

Dates for the Diary

Tue 7 May

Preschool Mothers' Day Stall

Fri 10 May

Mothers' Day Stall
Cross Country Carnival

Tue 14 May

National Zoo & Aquarium Excursion

Wed 15 May

Assembly

Fri 17 May

Walk Safely to School Day

Reminders

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for our 2020 Preschool groups are now open. Families with children who turn four before 30 April next year are invited to apply.

There is an on-line enrolment process and the form can be found at education.act.gov.au

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Last week teachers participated in professional learning with consultant and author, Christine as part of our participation in the Early Years Literacy Initiative. All teachers attended two sessions where we discussed ten essential, evidence based practices that should be a focus for all teachers - on every day, in every classroom, for every student. The junior team then watched Christine model an interactive writing lesson and spent time discussing how she incorporated the ten essential practices within the lesson. This work will be a focus for our staff across the year and we will continue to work closely with Christine and her team.

The careers available to students in the future may look significantly different to those offered in the workforce today. Macquarie year 6 students have been invited to participate in a 2025 Future Careers Expo. The Expo aims to highlight careers that may be available to students when they are entering the workforce. The purpose of the Careers Expo is to support students in learning more about their own interests and the different jobs and pathways they can follow. Exhibitors at the Expo include a range of trades, emergency services and defence, sustainability careers (renewable energy, recycling, conservation and ecosystem restoration), performing arts, STEM (coding, tectonics, cyber security, drones etc) and human services. It should be an exciting day for those going along.

NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 begins next week. Students have participated in a preparation test and hopefully are feeling confident and comfortable. During the preparation testing some students felt cold so be sure to send children with a jumper each day next week. A drink bottle is also useful and they can have this on their desk during testing. Breakfast and a good nights sleep will help your child do their best in NAPLAN. The NAPLAN schedule will be sent home to families of years 3 and 5 students. If you have any concerns about NAPLAN please don't hesitate to talk to myself, Stacey, Veronique or your child's teacher.



Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Directory

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From our Principal continued ...

As you drop off or pick up your children please take a moment to look at the new instruments in the sculpture garden near the library. We are waiting for our plants to establish before children play in this area in an effort to make sure they survive and thrive. Hopefully it won't be long until students can start playing some tunes on the musical instruments that have been installed. Also worth a look is our Kitchen Garden. The Gardening Club have been busy and we are ready to harvest a range of herbs and radishes. Still growing are cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli. We are using our produce to create some culinary masterpieces over the next few weeks. Stay tuned for our recipes.

This week we have both our Mothers' Day Stall and Cross Country Carnival on Friday. Families are encouraged to come and cheer our students on from 11.30am.

Have a great week.

Jodie

NEWS FROM THE P&C

WALK-A-THON PAYMENTS

Well done to all our participants in last term's walk-a-thon. Please return the pledged money to the P&C by **Friday, 10 May** by:

- ⇒ putting cash and pledge sheets into an envelope and dropping it into the secure P&C letterbox at the Front Office. Please put the student's name, class and dollar amount enclosed on the envelope; or
- ⇒ making a deposit via Flexischools. When you log in there is a Walk-A-Thon icon.

For more information please contact fundraising.macquariepandc@gmail.com. All money raised will go towards an adventure playground for the school. Thanks for your support.

WHAT IS FLEXISCHOOLS

www.flexischools.com.au is an online ordering service managed by the P&C. In addition to walk-a-thon pledge payments it can be used to pay for uniform items and canteen orders. Payments can be made by credit card, PayPal or direct deposit you just need to register. Pick up an information sheet from outside the office or visit the website for more information.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

The P&C will host a Mothers' Day stall on Tuesday, 7 May for Preschool and Friday, 10 May for the rest of the school. Items will range from \$1 - 10 and will include some lovely homemade gifts. If you are able to help on the stall, please send an email to events.mpsandc@gmail.com or complete a form at the office.

ELECTION DAY STALL AT MACQUARIE

Macquarie Primary School will be a polling venue for the upcoming Federal Election on 18 May and so we will be hosting an Election Day stall. We will be offering a BBQ, cake stall and book stall (pending volunteer numbers). If you are able to help out on the day, please click on the following link and add your name to the appropriate time slot(s): <https://signup.zone/dDwZiQZNf2Lhb8oTp>

If you don't have access to a computer, please complete a volunteers form found at the office and place it in the P&C box.

A plate will be sent home with each family on Friday, 10 May, so if you are able to make some goodies to sell at the stall, please bring this to school on Friday, 17 May between 8.30 – 9.00am, or 2.45-3.15pm. Items can also be dropped off on the morning of the Election. Please remember – no cream or custard!

DON'T FORGET ...

- ⇒ Canteen is available every Friday - get your orders in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of 8.30am each Friday morning.
- ⇒ Breakfast club is on every Friday at 8:45am in Oasis (Cynan's music/drama room). All welcome for some extra breakfast before school starts for the day.
- ⇒ All of our P&C activities depend on volunteers so we'd love to have you involved. Contact canteen.mpsandc@gmail.com if you'd like to help with either canteen or Breakfast Club and president.mpsandc@gmail.com if you'd like to help out with any of our other activities.

Save the date: our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 May at 6:30pm.

Sheree Murray
President



PARENTLINK

ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School, More than Reading and Writing, Optimism* and *Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>

Community Notices

INTERSCHOOLS SNOW SPORTS



Does your child love to ski or snowboard? Can they confidently link turns on blue runs? Are they interested in representing the school for skiing or snowboarding?

The Interschools ACT/Southern NSW regional snowsports championships are on 25 and 26 July at Perisher. Interschools is a fun way to have a go at snow racing in a friendly environment. It caters for school aged children from Kindy up.

If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Kirsty via the Macquarie Front Office. Entries need to be in by the end of Week 8, Term 2.

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning



UPCOMING WORKSHOP ON HOW WE CAN ALL HELP REDUCE VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers - working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues including what is working well or not working well. This is a reminder about the two remaining activities you can be involved in to have your say:

- ⇒ On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm this workshop will follow on from the first workshop and explore the key question “*How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?*”
- ⇒ In mid-late June 2019 a 2 – 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times across different days.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend either of the workshops, please contact Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912.



Canberra's newest dance academy is now taking enrolments. Highland Dancing is perfect for both adults and children, and is a great way to meet new friends, get fit, celebrate the Scottish spirit and have fun.

TUESDAYS, 4:30-5:30PM
CANBERRA DANCE THEATRE
KINGSLEY STREET, ACT



Contact canberra_hda@gmail.com for more details.