

## Dates for the Diary

Mon 30 April

Preschool — Year 12  
2019 Enrolments open

Wed 2 May

ANZAC Day Assembly

Fri 4 May

Carey's Cave Excursion

Tue 8 May

UNSW ICAS Assessment—Digital  
Technologies  
Mothers' Day Stall

Thur 10 May

Kindergarten Reading  
Workshops — Supporting your  
child with reading

Mon 14 May

War Memorial Excursion

Fri 11 May

Mothers' Day Stall  
Cross country ribbon  
presentation

Mon 21 May

Musica Viva



## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

I am delighted to finally be here. I am having a wonderful first week so far and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet many of you and your fabulous children. I thought I should share a bit about myself and my professional journey to this point.

My family moved to Canberra in May of 1977 and I started school at Hackett Primary (sadly now closed). I continued on to Watson High (also closed) and finished my schooling at Dickson College, where my son is now in Year 12! After a bit of a false start at Uni (which resulted in an extended trip to Europe), I completed my teaching degree in 1996. My first teaching position was at Holt Primary School and in my second year I was right here at Macquarie. I had a Year 3/4 class and was in the room that is now our library. While lots of things are the same, there are some pretty noticeable differences — our kindy space wasn't there and the front of the school has had quite a makeover. From here I moved to Flynn Primary, then took several years away from education to have my two children, John and Lily. When returning from maternity leave I went to Evatt Primary initially as their teacher librarian. I was at Evatt for a number of years and over that time had many roles from class teacher, literacy and numeracy co-ordinator and a number of leadership roles. In 2012 I moved to Ngunnawal Primary as their Literacy and Numeracy Field Officer, a role focussed on building the capacity of teachers to cater for students' learning needs in those areas. During my time at Ngunnawal I was promoted to Deputy Principal. Last year I acted as the Principal at Taylor Primary for 8 months and I have most recently had a short period in the Education Directorate where I was leading a student engagement team for the Tuggeranong network. However my heart is in schools working with students, staff and families to ensure learning needs are being met. So I am very excited to begin my time at Macquarie.

### STAFFING NEWS

This week Karen is away and Ingrid will be taking her class. Shirley is also away for 2 weeks. While Justine is travelling around the country we have Sarah looking after kinder. They have had an opportunity for a comprehensive hand over and the learning program will proceed as planned.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

### Macquarie Directory

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## From our Principal Continued ...

### BUILDING PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

The committed staff at Macquarie take ongoing learning and development seriously, and this term is no exception. This week staff will participate in Team Teach training. This program supports staff in building their repertoire of behaviour management strategies, and better understand what happens during conflict, how to support others to calm and problem solve.

I look forward to getting to know you better in the coming weeks. Please take a moment to say hello and introduce yourselves to me.

Have a great week.

*Danielle  
Principal*



### CROSS COUNTRY RIBBON PRESENTATIONS

Cross country ribbons will be presented at a special assembly on Friday, 11 May. All welcome

### PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT

During the holidays 15 Callistemons (bottle-brushes) were planted along the southern side of the Brindabella building. The aim is that they grow to create a screen that will not only block glare from car windscreens in the car park coming in to the classrooms but also to create a beautiful outlook from each classroom.

Huge thanks to the dedicated and skilled team of planters including:

Daniel  
Claire & Paige  
Ian, Kate, Heidi & Mim  
Ben & Hector  
Isobel & Mica

The outcome is fantastic!



Larissa Dann



### PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T) *Supported by Parentline ACT*

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*The 24 hour course consists of three hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Bookings are essential. \$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).*

**Course begins:** Tuesday, 8 May 2018 (minimum number of participants required)

**Time:** 6.30 pm—9.45 pm

**Place:** Weston

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa Dann, accredited P.E.T. instructor.

**Resource blogs:** [www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa](http://www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa);

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### MACDIAMONDS NETBALL TEAM

The MacDiamonds netball team is made up of ten players — Issy, Ruby, Jess, Lucy, Matilda, Emily, Akeer, Bella, Perrine and Cady. The coaches are Issy, Ellie and Lily.

The MacDiamonds train on Wednesday afternoons and play on Saturdays. Every Saturday the MacDiamonds netball team play 3 games. Usually we would play 1 game but because of grading, the last 3 Saturdays have been filled with 3 half hour games instead of a 1 hour game.

I love playing netball for the MacDiamonds and I hope you liked reading this article just as much.

*Ruby*



### SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Buying a new fridge? Choose one with at least 4 stars.

#### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
P&C 5 cent challenge	All families	Action as necessary
Kinder Reading Workshop	Kindergarten	RSVP ASAP
War Memorial Excursion	Yr 1/2	Perm & payment by 14/5
Musica Viva	All families	Payment by 18/5