

Dates for the Diary

Wed 11 Oct
Assembly

Fri 13 Oct
Excursion to
Tidbinbilla

Sat 14 Oct
Spring Fling

Tue 17 Sept
Sexual Health Info
Session

Thur 19 Sept
Musica Viva

Fri 20 Sept
Visit to the Farm

Tue 24 Sept
P&C Mtg

reach out aim high



Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

How nice it was to return to Macquarie today with the freshness of perspective that my term in the Office for Schools has brought. It has been easy to stay connected through our Google Communities and I thank Sophie and our education team for ensuring that Team Macquarie was well supported and positively engaged throughout the term.

Once again, the holidays brought much activity for Macquarie staff and our professional partners within and beyond the school gates. In addition to some focused team planning, our delegation to the *Australian Council for Educational Leaders* conference in Sydney enjoyed learning from Australian and International leaders, and sharing our thinking with educators from all schooling sectors around the country and New Zealand.

A highlight was hearing from former Nuclear Submarine Commander David, who shared his insights about high performing teams. David's story of building morale and team performance is the focus of his book 'Turn the Ship Around!', which is well worth a read. Macquarie's approach to developing and empowering staff, students and our community as leaders in our schools' continuous improvement is something that resonated strongly for me during the session.

In all that we do for learners in our community, be they students, families or staff, we balance explicit and guided instruction with times where we intentionally step back and let learners lead. This is an idea that continues to inspire the education team at Macquarie.

It was a privilege to share our approach to developing student agency and community collaboration through the process of Service Design. I thank Justin and Mel, our DMA

collaborators, for co presenting. If twitter feed is any judge, our session hit the mark for its audience.

The conference title 'Respect the Past. Lead the Present. Secure the Future.' reminded us of the importance of honouring the past whilst we set the learning agenda for a socially and environmentally prosperous society. I couldn't be prouder of working in a team that continues to inform research and set standards in bringing theory to practice in our classrooms and beyond.

TERM 4 STAFFING UPDATES

We are very excited to see the return of Andrea to the Year 4/5 team this week, and I know she will be bringing back many tales of her adventures in America.

We congratulate Kate who has accepted the invitation to continue her work at Kingsford Smith School for the remainder of the year. From all reports, Kate's contributions to the student welfare team are immense.

We welcome Jim to the leadership team this term. Jim will be leading the Year 4/5 & 6 team, alongside Angela, with a particular focus on guiding the preparations for the end of year activity in Year 6.

We also welcome Chloe, who will work in a release role across the school this term, and Narelle, who will continue her role in the Year 4/5 team.

We commence the term with the following configuration for our leadership team.

Principal: Wendy
Deputy Principal (Years 2/3): Sophie
Executive Teacher (Preschool—Year 1): Amanda
Executive Teacher (Years 4/5 & 6): Jim
Executive Teacher (Years 4/5 & 6): Angela

We thank Bec and Sami for the role they played on the executive team in Term 3.

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From our Principal Continued ...

ACTIVE STREETS

Please remember that a walk or ride is a wonderful way to start and end the school day. It helps the environment, our physical wellbeing, and connections in our community.

Term 4 is a great time to make our streets active. Walking part way is OK!

All the best for the term ahead.

*Wendy
Principal*

SAVE THE DATE

25—27 October

Macquarie Scholastic Book Shop
More information to follow next week

Thursday, 26 October
Grandfriends' Day

CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to Georgia and the canteen crew on receiving recognition of their healthy menus through the Nutrition Australia Canteen Connection award. Georgia's collaboration with students and families has resulted in healthy and affordable food choices and canteen service with heart. This work is highly valued!

... to Rebekah who won an award in the Children's Book Council of Australia's Make Your Own Story Book competition.

... to Sofie who came 2nd in her age group for the Sword Dance at the Highland Gathering on Saturday.

ACT PRIMARY CONCERT CHOIR AUDITIONS FOR 2018

The ACT Instrumental Music Program (IMP) is seeking students who will be in Year 4—6 in 2018 to audition for the ACT Primary Concert Choir. This group rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 4:30—5:30pm during school terms at the IMP in Kaleen. Further information is available from our front office team, and application forms for an audition can be accessed through the IMP website at www.imp.act.edu.au

PLEASE WELCOME ...

... Danny and Tony who commenced today.

SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Visit the library instead of buying books.



ASSEMBLY — NEW TIME

In Term 4 Assembly will be held every second Wednesday from 9.15am. The first Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 11 October hosted by the Captains.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our P&C meeting in Week 7 of Term 3. We had an interesting discussion with Frank about the MPS community languages program.

Planning is underway for some exciting events and activities in Term 4 – keep an eye out in the newsletter and on Facebook for further details.

A big thank you to everybody who has volunteered their time and assisted the work of the P&C this year. With your help we have provided:

- 400 new books for classroom libraries (with credits from Book Club);
- new classroom musical instruments including xylophones, drums, boomwhackers, percussion sets and an equipment trolley;
- 'Birds & the Bees' parent workshop facilitated by Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT on talking with children about bodies, consent and being safe;
- opportunities for students to purchase gifts, including handmade, from the Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls;
- a surprise end of term BBQ and canteen menu sampling;
- family activities such as Reading Hour, community afternoon teas and the Welcome Picnic;
- free hats for our pre-schoolers and a fruit platter for the preschoolers teddy bears picnic;
- a special lunch at the Athletics Carnival;
- tasty food and drink options at Breakfast Club; and
- uniforms and other sponsorship for the MPS football/rugby and netball teams.

Our hard working volunteers:

- plan, prepare and distribute weekly canteen orders in line with the ACT Government schools healthy food guidelines;
- ensure our children have access to a range of cost price uniforms as well as pre-loved/second hand schoolwear through the Uniform Shop;
- coordinate and distribute Book Club catalogues and orders; and
- keep our school community up to date by sharing information via the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Thanks everyone - we couldn't do it without you!

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Birds & the Bees	All families	Invitation
Spring Fling	All families	Response as necessary
Tidbinbilla	Kindergarten	Perm & payment by 12/10
Musica Viva	All students	Perm & payment by 18/10
Farm Visit	Kinder & Yr 1	Perm & payment by 19/10
Camp Borambola	Year 4/5	Perm & payment by 26/10
Canteen Menu	All families	Orders by 3.30pm on Wednesday each week