

## Dates for the Diary

Mon 6 — Fri 10 Aug  
Swimming Program

Thur 9 Aug  
ACT Oztag Gala Day

Fri 10 Aug  
Athletics Carnival Ribbon  
Presentation

Mon 13 — Fri 17 Aug  
Science Week

Mon 13 Aug  
Board Meeting  
Combined Band Practice

Tue 14 Aug  
UNSW ICAS Competition

Wed 15 Aug  
Assembly

## Reminders

**Friday, 10 August**  
Athletics Carnival Ribbon  
Presentation  
All welcome



Book Club orders for Issue 5  
close on Friday, 10 August



## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Gosh we have had a busy week. We have participated in lots of learning experiences, and are well into our Term 3 inquiries and are beginning to feel like winter might be coming to a close.

### STAFF LEARNING

We participated in our next session with Steve from the University of Canberra on Wednesday to support staff in their ongoing development of their own inquiry this year. Steve assisted us in reflecting where we are up to, what's working and what's not, and how to move forward. This ongoing learning support for teachers is invaluable in supporting us to go deeper with our inquiries.

Last Thursday afternoon teaching staff participated in an interactive workshop presented by our very own Pip, professional drama teacher extraordinaire. We thoroughly enjoyed getting into character, interviewing each other (in character of course) and developing our process drama skills. Pip is helping us begin to develop our pieces for the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday arts extravaganza towards the end of the year.

### COMMUNITY LEARNING

Thursday evening saw the second 'Birds and the Bees' session held for families about bodies, consent and being safe. All participants found the session informative and relevant. We were lucky to have Aga present to us. She works for Sexual Health and Family Planning as an educator, and as a member of our community really knows first-hand how to talk with our children about these important concepts. The third and final session this year, aimed at families with older children will be held on Thursday, 23 August. I hope to see many of you there.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

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## From our Principal Continued ...

### CELEBRATING NAIDOC

Due to NAIDOC being held in the school holidays, Macquarie celebrated it on Thursday with multi-age groups of students participating in a variety of cultural and artistic experiences. There was dancing, viewing, playing games, making games, painting, weaving and even cooking damper on a real fire. As I wandered around the groups I noticed children helping and supporting each other, collaborating, investigating and experiencing. There are lots of photos of the day cycling through on the TV in the Front Office. I would like to especially thank Bridget and Emma for giving their time and skills to support our day.

### AQUA SAFE

The Year 2 students are swimming daily this week. It is a busy time, so just reminding everyone that letting us know if your child will be away supports the teachers when groupings are changed around.

Have a great week.

*Danielle*

## P&C NEWS

### P&C MEETING

**Change of date - P&C Meeting: Thursday, 16 August**

For Terms 3 and 4, the P&C have decided to hold one meeting per term in Week 4. For Term 3, the P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday, 16 August. We look forward to seeing you there.

### BUNNINGS BBQ

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!



### TRIVIA NIGHT

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/>

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

The results from our recent athletics carnival will be posted on the noticeboard in the Brindabella building today. Please also join us in the Hall on Friday when we will present ribbons to students.



## WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

13—17 August 2018

Families are welcome to walk or ride to school with a group of community members from the following locations on Friday, 17 August.

Cook Shops @ 8:30am  
Macquarie Shops @ 8:45am

For further information, please contact Faith Bentley.



COSTUME PARADE

## BOOK WEEK PARADE

Friday, 24 August

Book Week will be held from 20—24 August (Week 5). Dress up as your favourite storybook character and join us for our annual Book Week Parade.

Keep an eye out for all the activities to come.

## PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Cohen who commenced in 3S today.



## SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Walk, ride a bike or use public transport to work, school and the shops.

### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Combined Band Practice	Yr 6	Perm ASAP
Tennis Competition	Selected students	Perm ASAP
CMAG	Preschool	Perm & payment ASAP
Oz Tag Gala Day	Yrs 3—6	Perm & payment by 7/8
Botanic Gardens	Kindergarten	Perm & payment by 9/8
Carey's Cave	Yr 4/5	Perm & payment by 5/9

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

**Name:** Mark  
**Position:** Chair

I have two children at Macquarie. This is my second year on the School Board and it's a great way to contribute to the school. Together with Janet and Sarah we are the P&C representatives on the School Board. The role of the School Board is to support Danielle in setting the strategic direction and priorities for the school, monitoring school performance, developing and reviewing the curriculum and approving the school's budget and managing financial risk. If you have any questions about the Board or any matters you would like raised at Board meetings, please feel free to email me at [mfroddam@bigpond.com](mailto:mfroddam@bigpond.com). Minutes from Board meetings are available at the Front Office for anyone who is interested.

**Name:** Janet  
**Position:** Parent representative

I've lived in Macquarie for 17 years – before that, in many other places around Canberra, in Auckland and Sydney. My partner Joe and I have two kids.

In my working life I have been a scientist, a lawyer and a senior academic. In 2011 I changed careers to become a professional development coach and for the past five years I have run my own international micro-business from my home office in Macquarie.

Joe and I have been members of the Macquarie school community as volunteers since before we had kids at the school. I did classroom reading with several groups of children, now much bigger than when I knew them! For the past few years Joe, a physicist, has worked with Year 5 and 6 teachers to deliver maths extension. We both care a lot about our local school, not just as an educational institution, but as a social hub where people can form the kinds of meaningful connections that make a real community.

I joined the Board in order to share more deeply in the educational journeys of the families around us. I also wanted to help support the staff who play such important roles in our children's lives. This is my first year as a Board member – a year of celebration and change for Macquarie as the school turns 50 and welcomes a new principal, deputy and other team members. It's an opportunity to help channel the voices of our community into decisions that shape the present and future of our kids and our local area.

**Name:** Sarah  
**Position:** Parent representative

I have two kids at Macquarie. My family appreciate the inclusive and relaxed community at Macquarie. I enjoy helping out at school including in my kid's classrooms as well as through the P&C and on the school Board. I have a background in communications and international relations. I like to write and draw and I'm also a keen photographer.

### **Uniform Shop — Opening Hours**

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

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

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ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

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