

Dates for the Diary

Mon 25 Feb — Fri 1 March

Getting to Know you Interviews

Wed 27 Feb

Swimming Carnival

Junior Water Fun Day

Fri 1 March

Clean Up Australia Day

Kenny Koala Visit

Wed 6 March

P&C Meeting



Reminders

**CANBERRA DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Monday, 11 March

(school is closed)

Save the Date

HARMONY DAY

Thursday, 21 March

More details to come

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,

We had another busy week at Macquarie last week including holding the P&C Welcome BBQ and AGM on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to see many of our families connecting with each other over a sausage or two. The P&C AGM followed at 6:30pm. I would like to thank the 2018 committee for all their hard work and commitment during our 50th celebration year. I would especially like to thank the outgoing president, Christie for her support of our wonderful school over the past three years. Further in the newsletter you will see the new committee members for 2019. Congratulations to the new and returning members, I look forward to working closely with you this year.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AND JUNIOR WATER FUN DAY

This Wednesday we are holding our annual swimming carnival and water fun day. I am excited to see our swimmers participating on the day. Please remember that children need sun smart hats and coverings as well as a full lunch and water bottle for the day. There will be no canteen facilities available and normal school expectations about healthy food and drink apply.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

The Getting to Know You Interviews are being held this week. I hope you have been able to book a time with your child's teacher. This short interview is an opportunity to share information to enable your child's teacher to best support learning.

Have a wonderful week.

Danielle

Office Hours

Monday — Friday

8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Directory

K—6 Site Ph: 6142 1550 Fax: 6142 1571

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2019 CLASS NAMES

Class	Name
Preschool	Green group — Gurrān—cloud (Ngunnawal)
	Red group — Dyarra—stars (Ngunnawal)
KAR	Burugun - echidna (Ngunnawal)
KKT	Gula - koala (Ngunnawal)
KMD	Buru - kangaroo (Ngunnawal)
LSU	Meup Meup - lightning (Ngunnawal)
1/2BB	Tamariki - children (Maori)
1/2MS	Yurwin - strong (Ngunnawal)
1/2MC	Jooba (Navaho) - kindness; Budgiel — sea turtle (Aboriginal language)
1/2PK	Whānau (pronounced Fah-No) - family (Maori)
1/2TC	Woggabaliri — play (Ngunnawal)
3/4AG	Maliki — dingo (Aboriginal)
3/4KA	Birrigai - laughter/to laugh (Ngunnawal)
3/4MP	Gurumbul — brave/valiant (Ngunnawal)
3/4RS	Wollway - waterfall (Ngunnawal)
5/6RS	Komiti reta- maori- letters committee
5/6RG	Ohana - Hawaiian (Family)
5/6RD	Daramoolen - The Dreaming (Ngunnawal and Ngarigo)

BEFORE SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

In the interests of keeping students safe, our playground is supervised from 8:45am each morning. The black top areas are busy places at this time, and we remind students to move slowly around these spaces. Helmets must be worn by students who ride bikes, boards and scooters. We also ask students to stay off the fixed equipment unless supervised by their parents to maintain safety.

Students are encouraged to arrive close to the 9:00am bell. Families requiring early morning care may like to contact the YWCA's Before School Care Program on 0451 681 604.

SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS



Cancel magazine subscriptions, particularly if you can get the same magazine at the library.

TUNING INTO KIDS

The Tuning into Kids program has been cancelled due to a lack of participants. Those who expressed interest in the course will be contacted by the Belconnen Community Service in due course.

MACQUARIE COMMUNITY NETBALL TEAM



If your child (girl or boy) 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, 1 March 2019.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2019

Congratulations to the following students:

	<u>Captains</u>	<u>Vice Captains</u>
<i>Lachlan</i>	Awaan Ella	Issy Isaiah
<i>Bennelong</i>	Matilda Tony	Rhys Nina
<i>Redfern</i>	Tom Zara	Anna James

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE (NDA)

This year, Macquarie Primary School will recognise the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) on Friday, 15 March. Students will partake in school wide activities to promote this year's theme **Bullying. No Way! Take action every day.** On the day, we invite students to dress up in the NDA colours of light blue and orange. Keep an eye out for parent and student information cards with tips and strategies to take action against bullying

For more information, head to <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Health Checks		
Questionnaire	Kindergarten	25 Feb
Swimming Carnival	Yr 2—6	Perm & payment ASAP
Swimming Carnival Event		
Entry Sheet	Yr 2—6	Response as necessary
Student Information Sheet	All students	ASAP
Stationery Packs	All students	Payment ASAP
Information Check Sheet	All students	ASAP
Medical Information		
Consent Form	All students	ASAP
Known Medical Condition		
Response Plan	Selected students	ASAP

NEWS FROM THE PARENT & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C)

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Welcome BBQ and P&C AGM last week. It was great to see so many new and familiar faces in our playground. A big thank you to our volunteers for helping to coordinate and run the BBQ on the night. We couldn't have done it without you!

The following P&C Committee members were elected for 2019:

- President: Sheree
- Vice President: Sarah
- Treasurer: Lauren
- ACT P&C Council Delegate: Mark
- Public Officer: Sarah
- Grants Officer: Melinda
- Book Club Coordinator: Matekka
- Canteen/Special Lunch Coordinator: Stephanie
- Communications Coordinator: Melinda
- Events and Fundraising Coordinators: Christie / Fleur
- Gardens and Grounds Coordinator: Daniel
- Uniform Shop Coordinator: Stephanie

The following positions remain vacant:

- Assistant Treasurer
- Secretary
- Preschool representative

Please let us know if you're interested in helping out with any of these positions.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to last year's P&C team and all our hard-working volunteers for their time and energy throughout 2018.

P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 March (week 5).

WHAT IS THE P&C?

The P&C is open to all Macquarie Primary families and community members. We bring together parents, citizens, students and staff. The P&C is a great way to get involved with our school and have a say.

The P&C contributes to the school and students through events, fundraising, canteen, uniform shop, book club, gardens and grounds, breakfast club, special projects and more.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you have ideas, want to volunteer, or would like to know more please come along to our next meeting. Or you can leave a note in the P&C box near the Front Office or email us at macquariepandc@gmail.com

Sheree
President

DID YOU KNOW...

In 2018 the P&C organised the Welcome Picnic, student disco, parent workshops, Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, 50th birthday trivia night and a special lunch at the Athletics Carnival.

The P&C supported the school and students with bikes and safety gear, classroom musical instruments, bikes and a rope ladder for preschool, group readers, Musica Viva concert, uniforms for the netball teams and hats for our preschoolers.



MACQUARIE RUNNING CLUB

A running club will commence on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in week 5. Meet at 8.30am on the oval. The aim is to help kids develop a love of running as well as helping to improve their technique. All welcome. The club will be run by Shannon and Claire.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2019
Venue: EALD Room (off the School Library)

Parents and carers are invited to attend a *Parent Engagement Session*. Our school Psychologist, Amy Rugendyke, will provide information about social development and how to support your child to manage changes in social dynamics, challenging situations or difficulty interacting within their friendship circles. The session aims to provide parents with strategies and responses to support their child when social issues occur. This session is designed for parents of students in years 4, 5 and 6 (preteens).

For more information please contact Jodie Rowell
jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au

LIBRARIES IN THE ACT

Our public libraries are a great place to source resources and experiences. Did you know that they offer Bilingual story time? It operates during school hours, (10:30-11:30am) on particular days in different libraries across the region. They also offer free English conversation classes.

The links are listed below.

<https://plus.google.com/u/1/109987295833890768335/posts/dKuSFVv5qXx?cfem=1>

<https://www.library.act.gov.au/whats-on/programs-for-families/family-activities>

KINDERGARTEN READING WORKSHOP - SUPPORTING EARLY READERS

A reminder that the Kindergarten Reading Workshop is coming up!

Date: Monday, 4 March 2019
Where: Library

We look forward to seeing you there!



Schools
Clean Up Day



Friday 1 March


Parents/carers are invited to join students and staff of Macquarie Primary School to clean up the school grounds as part of the the national Clean Up Australia Day initiative. We will be aiming to remove as much rubbish from our school environment as possible.

When: Friday 1 March
Where : Namadgi Black Top
Time: 11:30am- 12:50pm
What to bring: hats, gloves, recycled plastic bags

For more information and to make a donation , follow this link to our school event page.

<https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/fundraiser/MacquariePS>

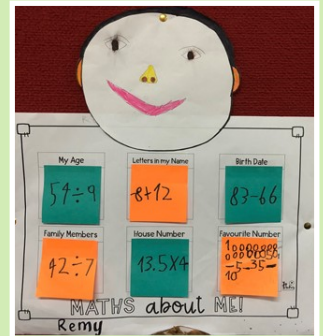
Change starts with you.



Hello everyone. Our class name is Yurwan, pronounced Yurwang. It means '**strong**' in the traditional Aboriginal language of the Ngunnawal and Gandangara peoples. Our teacher is Maree and she is happy to be called by her first name or surname. We have LSAs Denise, Kerri, Sharni, Lidiya and Jodie working with us throughout the week.



We answered a range of questions related to us: birth date, number of people in our family, favourite number etc. Then we wrote a number sentence to match the answer onto a flap. Finally we used materials to create our face. Come in and answer the number sentences.



1/2 Tamariki



Hello! We are 1/2 Tamariki. Our class name means “children” in Maori. Maori are the indigenous people of Aotearoa (New Zealand). The Maori language is one of three official languages of New Zealand (the other two being English and New Zealand Sign Language). Our teacher is Brooke and we are super lucky to also be working with LSAs Heather and Lidiya this year.



The epic hunt for Signs and Symbols

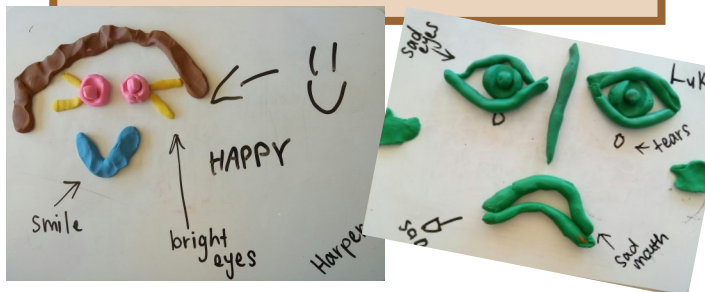
By 1/2 Tamariki

1/2 Tamariki have been thinking about different types of texts. We learnt that signs and symbols are texts. Last week we went for a walk to look for signs and symbols that are used around our school. We took lots of photos! Feel free to visit us and look through the book version of our adventure.



1/2 Woggabaliri

Hello from 1/2 Woggabaliri. Our class name means 'play' in the Ngunnawal language. The Ngunnawal language is traditional language of the Ngunnawal people. It is used within the region of the ACT, and is one of many indigenous languages used throughout Australia. Our teacher this year is Tarni and we are located in a shared space working with Patrick and his class.



1/2 Woggabaliri have been exploring our emotions. We have been thinking about how to describe our emotions, what to call our emotions, and what our emotions are for. During discovery time we had a go at portraying some emotions and using words to describe them.



1/2 Jooba Budgiel

Jooba means kindness in Navajo. **Budgiel** is said to be an Aboriginal name for a sea turtle from a popular indigenous story about a turtle, goanna and a fish.

Our teacher's name is MaryAnn. We are very excited about our year, and just like the turtle, plan to learn and discover more about our world with curiosity, creativity, courage and kindness.

This week we have been inquiring into what we like, what makes us happy and what we dream to be when we grow up.



1/2 Whānau

Kia Ora from 1/2 Whānau!
(pronounced: Fah - No)

We voted and decided on the most fitting name for our class and family was chosen. Whānau means 'family' in Maori. Maori are the indigenous people of Aotearoa (New Zealand). Our teacher is Patrick and we are in a shared space working with Tarni and her class.

1/2 Whānau and 1/2 Woggabaliri have had opportunities to engage in outdoor learning experiences. On Wednesday, 13 February we ventured around the school oval and school gates to learn about our surrounding areas and crossing roads. One afternoon, we had a STEM challenge of building the tallest tower that could support 500 grams!

