

## Dates for the Diary

Wed 31 July  
Assembly

Fri 2 Aug  
Visit from **Kenny Koala**

Thurs 1 Aug  
**HATS ON!**  
Yr 3/4 Touch Football Day

Wed 7 Aug  
P&C Meeting

### 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,

I hope you all had an enjoyable if chilly break. The cold certainly turned it on for us over the past two weeks. As you know Macquarie can be quite chilly so I urge you to make sure your children have adequate clothing for the cold weather. Clearly labelled items make returning them much easier, so please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on their clothing and lunch items.

### STAFFING NEWS

Just a reminder that we welcome Ali, Diana and Rohan as new members of staff this term. Ali and Diana will be teaching Birrigai and Diana will be teaching Gurumbul on Thursdays and Fridays. Rohan joins us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays providing specialist teaching in both the arts and movement. We also welcome John who will be our Building Services Officer for the rest of this year.

### BOOK WEEK

One of my favourite times of the year is Book Week. I love thinking about getting my costume ready and which book or character I will dress up as this year. However I do remember the stress of getting my own childrens' costumes ready in time, so we thought we'd give you lots of notice this year. We will be holding our Book Week celebration on Friday, 23 August. I for one am looking forward to seeing everyone being dressed up for our day of celebrating books.

### TEACHER LEARNING

This term we have several learning opportunities for our staff planned. Staff are participating in professional learning in increasing their reading assessment skills, the teaching of writing and ongoing development of inquiry. Some staff will be participating in team teach training, where they will develop their understanding of how feelings drive behaviours and a range of strategies to de-escalate and diffuse situations.



### Library

Open for families  
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri  
8.30am—9.00am

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Macquarie Directory

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## From our Principal continued ...

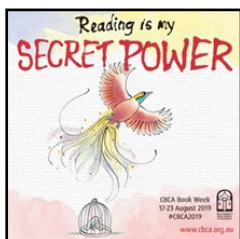
### NEW SIGNAGE

I hope you notice our new building signs that went up over the break. We have formalised our building names and hope the signs help orient people to the correct places moving forward. You may remember the call for the hall building to have a name like the others — Tidbinilla was the selected name. So now all our buildings have local names which provide strong connection to our surrounds.

I am away this week having some minor surgery. I look forward to seeing you all the beginning of next week when I return.

Have a wonderful week.

*Danielle*



### BOOK WEEK

Book Week is coming up this term in week 5, 19 – 23 August. The theme is "Reading is my secret power!"

Each week this term we will include in the newsletter one of the ways reading can be a secret power for ALL of us.

*Reading is mindful. When engaged in reading you aren't distracted by devices, chatting or problem solving – it creates quiet space in the brain and focuses your attention.*

### BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is held each Friday morning from 8.45am—9.00am in Oasis 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.

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please let the Front Office know, as soon as possible, if your contact details change (home address and/or telephone numbers).

**Macquarie Primary is an  
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

*Avoiding all nuts and soft shell crab.*

## NEWS FROM THE P&C

### \*\*\* Next meeting Wednesday, 7 August \*\*\*

Come along and learn more about what our Parents and Citizens Association has been up to and what we have planned for the rest of 2019.

Attending one of our meetings is also a great opportunity to meet other MPS parents and to hear the latest news from our Principal, Danielle. Meetings usually last an hour or so and everyone is welcome (including children – maybe just bring a book or activity for them to do).

### BEAT THE WINTER BLUES AT THE UNIFORM SHOP

Winter beanies and scarves are available in the uniform shop for a short time. \$5 each in either green or red.

### DON'T FORGET

- ◇ **Canteen** is available every Friday - get your orders in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of 8.30am each Friday morning.
- ◇ **Breakfast club** is on every Friday at 8:45am in Oasis (next to the Uniform Shop). All welcome for some extra breakfast before school starts for the day.
- ◇ **Volunteer opportunities:** all of our P&C activities depend on volunteers so we'd love to have you involved. Contact [canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com) if you'd like to help with either canteen or Breakfast Club.

*Sheree  
P&C President*

### RECEIVE THE MACQUARIE MEMO VIA E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the Macquarie Memo via email, please email [leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au) or contact the Front Office.

### SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Buy less stuff



### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
UNSW ICAS Assessments	Yrs 3—6	Order & payment by 26/7
Baby Photo request	Yr 1/2	Response by 2/8
Language Perfect	Yrs 3—6	Perm note ASAP
Class Dojo	All families	Response ASAP
Band payment	Members of band	Payment when possible
Voluntary contributions	All families	Payment when possible