievements of our students. I encourage families to contact the school office to schedule an interview time with teachers, to reflect on your child's report and continue conversations about next semester's goals. We highly value working with you as collaborators in the design of learning pathways that match the needs of your child.

As we move ever closer to a vision of personalised learning for all at Macquarie, our assessment and reporting practices are continuing to be strengthened with communication throughout the semester. Our teachers are having almost as much fun capturing and sharing learning through technology as our families are in receiving more information through our Google Apps for Education communities and email correspondence. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you would like to know more about how you can access these communication forums.

You may recall that some of the work that we do with the Google Apps for Education suite was showcased in a short promotional video for Google, filmed at Macquarie and other selected ACT public schools in 2016.

You can find it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EQxYmCBXP0>. If you watch carefully, you'll catch a familiar (albeit slightly younger) face or two. Once again, we are very proud!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Amongst my Week 9 highlights were two significant gatherings of parents who have contributed significantly to Macquarie's culture and programs.

I thank Brendan and the Community Languages Initiative Advisory Group for providing feedback and reflection on the emerging models of languages education across the school this semester. We heard about the significant impact of programs in Spanish (Yrs 3 and 6), Auslan (Yr 4/5), and French (Yr 6 and K-6 through Perrine's French Club) from staff and community members, and explored strengths and possibilities as our approach evolves. It is exciting to hear the benefits of meeting the Australian Curriculum requirements through access to multiple languages, as students, staff and families share in the design and delivery of programs.

On Thursday evening, a small group of P&C members from years gone by joined me for a conversation about the enduring values and experiences of Macquarie Primary School's parents. I thank Bernard and Louise (representing the era of 1968—1978), Andy (representing families of the 1980s) and Christie (our current P&C President), for sharing a little history and their perspectives about what has made our school thrive. Values of equity, diversity, respect, kindness and connectedness are common threads. I look forward to continuing this conversation more broadly as we head towards Macquarie's 50th anniversary, and exploring how these values might translate into practice during the next 50 years!

Please remember to encourage neighbours and friends who share a connection with Macquarie to contact the school office team to ensure they are kept informed as 2018 celebration planning progresses.

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From our Principal continued ...

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

The National Aborigines' and Islanders' Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) works to raise awareness of the unique histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This year's NAIDOC theme is *Languages Matter*, and activities across the nation will celebrate and embrace over 250 Aboriginal languages and tribes in Australia.

In the lead up to NAIDOC week, which will be celebrated this year from 5–12 July, we will be engaging in some special experiences. Year 6 students are particularly looking forward to sharing a traditional story at the Sovereign Tribal Embassy and visiting the Arboretum.

Our Year 2 classes will be presenting a NAIDOC assembly and we encourage students across the school to wear red, yellow, black, blue or green clothes in recognition of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

The holiday break will see much activity around the school, with staff engaged in strategic planning and preparations for the new term, together with some routine facilities maintenance.

Faith, Patrick, Lynda, Maree, Karen, our friends Justin and Mel and I will be heading to Hobart next week for the Australian Association for the Teaching of English/Australian Literacy Educators Association Conference with delegates from all Australian States and Territories, and from many countries around the world. The conference theme is *Cutting Edge: Margin to Mainstream*, and we are excited to have been selected to provide two presentations about Macquarie's approach to teaching literacy for, and through inquiry.

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead and your holiday break. Please take very good care of our children.

Wendy Cave, Principal

Last week saw examples of special effort from:

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| Isabella | For skillfully using WITS strategies (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk, Seek Help), to manage problems with maturity and independence. |
| 4/5Do and 4/5Go | For supporting Lily the assistance-dog-in-training in their classrooms. |
| Lily the Assistance Dog | For attending her first assembly with poise and serenity. |



REMINDERS

Wednesday, 28 June

NAIDOC Assembly

P&C NEWS

CANTEEN IS MOVING TO FRIDAY'S IN TERM 3

Commencing on 21 July our weekly canteen day will be moved from Thursday to Friday. We will continue to bring your children healthy and delicious lunches and snacks each week. Orders will be due on Wednesday's at 3.30pm.

VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR P&C

We would love some extra hands in our canteen and for our fundraising and events team. Everyone is welcome to help – no amount of time is too big or too small! Induction will be provided and it is a truly gratifying experience for all. Please feel free to send an email to macquariepandc@gmail.com, or contact the Front Office if you are able to help.

UNIFORM SHOP SALE

Week 10 only — discontinued stock only \$10 each. Second hand items — 2 for the price of 1. We are open Monday and Friday 8:45 - 9:15; Wednesday 3 - 3:30.

MPS 2016 BOARD REPORT

The Macquarie Primary School *Annual School Board Report* provides information about the school's achievements and strategic directions. The 2016 ASBR is now available at www.macquarieps.act.gov.au

BOOK CLUB

If you have placed an order with the book club and not yet received it, please contact Jess at the Front Office.



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Zone your home. Heating uses the most energy in households. Reduce your energy bill by minimising the space you heat, time you heat for and temperature setting on your heater.

NOTES HOME		
EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Excursion to National Zoo & Aquarium	Kinder	Perm & payment ASAP
Excursion to MRF	Yr 2	Perm & payment ASAP
Excursion to MOAD & NGA	Yr 3	Perm & payment ASAP
Excursion to Sovereign Tribal Embassy & The Arboretum	Yr 6	Perm & payment ASAP
Release of Personal Information to Master School Portraits	All students	Perm note ASAP
Canteen Menu	All families	Orders by 3.30pm on Tuesday each week

Community Notices



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Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Pee Rhee's classes - Tuesday 6pm - 6:30pm

Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Street, Macquarie

Contact Sabum Stephen: sejw92@gmail.com or 0432799986

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CANBERRA AFL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
TUESDAY 11TH JULY - 8:00AM - 5:00PM

HARRISON SCHOOL
BOYS & GIRLS 4 - 10

\$50 INCLUDES AUSKICK PACK

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Systemic Innovations are an official provider of LEGO® Education Learning Programs in the ACT and Southern NSW.

LEARNING PROGRAMS

We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.

Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
Cool Control - \$39 In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.	8-11 years <small>(please no younger children)</small>	Friday 14 th July	9-12 <small>(drop off from 8:45)</small>	Kippax Uniting Community Centre
Cool Control Expansion - \$39 Students build more complex designs and then use their programming knowledge to write their own program to operate their build. Children must have attended a previous Cool Control program.	10 - 12 years	Friday 14 th July	12:30-3:30	Kippax Uniting Community Centre

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/292293>

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BY ROALD DAHL
ADAPTED BY RICHARD GEORGE



6 - 15 July, 2017

theatre@bcs

Belconnen Community Centre
Swanson Court

Sophie Scutter (former Macquarie student) has a part in this production

2018 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS – BE GREAT AND NOMINATE

Give our nation's best the recognition they deserve. Play your part in recognising Canberrans doing remarkable work, helping others and making a difference. Nominate an Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (65 years and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 — 30 years) or Australia's Local Hero. Nominations can be made online at australianoftheyear.org.au and close on 6 August 2017.