

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 27 February

Kindergarten home reading information session 3:15pm

Friday 28 February

School Clean Up Day 2pm

Red Gums, Silver Dollar Gums & Snow Gums to Hall School Museum

Thursday 5 March

Swimming Carnival

Monday 9 March

Canberra Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 10 March

Wonderbook 8:30am

Wednesday 11 March

Assembly hosted by Desert Roses

Tuesday 17 March

Preschool photo day

Thursday 19 March

Whole school photo day

From our Deputy

This week the Eucalypts have been to the Hall School Museum and Heritage Centre. Students participated in activities to explore what it was like to be a student at a small rural school in the past. This excursion supports their history inquiry – How has school changed over time?

The year five band placements have been offered and we ran an information session for parents this week. Year 5 band will start next week – please return letters of acceptance as soon as possible so we can fill any places should families choose not to participate in band. Year 6 band has started lessons again and have received two new pieces to practise. Please check band students' journals where we ask them to write their homework tasks and initial as your child completes those tasks. Band days are Tuesday and Thursday this year. Band fee notes will be sent home soon.

Next week, on Thursday 5 March, we are having our annual swimming carnival at Big Splash for years 2-6. For children who have returned permission notes, parents will need to drop their children to the pool where teachers will meet them at **8.45am**. Those in **before school care** will leave school at 8.25 and walk with teachers to the pool. Please make sure your child is at before school care before 8.25 to walk with staff to the pool. All children need a **t-shirt or rashie** and will not be swimming without one. Students also require a sunsmart **hat** that must be worn any time they are not in the pool. **Sunscreen** will be available, but we recommend students bring their own to apply regularly throughout the day. Pack extra food as children can be very hungry after all the activity. Parents may pick up children from the pool but please remember to sign them out at the first aid table before leaving. As we walk back to school after the carnival, we ask that children pack a **pair of covered shoes** for the trek. Acacias and Eucalypts (year 1s) will have a water fun day here at school.

On Friday we will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day from 2pm. Children will work in designated areas to beautify our school playground and take action to reduce our impact. We encourage bringing gloves, tongs and buckets to collect waste.

We continue to talk with students about our journey to implement Positive Behaviours for Learning and the school values. This week we are exploring what symbolises us as a community and how can people easily identify Macquarie Primary School. We have a display at the front office that helps students understand the language that promotes excellence, persistence and integrity. Have a look with your child and talk about how we can use positive self-talk to work through challenges and overcome problems.

The staff found getting to know you interviews extremely valuable last week. Thank you for filling in the forms and coming in to chat. The information and partnership we have with families really enables us to work together and get the most out of each learning day.

Jodie

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Donations requested

If you have empty egg cartons please drop them off in the front foyer - we will be using them in art lessons.



Macquarie Primary School clean up will be held tomorrow **Friday 28 February at 2:00pm**.

Community members and students are invited to meet on the Namadgi Blacktop to collect supplies before setting out to collect rubbish from the school grounds.

We have a limited amount of gloves so we encourage you to **bring your own gloves, tongs and buckets** to collect the rubbish safely and sustainably.

Breakfast club starts tomorrow Friday 28 February in the canteen area.

Come by for some Weetbix and a piece of toast.



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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Four nominations have been received for parent members of our school board. As only two vacancies are available an election is required to select the parent members of the school board.

Nominees are listed below together with a brief statement outlining their reasons for seeking an appointment to the board.

All members of our parent community are welcome to vote in the election.

Ballot papers and voting instructions are available at the front office. Voting period opens on **Monday 24 February** and closes at **11am Monday 2 March**.

David Momcilovic

I have lived in Macquarie for 14 years and I love this community. I am proud that my son attends Macquarie Primary and is thriving at the school. I can make a positive contribution as I have worked on other boards, I am always open to collaboration and a new idea, and I know how to deal with budgets and make tough decisions. The biggest thing we have to do is work together to promote a culture of unity and support for the district and school community. I am passionate about closing the opportunity gap and helping students and families who are facing difficulties. If I am elected, I will actively engage with the community to build trust and make sure that the board has timely and accurate information for making its decisions. It would be a privilege to serve on the school board to help positively impact students and community.

Leah Ashley

I am really keen to work in partnership with the rest of the school community to help Macquarie Primary School to continue to focus on what is good for the school and students now, and position itself well going forward. My daughter is in Year 1, having had two great years in pre-school and kindy at Macquarie, so I've had good experience with the school and am also invested in it for the future. In my professional life I have run boards and committees through work, and have a lot of experience with strategic policy, finances and risk management, so I have some useful skills to bring to the position. I'd love the chance to be involved in this way with the school!

Sander de Vries

Our family is very committed to the South Belconnen area, having lived here for more than 12 years. Recently, we've enjoyed being part of the MPS community and want to support it where we can. I nominated for the board because I think I can be a great addition to it.

Over the past 12 years, I've been working as an Architect on many different school projects, ranging from capital upgrades work to whole new buildings. I've designed a multi storey junior school with a slide (the first in Canberra) and most recently the 300 student school building for the Gold Creek Junior School. Outside of work, I'm also very active for the Institute of Architects as a Chapter Councilor, and as the chair of the Local and National Practice Committee of the same AIA.

I would love to represent the parent cohort on the MPS Board.

Christie Horsfield

I wish to nominate for a parent representative position on the Board as I am passionate about developing opportunities for our school community. I have been fortunate to have been involved in Macquarie Primary Schools P&C for the last eight years, including 3 years as President, assisting with canteen; co-ordinating many fundraising and social events for the school community; updating our constitution; and introducing processes to ensure the P&C was compliant with relevant legislations.

I believe the opportunity to assist the school in a board capacity is certainly a way I can continue to contribute in a meaningful manner. I am a strong supporter of the public education system and the rights of all children to have access to a quality education.

The skills that I offer the board are drawn from my 15 years in the Human Resources industry in business analytics, governance, project management and mental health. I am confident at solving problems and thinking outside the box to find solutions. In addition to my professional acumen I have built a wealth of experience in dealing with people on all levels and different nationalities and bring an ability to effectively communicate information and ideas. I can also provide my insight into strategic planning with a proven ability to identify and quantify key goals and required actions.

I am truly proud to be a part of the Macquarie Primary family and am pleased that Gemma and Callum attend this great community focused school. By becoming a parent representative on the school board for the next two years I believe I offer an enthusiastic and professional advocate for the school community.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Did you know?

We made a net profit of \$4,594 last year.

We donated \$8,291 to the school for the playground musical instruments.

The uniform shop sold 1,055 items of clothing last year including 162 polo shirts and 138 hats.

There were 2,574 canteen orders and year 1 and 2 classes placed the most orders in 2019.

Our Walk-A-Thon last year raised \$4,239.

More information about these, and the other, P&C activities and achievements from last year is available in our various annual reports. Please email macquariepandc@gmail.com if you would like to read any of them.

The first meeting of 2020 was held on Wednesday and we'll report in next week's newsletter what was discussed.

Your P&C needs you.

The uniform shop needs volunteers to help with short shifts on Monday and Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

The P&C also needs another Vice President, Secretary and Canteen/Special Lunch Coordinator. None of the roles require a huge time investment—just a little each week to help keep our P&C working well. Please contact us via macquariepandc@gmail.com for more information.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop is open at the following times:

8:45–9:15am Monday and Friday

3–3:30pm on Wednesday.

Orders can also be made through the Flexischools app. Contact the Front Office if you would like more information about Flexischools.

Canteen is here

Don't forget that the canteen is open for Friday orders, so be sure to get your orders in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of **8.30am each Friday morning**.

Orders are accepted via Flexischools only (sorry, no cash orders). Information about Flexischools and the canteen, including the menu, is available from the front office. The canteen menu is also available on the Macquarie Primary School website.

Uniform Shop Volunteers

Can you give a small amount of time each week? The Uniform Shop needs volunteers for the following times:

8:45–9:15am Monday and Friday

3–3:30pm on Wednesday.

Brendan Ding


P&C President

CELEBRATE HARMONY DAY

To celebrate Harmony Day 2020 everyone is encouraged to wear something orange on **Wednesday, 18 March**. The P&C is selling orange polo shirts.

If you would like to order a polo shirt for your child/ren, please use the *Flexischools app* (once logged in, go to the Uniform Shop).

Orders for polo shirts must be in by **Friday, 6 March 2020** to allow for shipping.

T-shirt (sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14Y and 16Y available).	\$12.00	
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* Image supplied is a sample and provides an indication only.

Size guide

To Fit	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y
Height (cm)	108	120	130	140	150	160	170
Chest (cm)	60	64	68	72	76	80	86

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
COMMUNITY SELECTED PROJECTS WITHIN THE SCHOOL.**

MACQUARIE COMMUNITY NETBALL TEAM

If your child (girl or boy) from year 2-6 is interested in playing Saturday morning Netball this year, please pick up an application form from the School Office. These must be returned by Friday 28 February 2020.

LIBRARY NEWS

Do you have any plastic or cloth bags at home that we could use as spare library bags? We would love to take your donations to keep in the library. We find that having a library bag is the best way to protect our books and prevent them from being lost. Library bags can be any material and size, as long as they are clean.

Scrap paper is another resource that we are always running short of. If your workplace ever has any non-confidential paper headed for recycling we would love for you to donate it to our library for the children to draw on!

Please remember the library is open for families from 8.30 every day except Wednesday. You might like to have a family library membership so you can borrow books for home; forms are available in the library and at the front office.

SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES

Keep an eye out for your child's order form envelope today. If you would like a sibling envelope please collect from the front office. After purchasing individual packs for each child a siblings photo pack of your choice will be free.

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

All notes are available on our school [website](#)

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2020 Stationery supplies	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Kindergarten health check	Kindergarten	ASAP
Student information check sheet	All students	ASAP
Medical Information and consent form	All students	ASAP
Mt Painter excursion	Acacias	Tuesday 24 March

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Option1: Electronic Funds transfer

Account Name:	Macquarie Primary School Management Account
BSB Number:	032 777
Account Number:	001586
Use reference:	<i>Child's Surname</i> EXCURSION NAME

Option 2: Quickweb

Go to our school website and follow the prompts on the payment page	
Use reference:	<i>Child's Surname</i> EXCURSION NAME

Option 3: Cash or cheque paid directly to the Front Office in a sealed envelope labelled with your family name.

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts and soft shell crab.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

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

Library

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

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
Phone preschool:	02 6142 1570	Deputy Principal	Jodie Rowell	jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au
Email:	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (P-Yr2)	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
Website:	www.macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (Yr3-6)	Veronique Canellas	veronique.canellas@ed.act.edu.au
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary	Business Manager	Ann Walker	ann.walker@ed.act.edu.au
P&C President	Brendan Ding	Board Chair	Janet Hope	janetehope@gmail.com
	macquariepandc@gmail.com			

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Piano Lessons

Piano teacher in the local
Belconnen area.

Craig Mewett

All ages and all styles.

Beginners welcome.

Ph. (02) 6278 7382.

Mob. 0409 151 887.



FREE CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

6287 3833 9AM-5PM



After School Club Term 1 2020



Belconnen
Community
Service

Engaging and fun after school classes for children



FunART

Forget the screens, this is a creative hands-on workshop to inspire imagination and creativity for children aged 8-12 years

Dates: 04/03/20 to 08/04/2020 (6 weeks)

Day & Time: Wednesdays, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Cost: \$210.00 per child (includes all materials)

Music Maker

Build instruments, create music and explore sound in a friendly environment for children aged 6-12 years

Dates: 03/03/20 to 07/04/20 (6 weeks)

Day & Time: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Cost: \$180.00 per child (includes all materials)

Junior Gym

Have fun and get fit in this specially tailored (no weights) gym program for children aged 8-12 years

Dates: 05/03/20 to 09/04/20 (6 weeks)

Day & Time: Thursdays, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Cost: \$90.00 per child

Music and Movement

Build social skills and confidence in this fun non-competitive dance program for children aged 8-12 years

Dates: 05/03/20 to 09/04/20 (6 weeks)

Day & Time: Thursdays, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Cost: \$150.00 per child

An Application to Enrol form must be completed to register your interest for this program.

Payment must be received in full prior to attending the first session. Pay at Reception or by phone 6264 0200.



Belconnen Community Service | Swanson Court, Belconnen

02 6264 0200 | bcs@bcsact.com.au | www.bcsact.com.au | [f/bcsact](https://www.facebook.com/bcsact) | [@bcsact](https://twitter.com/bcsact)

Enrolment forms
are available at the
front office

COMMUNITY NOTICES



YOUNG ENGINEERS
Build Your Tomorrow. Today!

Where
Griffith Community Center

Time
3.30pm to 4.30pm

When
Saturday Workshop
14th March
21st March
28th March
4th April

Where
Belconnen Community Center

Time
10.30am to 11.45am

When
Sunday Workshop
15th March
22nd March
29th March
5th April

BRICKS CHALLENGE
Weekend Program

Be part of our
Mini Innovators Club
today!

Registration now open
Limited seats available

Contact us: Phone :0490808138 | Email: canberra@young-engineers.com.au
www.youngengineers.net
f Young Engineers, Canberra

FREE KIDS BUSH DANCE - SATURDAY 28 MARCH

The Monaro Folk Society is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of musical events in Canberra

We are hosting a special free day at Yarralumla Woolshed showcasing our activities.

This includes a Kids Bush Dance between 12.30 and 2.00pm

For info see: www.monarofolk.org.au/kids-bush-dances

Belsouth Football Club

Girls Needed to Play Under 10s in 2020

Macquarie Primary School is one of the schools in Belsouth Football Club's catchment area and many of the students play for the club.

Belsouth are seeking more girls to play this season. In the under 10s we have a few places still available and we are very keen to sign up more players. If your daughter is interested, please register online as soon as possible.

Belsouth's motto is 'Fun, Football and Family' and it's a great club to be part of. To find out more about the club and all their junior football programs visit:

<https://belsouthfootball.club/>

