

Dates for the Diary

Thur 18 Oct
Camp Birrigai
School Feedback Session

Mon 22—Fri 26 Oct
Children's Week
PIPS Testing

Tue 23 Oct
Year 6 Graduation Committee
Meeting

Save the Date

Book Week will be held in
Week 3 (29 Oct — 2 Nov)
including Grandfriends' Day
on 1 Nov

Reminders

Thursday, 18 October

School review community
information session
All welcome

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone enjoyed the spring break and are rested and ready for a busy last term of school. We have lots of things happening this term, so please keep referring to the term calendar (attached) to make sure you keep up to date.

STAFFING NEWS

This term we welcome back Melanie from maternity leave. She will be teaching 6GW two days a week to enable Jim to fulfil his executive teacher responsibilities, and providing some support for junior classes on a Wednesday. We also welcome Reannon to 3V. Reannon will be taking over the class for Term 4 to provide continuity for the class. We are excited to have her with us. We are also happy to welcome Justine back after her big travels all over Australia. Justine will be providing targeted intervention in literacy and numeracy in the junior school this term. We will welcome our new Business Manager, Ann on Monday, 29 October. Ann has been working in ACT Treasury most recently and was previously a teacher. She is excited to be coming to Macquarie and feels that the business manager role is her dream job, the melding of education and finance. I would like to thank Kris Warren for stepping into the role for the past 12 weeks. Kris has enjoyed the opportunity to work as a business manager and will be returning to her position at University of Canberra Lake Ginninderra College.

SCHOOL REVIEW INFORMATION

This Thursday evening from 6:30pm we are holding a school review community information session in the staffroom. This session will outline the commendations, affirmations and recommendations made by the reviewers and the process to develop our new school plan. Feel free to come along.

SUNSMART

We have just been re-accredited as a SunSmart School with the Australian Cancer Council. To be compliant, please remember that everyone at school needs a sunsmart hat (with a wide brim or legionnaires style) each day at school. Students are outside each day and the best way to avoid skin cancers is to prevent them.

50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The open morning is fast approaching. We are getting all the memorabilia we can find together for a big display on Saturday, 3 November from 10:30am. Please spread the word, we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible and following up with a tag AFL game between past students and current staff and community members. Please see details over the page.

Have a fantastic week.

Danielle



Office Hours
Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

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BOARD UPDATE

This year's board commenced at the end of April and have met four times. During the meetings the Board has discussed the following:

- the school's Annual Action Plan, outlining the strategic action for the year;
- the plans for school review and subsequent commendations, affirmations and recommendations as a result of this process;
- school capacity, and the change to our enrolment procedures requiring Macquarie Primary only taking students residing in our priority enrolment area, as guided by the Education Directorate;
- school staffing, including teaching and non-teaching staff; and
- school capital works, future building improvements and the development of a maintenance plan.

The school board will meet again on Tuesday, 13 November. Please don't hesitate to raise any items with either myself or Danielle in advance of the meeting.

Mark
Board Chair

Macquarie Primary School 50th Anniversary

Saturday, 3 November 2018

- 10.30 - 12.30pm Open Classrooms at Macquarie Primary
- 10.30am Time Capsule display from 25th and 40th Anniversaries in the School Hall
- 11am Former Macquarie Demons AFL players arrive at MPS
- 11.30am Jumper Presentation for the Macquarie Demons and 50th Anniversary Cake cutting
- 12pm Macquarie Demons Kick, Flex & Reflect on school oval
- 2pm Match Preparation for Macquarie Demons: Change, Team Talk, Warm Up at Aranda Oval
- 3 - 5pm Former Macquarie Demons players Vs Macquarie Teachers, Parents and Carers AFL match at Aranda Oval
- From 6pm Dinner with the Demons (Optional)

Monday, 5 – Friday, 9 November – Time capsule contents on display for students and the community

Friday, 7 December – P&C and Whole of School Arts Showcase & Book Launch and time capsule resealing.

PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Dominique who commenced in Preschool today.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION PREPARATION

Dear Year 6 parents and carers,

You are invited to attend a Year 6 Graduation Committee Meeting. We would love to have your input into all things Graduation as we begin our journey towards the end of the year.

When: Tuesday, 23 October
Where: Staffroom
Who: Year 6 Teachers and families

We would also like families to send in 1 baby photo of the Year 6 student to use for a Graduation slideshow. Families can either email a copy of the picture to james.gray@ed.act.edu.au or a hard copy that we will scan and return. Hope see you there.

The Year 6 Team

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Macquarie Primary took part in the Coles Sports for Schools Challenge between February and April this year. I am so pleased to share with our community, that we collected over 83 000 vouchers which made us the school to receive the most sporting equipment in Canberra.

As a result, we have been able to order lots of new equipment such as footballs, tennis balls, vortex howlers, a rugby league kit and much more. I will be sharing some of the items at our next assembly.

Thank you for all your shopping and support. Without your help, we could not have achieved this honour.

Karen

FOUND

A green & blue stroller has been left in the Hall near After School Care. Please contact the Front Office if it belongs to you.



P&C NEWS

A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped out at the Bunnings BBQ during the school holidays. It was such a busy day, bringing in some fantastic funds for the P&C. We couldn't have done it without your support!

CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to Andrew who placed 2nd in the 1500m and 5th in the 800m races at the ACT Athletics Carnival. Andy will now compete at Nationals in Melbourne later in the year.

SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Seal gaps around external doors and windows.

