

Dates for the Diary

Wed 5 April
Assembly including
Citizenship Awards

Wed 5 — Fri 7 April
The Tops Camp

Fri 7 April
Mt Painter Excursion
POSTPONED

Skyzone Excursion
LAST DAY TERM 1

Wed 26 April
FIRST DAY TERM 2

Fri 5 May
Athletics Carnival

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

It really doesn't seem possible for 9 weeks to have passed already in the 2017 school year, until we reflect on the calendar and all of the achievements we have made so far.

Establishing class and team communities has been a focus of our rewarding work this term, as students, staff and families put the values of kindness, acceptance, respect and responsibility into action. We congratulate our Year 2 and 3 students for bringing these dispositions to their Warrambui Day Camp experience last Friday.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Our senior students, staff and volunteers are gearing up for their three day visit to The Tops Camp at Stanwell Tops this week. This adventure will provide our students with opportunities to put many of their insights about creating sustainable communities to the test. The Tops staff have been guided by our education team to ensure they engage in pursuits that will require teamwork, collaboration and responsibility.

We thank the managers and education staff at The Tops for enabling us to make the most of this well equipped outdoor learning environment.

STAFFING NEWS

We are excited to be planning for the return of Sami and Suze, as their babies, Callum and Esme are settling into new routines.

Suze and Sami will be working with Year 3G students next term. Kate is looking forward to continuing her leadership focus across the 2/3 cohort, and teaching aspects of the 2/3 and 4/5 programs.

This change brings the end of Jordan temporary position at Macquarie, although we are confident he will continue to support our programs until he heads to London for his next teaching position.

PRESERVICE TEACHER UPDATE

During the holiday period our work continues with preservice teachers from the University of Canberra who have been part of literacy clinics across our Year 2 and 6 classes this term. A number of Macquarie teachers are looking forward to engaging in tutorials alongside these students and our academic advisor, Tessa as we strengthen our understanding of contemporary approaches to supporting Spelling.

We thank Amanda, our Initial Teacher Education Coordinator for enabling such valuable learning, and our education team, who model the habit of lifelong learning.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday break.

Wendy Cave
Principal

Last week we saw examples of special effort from:

Alex , Amalie
Samantha, Io,
& Annie

For the intriguing art
installation on the
fence



Office Hours
Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

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YEAR 6 CAPTAINS GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Thursday, 30 March the Year 6 school captains went off to the AIS for the GRIP Leadership Conference. We learnt about leadership and began to develop some ideas that we can put into action to build the sustainability of our community as our next I-Time project. We also discussed the 4 expectations of responsibility, role modelling, trust, responding to the needs of others and developing our own strengths. We were encouraged to think about ideas outside the box and that we are sometimes limited because we think we are not allowed to do things. We look forward to sharing these box ideas with you all when we get back from camp!

Taylor, Jada, Ayden, Jamie and Amalie

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

In keeping with ACT Government Policy, we remind families who walk their dogs to school to arrange a meeting and drop off spot outside of the school boundary. For more information, go to http://www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets/keeping_dogs_in_the_act/where_can_i_take_my_dog

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

With just one more week remaining until the holiday break, it is time to reflect on Term 1 2017. Teachers engage in a feedback process at the end of each term, and we also gather thoughts from our community through the *Two Stars and a Wish* process. Stars are for the positive attributes about Macquarie and wishes are for areas you'd like to see us working on.

We hope you can find a little time to share your ideas on the feedback slip below.

Broad ranging feedback and student performance data contributes to our annual School Review process. Analysis of our practices using the *National Tool for School Improvement*, the *National Safe Schools Framework*, and the *National Quality Standard* for Preschools is an ongoing process for the education team. You may be interested in looking at these support documents online, to frame feedback that we welcome at any time.



YOUR FEEDBACK AND VIEWS

Please share 2 things that you value about Macquarie Primary (stars) and 1 area you would like to see improved (wish).



Name: _____ Contact No: _____

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION TO MOUNT PAINTER — POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Kindergarten excursion to Mount Painter has been postponed until Term 2. Permission notes will be sent home when a new date has been confirmed.

REMINDERS

Wednesday, 5 April

Assembly including Citizenship Awards

ACTIVE STREETS

Thank you for considering alternative drop off points for students who travel to and from school by car. Walking part way encourages active lifestyle habits.

Please consider our neighbours and the environment when collecting students from our nearby streets, by parking kerbside rather than on verges or nature strips.

CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to our Year 1 students for hosting an impressive and entertaining assembly with confidence and flair.



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Reams of paper are often bound by a non-recyclable plastic cover

NOTES HOME

| EVENT DETAILS | YR GROUP | DATE DUE BACK |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| Authorisation to release information for school photos | All students | ASAP |
| General medical Information & consent form | All students | ASAP |
| Camp—The Tops | Yr 6 | All notes & payment ASAP |
| Year 6 Shirts | Yr 6 | Order & payment ASAP |
| Excursion—Skyzone | Yr 4/5 | Perm & payment ASAP |
| Athletics Carnival | All families | Perm note ASAP |

PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Supported by Parentline ACT

Learn respectful communication skills, to help develop a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, and resilient children (without the use of punishment or reward). P.E.T helps children and parents become emotionally intelligent, confident and considerate. The course is powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.

For more information: visit www.parentskills.com.au; read [P.E.T. on a Page](#); and join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community. *The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Bookings are essential. \$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).*

Course begins: Monday, 1 May 2017 (minimum number of participants required)

Time: 6.30pm—9.45pm

Place: Weston

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa Dann, Canberra's most experienced P.E.T. instructor.

Resource blogs: www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa;

Contact: info@parentskills.com.au

Community Notices



Kippax Kids

Holiday Happenings

for Primary aged children

presented at

Kippax Uniting Community Centre

Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)

10 am - 2 pm

Thursday April 13th & 20th 2017

Different craft, games, stories and activities
each day



Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more
in a family (covers craft, morning tea and drinks).

BYO lunch and hat.

Bookings essential - 6254 1733

An activity of Kippax Uniting Church



MACQUARIE PEE RHEE CLASSES

We are currently taking registrations for this new class! If you are aged between 4—6 years please contact Sabum Stephen. At this stage, subject to numbers, we propose to start on Tuesday, 4 April 2017.

WHEN Tuesdays at 6 – 6.30pm

WHERE Macquarie Primary School Hall, Bennelong Crescent, Macquarie

WHAT TO

WEAR/BRING: Tracks/shorts & t-shirt, a drink bottle (we train in bare feet).

COST \$60 per month.

Sabum Stephen: sejw92@gmail.com or 0432799986

Further information is available at rheect.com.au

All Rhee Taekwon-do instructors have "Working with Vulnerable People" accreditation.

COME AND TRY DAY
Tag20
ABSOLUTELY FREE!
COME AND TRY TAG20
8th April - Weetangera playing fields
11:00 - 15:00
FREE BBQ, DRINKS AND GAMES FOR ALL AGES
BRING A FRIEND AND SEE WHAT THIS FAST GROWING GAME IS ALL ABOUT

HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS- BELCONNEN TENNIS CLUB -8.30AM-5.30PM

APRIL 10TH -13TH & 18TH -21ST Group tennis lessons, games, arts, crafts, quizzes, indoor games, table tennis, movie.

Cost \$100 per day or \$300 for 4 days. Limit 20 per day. Ages 8yr to 13yr.

Jamison -opposite Big Splash

Jeff Gray - Belconnen Head Coach

BOOK NOW Email:- tennis@btccoaching.com or

Phone: 0411041470