

Dates for the Diary

Tue 13 Feb
Welcome BBQ
AGM — All welcome

Wed 14 Feb
Assembly

Thur 15 Feb
Band Testing

Wed 28 Feb
Junior Water Fun Day
Swimming Carnival

Thur 22 Mar
School Orienteering

Reminders

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P&C AGM
All welcome



It is always nice to see families joining us in the celebration of learning at assemblies and school events. In the interests of respecting family privacy, we ask that parents and friends remember to keep cameras focused on your own children. Thank you for your help!



From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

What a start we have had to 2018! It was such a pleasure to visit our learning spaces last week and witness the excitement and joy that comes with the start of a new school year. I would like to thank our incredible education team and our families for supporting our young learners to engage so successfully with life at Macquarie Primary School.

LEARNING ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

While we know that learning doesn't only happen between 9am and 3pm, a significant number of your child's waking hours are spent at Macquarie. As we value relationships and understand the importance of building connections between school and home, I would like to remind families about our P&C Welcome Barbeque on Tuesday evening. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the education team, build connections with other families and visit your child's classroom.

A range of opportunities for families to learn more about our school are offered throughout the year, with information published in newsletters. Assemblies are another avenue for sharing learning experiences with families. We will be changing the time of day these take place each term to make them accessible to all members of our community. Our first assembly will be held this Wednesday and will be hosted by Year 6.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher by email or through the Front Office team if you are ever in need of clarification or assistance around aspects of our programs or the school day. Questions are at the heart of our inquiring school.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Teachers are enjoying learning a little more about their students during 15 minute interviews with families this term. At this time of year, our teachers tend to do more listening during this communication, so they can hear about each learner's interests, home learning and your aspirations for them.

Please contact the Front Office team if you've yet to schedule this important conversation.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Directory

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From our Principal Continued ...

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

In 2018 we are looking forward to all of the learning and entertainment that comes with Macquarie's participation in the ACTED Instrumental Music Program. The very talented Jacinta returns this year as our IMP specialist. Jacinta will be working with Ross and the Year 5 Band, and Jim who will conduct the Year 6 group.

Following a process of musical aptitude assessment, offers of places in our Year 5 band will be made soon. An information session for these students and their families will be held in Week 5 (date to be confirmed).

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

One of the many strengths of Macquarie Primary School is our focus on diversity. We recognise that no two learners are exactly the same, and work committedly to supporting the strengths and needs of every student.

We welcomed Rhonda to our education team last week. Rhonda is our school psychologist and will be working with us on Thursdays and Fridays. School psychologists provide services to students that address educational, social, emotional and behavioural needs, either individually or in groups. Working collaboratively with families, school communities and external agencies is integral to the role. If you are interested in arranging a time to meet with Rhonda, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

THERMAL COMFORT

In true Macquarie style, our students and staff are keen to overcome the challenge of managing thermal comfort with a spirit of inquiry, fun and creativity. Our management plan for extreme temperature involves:

- optimising natural ventilation, air movement and shade;
- the use of additional fans and coolers;
- easy access to water and opportunities for water play; and
- movement of classes to cooler areas of the site.

These adjustments to our learning programs create many incidental opportunities for learning, and demonstrations of collaboration, thoughtfulness and research.

Looking forward to the week ahead!

Sophie Bissell
Principal

SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS



Decide what you want before opening the fridge or freezer door.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will commence this week and is held each Friday morning at the back of the canteen for all students and their families. Please feel free to drop by for a piece of toast and some milo. Breakfast Club is subsidised by the P&C.

A REMINDER FROM ACCESS CANBERRA

With school now back for the year we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones;
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park!

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think - visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots - look twice!

Be kind - to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area - they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence plate recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR



BRING YOUR OWN TRANSPORT (BYOT)

We invite all students from Kinder — Year 6 to join in on BYOT sessions which are held each Monday and Thursday at the second half of lunch. For any information about BYOT, please contact your child's teacher or Faith.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Curriculum Resources (student stationary)	All families	Payment ASAP
Netball EOI	Yr 2—6	Wed 13 Feb
Junior Water Fun Day	K—Yr 1	Information
Swimming Carnival	Yr 2—6	Payment & perm by Thurs 22 Feb
Student Information & Check Sheet	All students	Fri 23 Feb
Known Medical Response Plan	Identified students	Fri 23 Feb
Medical Information & Consent Form	All students	Fri 23 Feb
Health Checks	Kindergarten	Information
PIPS Testing	Kindergarten	Information



Give your kids a REAL Challenge!

School Orienteering

SC-ORE

SC-ORE School Orienteering 2018 Term 1

A before school body and brain work out.

Teams 2 girls and 2 boys

SC-ORE online registration NOW OPEN

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=27914>

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

Or call 0411 968 001



EARLY BIRD ENTRIES UNTIL 23 FEBRUARY 2018 \$20
(for 4-week challenge) (extra \$5 after 23 Feb)

Thursday 1 March	Miles Franklin Primary School
Thursday 8 March	Latham Primary School
Thursday 15 March	Fraser Primary School
Thursday 22 March	Macquarie Primary School

AFTER SCHOOL CHINESE PROGRAM @ MACQUARIE PRIMARY

Provider: Canberra Chinese School
Time: 3:15pm—5:30pm from Monday, 26 February — Tuesday, 10 April 2018
Course dates: Monday (Chinese + Chess); Tuesday (Chinese + Chinese Martial Arts)
Venue: Macquarie Primary School
Cost: \$12/Session (Chinese Only)
 \$24/Session (Chinese and Chess and Martial Arts)
Enrolment requirement: All language background students from Kindy — Year 6
Enrolment form Pick up from the Macquarie Primary Front Office or
 & information download from Canberra Chinese School website
 package: www.canberrachineseschool.net
 Last date of enrolment: COB Friday, 23 February 2018 (Week 3). Late enrolment might be considered if a place is available.

Contact: Suzie Cong, 0411 106 353, canberraclca@gmail.com

Community Notices

BOOK LAUNCH BY LOCAL AUTHOR

Children's author, Leonie Pye has risen above her blindness and written her second children's book, *The Broken Shell*. It is a heart-warming story that's enhanced by delightful watercolour illustrations from local artist Susan Hey. Leonie is donating 20% of book sales to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. She has already donated over \$2,000 to Guide Dogs from sales of her first book, *The Little Shell*. Susan is donating proceeds from the sale of her paintings to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

BOOK LAUNCH DETAILS:

Time: 3:15pm for 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Date: Wednesday, 28 February 2018
Venue: Rocksalt Restaurant Hawker Shops Ph: 6254 7865
Cost: FREE - Original watercolour paintings and signed books for sale.
 Refreshments available
Tickets: <https://the-broken-shell.eventbrite.com.au> or call Leonie on 0428 330 073 by Sunday, 25 February for catering purposes

ACCESS / QUIET DAYS

Marymead Autism Centre (contact 6162 5862) is supporting Canberra venues to introduce 'Access Days' - a block of time when families living with ASD or sensory related concerns can use the venue prior to the general public. It will be less busy, quieter, easier parking, dimmer lighting where possible and trained staff will be on hand to provide assistance. Registration is preferred in some cases. Some upcoming dates and venues:

Questacon 8—9am, Sunday, 11 February (half price entry!)
Flip Out 8—9am Sunday, 18 February
National Zoo and Aquarium 8:45am Sunday, 25 February

Grab a Stick & Hit a Ball with University Juniors Hockey Club COME & TRY / REGISTRATION DAY 2018

Our **Come and Try/Registration Day** will be held on Sunday, 17 February from 9.00am—12.00pm at the Lyneham Hockey Centre. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in playing hockey to give it a go!

We will have Committee members, Coaching staff and experienced players on the fields assisting newcomers to the game.

For further information about the **Uni Juniors Hockey Club** or if you wish to be placed on our Club email distribution list, please contact our Club President Andrew Sutton on 0412 618 975 / president@unijuniorshockeyclub.com.au

www.Unijuniorshockey.com.au



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WATER PRESENTS
AN INITIATIVE OF
Royal Life Saving

— a day at —
THE LAKE
BY THE CITY GARDENS SOCIETY

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH 2018
10 AM - 2 PM
LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN
(Block Mountain Peninsula)

Come along and reconnect with Canberra's most well-known aquatic location.

Event will Feature:
Land and Water-Based Activities / Face Painting / Jumping Castles / Live Entertainment / Barbecue / Prizes and much more!

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National Government
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Living Water Foundation

For more information visit: www.RLSSA.org