

Dates for the Diary

Tue 12 Sept
Preschool Pop Up
Gallery

Fri 15 Sept
Teaching and Learning
Information Session
Preschool Pop Up
Gallery

Sat 16 Sept
Next Steps Transition for
2018 P—Yr 2 families

Tue 19 Sept
Future of Education
Conversation

Wed 20 Sept
Learning Journey
Assembly

Thurs 21 Sept
Learning Journey

From our Acting Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather over the weekend.

FUTURE OF EDUCATION CONVERSATION

The ACT Government is currently asking for feedback about the experience of education in the ACT. They are seeking views from across the community – parents, teachers, students, graduates and school staff in order to inform a strategy about the future of education.

We would like to invite families to share with us your ideas about education in the ACT, insights you might have about your experience or the experience of someone you know. During Week 10 we will be inviting families to contribute their ideas by either answering the questions we will have up in our foyer or joining us for a conversation on Tuesday, 19 September. We will then create a submission outlining the key themes from the discussion.

If you are unable to contribute your ideas via either of these channels you can put forward your own formal submission or post something on the ACT Public Schools Facebook page. You can contribute as much or as little as you like – every piece of information is important.

For details, please visit:

<https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/futureofeducation>.

SHEEP UPDATE

We will be saying farewell to Jeffrey and Spartacus, our sheep, this week as they will need to head back to the farm for the weaning process to begin. While we will be very sad to see them go, I know their presence at school has led to some very memorable and authentic learning experiences.

I would like to thank the Arnold family for their support with this exciting initiative and the Early Years Team, led by Amanda, for the impeccable care they have provided the lambs during their time with us.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the families who hosted the lambs for “sheepovers” during their time with us. The lambs will be joining us on Friday, 15 September if you would like to come and say goodbye.

2018 PLANNING

We are currently calculating our anticipated enrolment for 2018. The number of students enrolled in the school determines the number of classes and teachers we have, so it is important to have accurate information. Please make sure you have communicated with the school office if you know that your child will not be attending Macquarie in 2018.

Similarly, if you know of any friends in the community who are intending to join us at Macquarie next year, please remind them to contact the office team to arrange their enrolment.

Our preschool students are automatically enrolled in our kindergarten classes for 2018. To assist you in supporting your child's smooth transition to full time primary education, our Early Years team will be hosting a series of open mornings and a *Next Steps* gathering this Saturday. These events will provide opportunities to connect with other families and the education team, explore the facilities and grounds, and access to information about our practices and programs.

Many thanks for your cooperation at this important time for school planning.

OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES

At Macquarie we know there are many benefits to people spending time outdoors. Our teachers design outdoor learning experiences on a regular basis and acknowledge the important role this plays in developing students' knowledge and skills as stewards of our changing world.



Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Directory

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From our Acting Principal Continued ...

Outdoor Classroom Day, on Thursday last week, provided us with an opportunity to showcase some of the work we do engaging students with the natural environment around the school.

Our Year 3 students took the idea behind Outdoor Classroom Day one step further and spent the entire day at the Pinnacle Nature Reserve in Hawker. I had the privilege of meeting up with them towards the end of the day and was overwhelmed by the excitement and joy on each of their faces. They were eager to show me all of the wonderful treasures they had discovered, the structures they had worked together to build and introduce me to their new friend, a large lizard. I would like to congratulate the Year 3 Team and the families who supported with transport on the day for making this happen.

Over the weekend you may have noticed the Landcare display at Jamison Shops. Featured in this display were photographs and work samples from our students' explorations of Mt Painter this year. We are proud of our ongoing connection with Sarah and the Friends of Mt Painter who help us to provide real contexts for learning and connect with this special place.

All the best for the week ahead.

Sophie Bissell
Acting Principal

During the past week we have seen examples of special effort from:

Kindergarten	For their nature inspired artwork
Year 3	For the amazing shelters they built at the Pinnacle Nature Reserve
Peter	For his recount
Sam & Ben	For a very entertaining stop-motion animation

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST AID OFFICER

At Macquarie we have a few students who are severely allergic to certain foods. This could result in the students experiencing anaphylaxis which is a sudden, severe allergic reaction that requires immediate medical treatment and is potentially fatal.

We are seeking the support and cooperation of all families to minimise the risk of students coming into contact with specific foods. Therefore, we request you do not pack the following foods in your child's lunchbox: **eggs, nuts and kiwi fruit.**

As an allergy aware school, we work with families to ensure student needs are understood and supported. Medical/Emergency management plans, which are developed by the child's doctor and provided by parents, are essential to risk minimisation and management at Macquarie Primary School.

Thank you for recognising the need for ongoing vigilance to minimise the potential life threatening risk to some of our students. If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the office.

Jess



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Cut your shower time – if you aren't already having 4 minute (or less) showers. Buy a timer – there are lots on the market.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 14 October

Spring Fling

A celebration of Spring! Further details to come next week.

P&C NEWS

Please consider giving some feedback about the bus services to Macquarie Primary School by answering six quick questions in this online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WG6XQ2K>. The results from the survey will help the P&C to request changes to the bus service, if needed.

The survey can be completed by Friday, 29 September 2017.

UNIFORM

Students at Macquarie wear our school uniform with great pride. Our uniform is sun smart, fit for all school activities and assists us with playground safety.

As the days grow warmer, we find that layers of uniform are being shed and our lost property collection is growing by the day. Missing items of clothing are currently on display in the front foyer so please feel free to have a look.

The new season brings an opportunity to replenish wardrobes of school uniforms for growing Macquarie students! Our P&C Uniform Shop has new and very reasonably priced second hand uniform items for sale.

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

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

CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to Alex, Lily and Lucy for their performances in the IMP's Primary Concert Choir.

CARPARK CLOSURE

A conference will be held at the Canberra International Church from 11—13 September. Therefore the carpark will be utilised by conference attendees and there will be no parking available on those days for Macquarie families.

INFLUENZA

We have had several confirmed cases of Influenza in our school community. If you have concerns, please consult your doctor.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Next Steps	P—Yr 2	Invitation
Camp Borambola	Year 4/5	Perm & payment by 26/10
Canteen Menu	All families	Orders by 3.30pm on Wednesday each week

Community Notices



Strings 'n' Things



With Georgia
ABN 5759514986



Term 4 at Macquarie Primary School

Week 1 – Week 5

Mondays 3:15pm – 4:15pm Kinder – Yr 2

Meet in Mrs Sweeting's classroom

Wednesdays 3:15pm – 4:15pm Yr 3 – Yr 6

Meet in Mrs Donaldson's classroom

Book now for term 4 by calling

Georgia on 0403 800 877

\$50 for the 5 week program

Groups are limited to 12 students

To secure your child's place

Payment must be received by Friday, 22nd Sept



SCHOOL ORIENTEERING

Term 4, Team Event: 2 girls & 2 boys (entries close 22 Sept)

Thur, 19 Oct North Ainslie Primary

Thurs, 26 Oct Ngunnawal Primary

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=26814> or call 0411 968 001

HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAMS

Over the past 2 terms, Macquarie Primary School has been working with Tennis Australia and Coach Jeff Gray to engage students in tennis. Due to a high level in student interest, Jeff will be running 2 holiday tennis coaching programs over both weeks of the Term 3 holidays.

Each clinic will run from 8:30am–12:00pm for 4 days at \$20 per day with a free new tennis racquet for attending students. This offer is exclusive to Year 3–Year 6 students attending primary schools in the Belconnen area and current BTC customers. The number of positions is capped at 32 students for each week and the offer will be going out to over 250 students so bookings are essential. Please contact Jeff at tennis@btccoaching.com for info on how to apply.

For any other questions please see Mr Gray.

Health Fitness Wellbeing Expo

23 — 24 September 2017

Fitzroy Pavilion – EPIC

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Play Baseball with the *Bandits Baseball Club*



There's a team for everyone!

JUNIORS – U7s, 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s & 17s

SENIORS – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Grade

WOMENS – Ages 14 & up

Register Online or contact Bandits at

Website: www.actbandits.com.au

Email: contact@actbandits.com.au

Phone: 0438 581 495



Junior Season starts 14 October
Games for U7-U13 played on Saturday @
Narrabundah, U15 & U17s at club fields.
U13s & U15s also on some Wed nights
Womens play Friday night



CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORT CANBERRA BUS NETWORK

On Saturday, 7 October Transport Canberra will be introducing a revised network and timetable. This change is the first of a series of improvements towards an integrated public transport system in 2018 with the introduction of light rail to the nation's capital.

In addition to normal route services changing, some dedicated school services will also change on Monday, 9 October.

This information including maps and left and right school service directions are now available for parents and students to view on the Transport Canberra website — transport.act.gov.au

You can search by *Route Number* or *School Name* to find the changes to your service.

Should you have any queries regarding your school service, please call 13 17 10.



Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service. Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- ⇒ To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- ⇒ Help with some ideas on raising children.
- ⇒ Support in the important job you are doing.
- ⇒ To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- ⇒ To build better relationships in your family.
- ⇒ Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- ⇒ Make an appointment for a counselling session.

**Monday—Friday (except on public holidays), 9am—5pm.
Phone: 6287 3833**