



# The Macquarie Memo

46 Bennelong Crescent, Macquarie ACT 2614

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## Dates for the Diary

Fri 7 Sept

P&C Disco

Tue 11 Sept

Chemistry

Silence is Deadly

Wed 12 Sept

Assembly

Thur 13 Sept

Carey's Cave

Tue 18 Sept

'Be the Best You Can Be' Sports

Day

Chemistry

Fri 21 Sept

P&C Trivia Night

## Reminders

### BOOKCLUB

Orders for Issue 6 close on Friday, 14 September.

### SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

**Closing date now extended.  
Please complete by  
7 September**



## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

### PERFORMING WITH OUR PEERS

What a wonderful performance last Thursday night by our students and many others from across Canberra public schools. It was a fantastic testament to how many wonderful talents there are in Canberra. Our students participated in the mass choir and sang beautifully. It was great to see so many families on the night, I am sure you enjoyed the performance as much as I did.

### SCHOOL REVIEW

Last week we hosted two reviewers, Christina from the Australian Council of Educational Research and Liz of Fadden Primary School. They spoke with all staff members, many students and several families over the three days they were here. Based on those interviews and reviewing evidence of the last four years they will provide the school and community with commendations, affirmations and recommendations to guide our next strategic plan. As soon as this information is available it will be shared with our community.

### SCHOOL SAFETY

To maintain our safe environment and align with most other schools in the ACT, we will be closing the external gates each day at 9:30am. This helps filter visitors through the front of the school, to sign in so we can keep accurate records of who is at school at any time. This is helpful in the event of an evacuation or other emergency. The gates will be opened each afternoon at 2:30pm to enable families to pick up children after school, and for students to take their nearest to home exit.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Macquarie Directory

K—6 Site Ph: 6142 1550 Fax: 6142 1571

Preschool Site 6142 1570 After School Care: 0451 681 604 (Huw)  
Email: admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au  
Website: www.macquarieps.act.edu.au  
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# From our Principal Continued ...

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday saw lots of our students shopping for their dads and special men in their lives. There was great debate about value for money, consideration of what gift would be best, and talking to each other about who they were purchasing for. Stalls like this are only possible when the amazing people from the P&C give up their time and energy to make them happen. I would like to thank everyone who manned the stall and supported students to make purchases.

The P&C are hosting a community disco this Friday evening. It sounds like a fun dancing night for all. I am sorry to miss it, as I am attending a conference in Brisbane during the second half of this week. I am looking forward to our community trivia night on Friday, 21 September. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a great week.

Danielle

### Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am  
Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm  
Friday: 8.45am—9.15am

### Macquarie Primary is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Avoiding eggs, all nuts, kiwi fruit  
and all seafood.



## BRING YOUR OWN TRANSPORT (BYOT)

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

### RECEIVE THE MACQUARIE MEMO VIA E-MAIL

In working towards environmentally sustainable habits, we would love to be able to email our newsletter to you each week as a **pdf document**. If you are happy to receive the Macquarie Memo this way, please email [leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au) or contact the Front Office.

## P&C NEWS

A big THANK YOU to the amazing volunteers who helped at the Fathers' Day stall on Friday. The kids had a wonderful time choosing their gifts and I'm sure everyone had a great day yesterday.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Macquarie Primary School Trivia Night - Tickets Now Available!

You can now book tickets for our 50th Birthday Trivia Night which will be held on Friday, 21 September 2018 in the Macquarie Primary School Hall. Ordering via Flexischools can be done in four easy steps:

#### Step 1: Register or login

Go to [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au) from your computer or mobile device. Register for an account, or login if you already have one and add each of your students.

#### Step 2: Top-up

Top-up your account using VISA, Mastercard, PayPal or by direct deposit (\*some small fees apply depending on your payment method). Flexischools will email you a reminder when your account is running low.

#### Step 3: Order and Pay

Choose the 'Trivia Night 21 September 2018' option and order the number of tickets required (at \$20 per ticket). Tables are for up to 10 people.

#### Step 4: Review or Edit

You will receive an email confirmation of your order, along with your tickets. Once this email is received, please print out your tickets to bring on the night, then forward a copy of the email to [coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com) with the names of the participants you would like on your table. You can book as a group (up to 10), or as an individual and we will allocate you to a table.

### DISCO

Don't forget the Disco and sausage sizzle this Friday. See you all there!

The Macquarie Primary School P&C Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary/>



## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Stop buying bottled water - use a refillable bottle instead.

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
'Be the Best You Can Be'	LSU	Perm note ASAP
Sports Day		
Silence is Deadly	Yr 4—6 boys	Opt out note
Carey's Cave	Yr 4/5	Perm & payment by 5/9

## BELCONNEN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who represented themselves and the school with distinction at the Belconnen Zone Athletics Carnival last Tuesday. On a beautiful sunny (but somewhat cool) day, there were a number of outstanding performances across a range of events. We congratulate the students whose efforts placed them in the top 10 for the district. A very special congratulations to Rowan whose top 4 results qualify her for the ACT Schools Athletics championships in September.

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE — STAFF MEMBERS

This is my 9th year teaching, 6 of these here at Macquarie. I've had both my children since teaching at Macquarie, who are 5 years and 16 months old. My eldest currently attends Macquarie Preschool, or 'Wayde's Preschool,' as he calls it.

Macquarie is a special place to me and I view the team as my work family. I enjoy opportunities to mentor early career teachers and Macquarie has always had a strong connection with Canberra University, bringing bursts of new energy which is a good thing.

I have a background in Performing Arts and am passionate about stretching students' minds and experiences through dance and drama to explore narratives, conceptual understandings and express ideas.

The absolute highlight of my job is working with the unique little people that make up my class each year and witnessing their learning flourish and maturity grow. In the spirit of always growing professionally, I'm a part of the School Board this year, which brings opportunities and insights for collaboration and developing our school further.

### ***Ami***

Hi, my name is Karen and this year I have the privilege of teaching 1/2T. This is my 14<sup>th</sup> year of teaching and my second year at Macquarie. I have had the opportunity to work in many different school settings, both here in Australia and overseas in London. I have always wanted to be a teacher, and started my career very early in life by teaching my tiddies at age 4. So it was no shock to my family when I embarked on the journey to become a teacher at the University of Canberra. I consider myself incredibly lucky to do what I love every day, and even more grateful to be a part of this wonderful community.

I have a passion for all things literacy and numeracy. I am an avid reader and my collection of picture books rivals that of our school library. My favourite pass time is to curl up with a good book and a nice cup of tea. So I always endeavour to pass on this love of reading to my students.

When the position on the board became available this term, I jumped at the chance to join so that I could gain further insights about and work with our wonderful community. I look forward to continuing to collaborate and connect further with our community.

### ***Karen***

## STUDENT INJURY

### Insurance and Ambulance Transport

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school organised activity/excursion you should therefore consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service provides free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school organised activity within the ACT.