

## Dates for the Diary

### Wed 23 May

School Rostrum Final

### Thur 24 May

Canberra High School Open

Morning

Excursion to Mt Painter

Canberra High School Open

Night

### Mon 28 May

Reconciliation Day— public holiday  
(school closed)

### Tue 29 May

ICAS UNSW—Science (for students  
who have paid)

### Thur 31 May

Belconnen Cross Country Carnival

## 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,

We had a wonderful week which included a couple of excursions. The Year 1/2 visit to the Australian War Memorial gave our learners an authentic experience to support their developing understanding of the past, and the Evonne Gooloogong tennis day enabled students to experience tennis with one of Australia's greats and meet other young people from all over the Canberra region.

### MUSIC LEARNING

Students have been listening to some iconic classical music pieces, selected by the Canberra Symphony Orchestra in advance of our performances on Wednesday, 30 May. Some community members are interested in sharing these pieces at home. They are:

- \* Flight of the Bumblebee (from The Tale of Tsar Saltan) by Rimsky-Korsakov
- \* Morning (from Peer Gynt) by Grieg
- \* Hall of the Mountain King (from Peer Gynt) by Grieg
- \* Ode to Joy (from Symphony 9, 4<sup>th</sup> movement) by Beethoven
- \* New World Symphony (theme from 4<sup>th</sup> movement) by Dvorak
- \* Dance of the Cygnets (from Swan Lake) by Tchaikovsky
- \* Ride of the Valkyries (from The Valkyries) by Wagner
- \* Allegretto (from Symphony 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> movement) by Beethoven
- \* William Tell Overture by Rossini

We hope you enjoy them, as the students certainly have enjoyed experiencing these pieces, discussing how the music is made, its tone, pace and depth.

Our Musica Viva performances were held today. The students participated well in the interactive performances.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Macquarie Directory

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

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## From our Principal Continued ...

### NAPLAN

Last week our Year 3 and 5 students participated in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. The students self-managed well, and gave their best efforts. The group testing has finished, with some students who missed tests through absence completing them this week.

### WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY

Friday saw an increased number of students walking or riding to school. Many students joined some of our staff as they walked from Cook and Macquarie shops. It is a great reminder to get out and active, and how lucky we are in Canberra to have such safe ways of getting to and from school.

### STUDENT PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our senior students have been busily preparing and presenting speeches to their peers as part of the Rostrum public speaking competition held across the country annually. Our school final will be held this Wednesday. Please feel welcome to join us to hear our fine public speakers.

At the P&C meeting last week there were suggestions made about parent education workshops. If you have an area that you think we should provide learning about for our community, please let me know.

Have a lovely week.

**Danielle Porter**  
Principal

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

Enrolment applications for Term 1 of 2019 are now open and must be submitted online at <https://form.act.gov.au/smartforms/landing.htm?formCode=1087>.

All ACT children are guaranteed a place in an ACT Public School, from preschool through to college. Information about the enrolment assessment criteria and priority enrolment areas can be found at [https://www.education.act.gov.au/school\\_education/enrolling\\_in\\_an\\_act\\_public\\_school](https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school).

If you are applying to enrol in Preschool, Year 7 or Year 11 we ask that you submit your application by 4 June 2018 to support timely processing and school planning. From 30 June 2018, after the application has been processed, parents/carers will commence receiving advice from the school on the enrolment. Please note, that the order in which applications are received is not a factor in schools determining places and as a result, there is no requirement to submit your application form on the first day applications open.



## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Buy recycled pencils for the kids.

## THANK YOU ...



... to the Rotary Club of Belconnen for donating \$400 to our school as part of the School's Partnership Program. The money will be used to purchase fruit for students.

## RELOCATION OF ASC

On Tuesday, 22 May our school will host a performing arts professional learning event for 60—70 local teachers in our hall.

To facilitate this, After School Care will be relocated to the Resource Centre (1/2T and 1/2CA classrooms) for the afternoon of Tuesday, 22 May.

## P&C NEWS

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers for helping out with the Mothers' Day stall. It was such a lovely morning watching our little ones choose that perfect gift. We couldn't do it without your support.

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. Please go to: [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/245s52](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/245s52) or contact Fleur on: [coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com) to order your book. 20% of proceeds come straight back to our school.

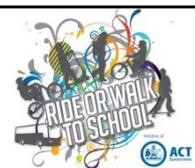
Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 5 cent challenge! We had a fantastic response and will be announcing the winner of the prize next week.

The P&C are putting one final call out to see if anyone is available to help run the school canteen every second Friday. You don't have to have experience in cooking, just a passion for delivering green, healthy food to our children. If you have a few hours to spare on a Friday morning, please send an email to: [canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com)

We also still have the position of Secretary on the P&C available. If you are able to take notes at our meetings twice per term, please send an email to [president.mpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:president.mpspandc@gmail.com) No experience necessary!

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

Our school promotes riding and walking to school



## NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Mt Painter Excursion	Kinder	Perm & payment by 23/5
Instrumental Music Program (Band) payment	Yr 5 & 6	Payment when possible
Flexischools	All families	Information & action as necessary

## Community Notices

### SCHOOL SPORT ACT

School Sport ACT (SSACT) is the peak body for School Sport delivery in the ACT. SSACT actively promotes school sport for all ACT students through the support of regional, state and national representative opportunities and pathways. Each school has teacher representatives that attend meetings and run particular sports. Ross Dennis and Andrea Rowley are sharing this role this year. Throughout the year they will update the 'Sports Board' which is located on a pin board in the front foyer with upcoming trials for a range of sport outside of school as well as results from sporting events.

The 4/5 and 6 teams have recently reminded students of the process of registering online. To do this they must have their parents register on the website to then nominate their child. On the School Sports ACT website they have all of the sports that will be trialling this year as well as dates when the trials will occur.

For more information please contact Ross or Andrea or head to the website: <https://www.schoolsportact.asn.au/>  
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*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 you 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.

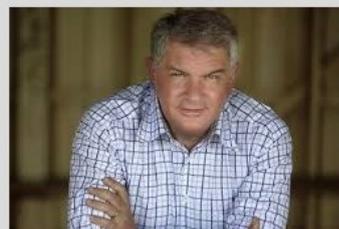
**Monday to Friday (except on public holidays),  
9am to 5pm. Phone: 6287 3833**

### Michael Carr-Gregg

#### A presentation for parents:

- ▶ **The Ten Most Important Things you Should Tell your Children to Build Resilience and Happiness**

The latest news from the science of positive psychology applied to bringing up children and teenagers. Come and join us for an evening with the acclaimed psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.



Erindale Theatre  
McBryde Crescent, Wanniasa

Thursday 7 June

7pm

Tickets \$25

For ticket enquires or purchase please contact  
[amy.blyton@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:amy.blyton@ed.act.edu.au) or call 6205 6011



### MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND YOUNG PEOPLE: FREE PARENTING FORUM

Carers ACT is hosting a unique opportunity for parents, carers and friends to learn how to recognise the warning signs and better understand depression, suicide, eating disorders, deliberate self-harm and other mental health problems in young people. Mental illness in our youth – often known as the 'invisible disease' - is growing at an alarming rate with many parents at a loss on how to deal with it. The speaker will be Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's leading experts in parenting and child and adolescent mental health and founder of CanTeen for teenagers with cancer. *Bookings essential.*

**When:** Tuesday, 19 June 2018, 7-9pm, Hellenic Club, Woden

**More info:** Ph 6296 9900 or email [mhcarers@carersact.org.au](mailto:mhcarers@carersact.org.au)  
**Register:** through Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/2HIqSiY>

**Cost:** Free