

## Dates for the Diary

**Tue 31 July**  
UNSW ICAS — English (for students who have paid)

**Wed 1 Aug**  
Assembly & Farewell for Mrs Hawkins

**Thurs 2 Aug**  
NAIDOC Activities  
Birds & the Bees

**Fri 3 July**  
Limelight Practice

**Mon 6 — Fri 10 Aug**  
Swimming Program

**Tue 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,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had an opportunity for a rest and refresh over the school holidays. I had a few days on the northern NSW coast watching my son play rugby league for the ACT. I really appreciated the opportunity to escape the cold. I am glad to be back at school and see everyone ready for a term of learning experiences.

### STAFFING NEWS

As you know there have been a few changes to our staff including changing roles for some people. I would like to congratulate Brooke who has been successful in winning a higher duties opportunity for the first 5 weeks of this term leading the junior team. Please welcome Helen who will be teaching both 6B and 6GW to enable Brooke and Jim to complete their executive teacher roles during this time. I would also like to welcome Cynan to 3S for the rest of this year to replace Chloe while she is on her overseas adventures. Finally, a big welcome to Kristine, our new Business Manager for Term 3, who joins us from Lake G.

We quickly said goodbye to Mrs Hawkins at the end of last term with her successful transfer to Bonython Primary School. While we know it will suit her to be closer to home, we are very sad to see her go and we will celebrate her contributions to Macquarie over the past 11 years at our first assembly this term to be held on Wednesday, 1 August. I hope to see many of you there.

### BUILDING MAINTANENCE

During the holidays we were able to get 2 of our classrooms painted. Over the coming months we will be working on a maintenance plan to ensure all classrooms are repainted over the next couple of years. The rooms look bigger and brighter after their fresh coat of paint (see the before and after photos over the page).

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Macquarie Directory

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Preschool Site 6142 1570 After School Care: 0451 681 604 (Huw)

Email: [admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au)

Website: [www.macquarieps.act.edu.au](http://www.macquarieps.act.edu.au)

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

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Board Chair: Mark Roddam

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3V before ...



... and after



3S was repainted too!



Part of having an orderly learning environment is having a clean, calm and well maintained space to learn in.

Have a great week.

**Danielle**

## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS



An electric blanket or hot water bottle use a lot less energy than trying to heat your whole bedroom.

## The Deputy's Desk

Hello Macquarie Community,

Although I've met some parents and students already, I thought it might be useful to share some information about myself as I take on the role of Deputy Principal here at Macquarie Primary School.

I've been an educator for the past 20 years in a number of systems including the ACT, Northern Territory and for 3 years in the United Kingdom. I've really enjoyed the diversity of what a career in education has brought me.

Before coming to Macquarie I was the Deputy Principal of the Network Student Engagement Team (NSET) in Belconnen and previous to that, Tuggeranong. This was a great opportunity for me to work with over 40 Principals across our system and gain insight into the quality work occurring and the range of support systems for students.

I was Deputy Principal at Harrison School prior to NSET. Another challenging role as I worked in Years 5 – 10. I spent 6 years at Harrison in various roles. Probably my most satisfying role was the teaching and learning coach. This role involved working with teachers and executive staff from P-10 on effective teaching strategies with a specific focus on literacy.

Apart from being a passionate educator I am also a mother to 2 primary aged boys. We live on a small acreage and have some sheep, chickens and 2 dogs. I spend every possible moment in my garden where we've established an orchard and enough vegetable beds to feed an army.

I look forward to learning more about your children and the Macquarie community. I am really excited to be part of your child's education journey and look forward to meeting you in the near future.

**Jodie Rowell**  
**Deputy Principal**

## P&C NEWS

We have been given the opportunity to host a Bunnings Belconnen BBQ on Monday, 1 October 2018 between 9am – 4pm. Given this date is the Monday of a long weekend and the start of the school holidays, we need to see if we will have enough volunteers to run the BBQ before we commit. Therefore, can you please send an email to [coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com) to advise if you are free during that day. We won't be able to run the BBQ without your help and support!

We will also host a Trivia Night at Macquarie on Friday, 21 September and need prizes for the night. If you are able to offer a donation, or can source a donation from a local business, please send an email to [coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:coms.macquariepandc@gmail.com)

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

## Community Notices

NSW & ACT 2018  
**THREATENED SPECIES  
 CHILDREN'S  
 ART  
 COMPETITION**

Children 5-12 years are invited to create their own artworks on a threatened plant or animal in NSW or the ACT and enter online between June 4 and August 3.

50 finalists' works will be announced in August and hung in an exhibition in September 2018.

Turn over for more details.

**WIN...**

great prizes including, gift cards, art supplies, books, family zoo passes

**AND MORE...**



### Kids' Conference 2018 Workshop

Calling all interested Kids' Conference 2018 presenters. Bring your Science, Geography, History or English ideas and teachers to a Facilitators / Presenters workshop.

Proudly hosted by MoAD (Museum of Australian Democracy, Canberra) with Cultural Infusion

Tuesday 14th August 2018 - 12.00pm to 4.00pm

MoAD  
 18 King George Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600

Stephen Spain Kids' Conference Convenor: stephenspain@kidsconference.com.au

Teachers / Facilitators must register students and themselves by 31st July 2018:

Register Here:

<https://www.moadoph.gov.au/events/>

*"The real way to energise education, to engage young people properly in education and to prepare them for the world they live in, is to promote forms of education that celebrate curiosity, imagination and creative problem-solving - and that's really what the Kids' Conference is about," Sir Ken Robinson speaking at the Kids' Conference 2015*



## HOMESTAY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDYING IN CANBERRA HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES NEED HOST FAMILIES.

This is a unique opportunity to participate in cultural exchange. Suitable host families will be reimbursed up to \$300 per week.

For more info and applications, contact the Homestay Coordinator, International Education Unit, ACT Education Directorate on [ieu@act.gov.au](mailto:ieu@act.gov.au) or 6205 9194

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### 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.