

Dates for the Diary

Fri 7 Dec

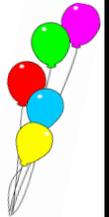
Kenny Koala
ACTION Bus Wash
50th Birthday Arts Showcase &
Book Launch

Wed 12 Dec

Assembly

50th Birthday Celebrations **Friday, 7 December 2018**

Bring a picnic dinner, or buy a sausage and dessert from the P&C BBQ and dessert bar
50th Anniversary Book Launch
Roaming Arts Showcase (across the whole school grounds)
Year 6 raffle drawn followed by time capsule re-sealing



From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

CHRISTMAS CHARITY

Each year Belconnen Community Service provides over 150 hampers for families, individuals and young people in the Belconnen Community who are struggling to make ends meet. The ability for BCS to provide these hampers is only possible through donations from our broader Belconnen community.

Hampers usually contain small gifts, Christmas treats and decorations. This year the Macquarie Primary School community has been asked to consider donating to the Belconnen Christmas Tree Appeal. Some examples of items to donate include:

- children's toys and gifts;
- sports equipment for all ages;
- Christmas Day food and treats;
- homewares;
- board games and puzzles;
- family passes to local summer attractions (movies, Big Splash, etc);
- stationery; and
- gift cards for participants to make purchases of their own (especially teenagers).

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

If you would like to donate, Jess will take receipt of them for us to pass onto BCS.

Macquarie Directory

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From our Principal Continued ...

STAFFING NEWS

This year we will farewell the following staff: Jim, who has won a promotion at Amaroo School. Rebecca, Faith and Stephanie who are moving to Ainslie School, and Justine, Sarah and Lianne who are moving to Margaret Hendry School. I am sure you join me in thanking these wonderful educators for their contributions during their time at Macquarie and wish them well for their future endeavours.

We are welcoming the following new staff to Macquarie next year: Mary-ann from Telopea Park School, Rebecca from Majura Primary School, Kylie from Maribryngong Primary School and Pamela from Harrison.

This leads me to teaching placements for 2019. At this point the following will be the structure:

Preschool	Wayde, Sharni and Kerri
Kindergarten	Monique, Karen and Andrea Rowley
Years 1/2	Maree, Tarni, Patrick, Mary-ann & Brooke
Years 3/4	Ami, Melanie, Kylie and Reannon
Years 5/6	Ross, Rebecca with a new teacher to be secured.
LSU	Meg
Library	Pamela

I am pleased to announce that Jodie and Stacey will be staying with us permanently. Stacey will lead the preschool—year 2 team and when we appoint a new executive teacher that person will lead the 3—6 team.

SCHOOL SAFETY

I would like to remind you that we have a staff member on duty from 8:45am each day. We ask that children do not play on the fixed equipment during this time unless supervised by a parent, this is to ensure student safety.

This Friday Constable Kenny Koala will visit the school to talk to students about community safety. He will visit each of the classes from years 1—6.

50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We are all really looking forward to our Arts Showcase this Friday evening. I hope to see many of you there from 5:00pm for dinner. Just a reminder of the running of the events is as follows:

Picnic or sausage sizzle and dessert bar for dinner
Commemorative book launch
Roving Arts showcase
Drawing of the year 6 raffle and re-sealing of the time capsule.

Have a great week.

Danielle

2019 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted in as school captains for 2019.

Joey, Anderson, Samantha and Sahara

We look forward to their contributions in 2019 and their commitment to our school values and making Macquarie an extraordinary place for learning.

P&C NEWS

A reminder to purchase raffle tickets from the Front Office and help support our year 6 graduation. New prizes include Brumbies hats and T-shirts. Get in quick before the tickets sell out. \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist at Friday's Arts Showcase. If you are available, please fill in the volunteers form (available from the Front Office) and place it in the P&C box.

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



LIBRARY

The library will be closed for borrowing from Friday, 7 December (week 8). It will be open for visits during week 9 and closed in week 10.

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



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Use both sides of a piece of paper – then recycle it.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
IMP application	Year 4	Action as necessary
Camp Birrigai	Year 4/5	Perm & payment ASAP
2019 Hand	K—Yr 5	ASAP
Graduation Day— Lunch & Flipout	Year 6	Perm note & payment by 7/12
Graduation Disco	Year 5	Invitation

CHIEF MINISTER'S CANBERRA GOLD AWARDS

Have you lived in Canberra for 50 years or more?

If you or someone you know has lived in Canberra for 50 years or more, then nominate now for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Awards recognise long-term residents, businesses and groups that have made an important contribution to shaping our city and community through their long-term commitment to the ACT.

Nominations close on 8 February 2019 and can be made online at act.gov.au/cbrgold

CANBERRA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know someone who acts for the good of our community? Someone doing great things in their field, who is making a difference to the lives of Canberrans? Then nominate them for the 2019 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award.

The Canberra Citizen of the Year is someone who makes an outstanding contribution to our community without expectation of remuneration or reward. They could be a researcher, a business leader, a journalist, artist, educator, an advocate for others in our community, or a leader in their field.

Nominations close on Friday, 11 January 2019 and can be made online at act.gov.au/cbrcitizen

Contact: Ian Hunter on 620 59423

Community Notices



GIVE A YOUNG CARER A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Imagine how hard it is for a child to look after a parent living with a long-term illness or disability every day. Carers ACT is calling on your school community to donate to its young carer appeal to give young people a break from caring these holidays and help them through school next year. Instead of doing schoolwork and hanging out with friends, many young carers spend their time caring, cooking, cleaning, shopping, paying bills, looking after younger siblings. They often struggle at school, have little time to themselves and are more likely to have mental health issues. Please give them a brighter future. To donate visit carersact.org.au/donate or call 6296 9900. Or why not give someone a meaningful gift this Christmas with a donation gift card and help make a lasting difference to a young carer in need.

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October 2019 Coding & Robotics Holiday Program

North and South Locations



Option 1

Scratch for Beginners
(Age 6-8)

Option 2

Design your VR World and Games Making (Age 9-11)

Option 3

Digital learning - micro bit, python+robotics (Age 11+)

Option 4

2 Days Arduino Beginner Workshop (Age 13+)

Weekend Classes Feb 2019

North - Harrison Primary
South - Woden Library

NORTH SIDE 14-16 Jan 9am-4pm
Franklin Early Childhood School, Franklin

SOUTH SIDE 17-18 & 21 Jan
10am-5pm Woden Library, Phillip

- Enrol before 31 Dec for early bird price
- Sibling, repeat student and friend
- discount of \$10 per family



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