

## From our Deputy Principal

What a huge year 2022 has been. Our preschool children joined the Macquarie community, our students in kindergarten and year 1 had their first full year without Covid-19 interruptions, and our year 2 to 6 students were able to complete a year without lock down or remote learning. We were also able to welcome parents, carers and community back on to our grounds for numerous wonderful events. To say we are proud of the progress each and every student has achieved is an understatement. We hope you have all celebrated the progress of your children at home as well.

### Dates for the Diary

#### Friday 16 December

Last day of term 4

#### 2023

#### Monday 30 January

Preschool beginning of the week group & Kindergarten first day

New students or those requiring a transition visit can contact teachers for appointments

#### Tuesday 31 January

Year 1-6 students return

#### Thursday 2 February

Preschool end of the week group first day

This week has been busy for our students. On Monday afternoon they had their step up session in 2023 classes. This gave students the opportunity to meet their teachers, see where their classroom will be and give their class a name. To fit in with our newly completed Microforest, in 2023 our classes are being named after flora and fauna from different forest regions of Australia. Here is the 2023 class name list:

Teacher	Class name	Collective name
Maree (start of week)	Roseallas	Eucalypts
Maree (end of week)	Gliders	
Steph	Possums	Acacia Mammals
Garima	Wallabies	
Chlo	Mist Frogs	Australian Rainforest Animals
Brooke	Waterfall Frogs	
Emma	Birdwing Butterflies	
Karen	Orchard Butterflies	
Tania	Flying Foxes	Temperate Forest Flying Creatures
Ben	Red Goshawks	
Reannon	Flame Robins	
Lauren G	Lyrebirds	
Eddie	Eagles	
Jenelle	Kookaburras	Birds of the Melaleuca
Lauren P	Kingfishers	
Laura/Nicole	Cockatoos	
Monique	Ibises	
Mary	Koalas	Eucalypt

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This week we farewell Patrick to Evelyn Scott School, Bella Williams-Rolke to Southern Cross Early Childhood School and permanently farewell Danielle Porter to Charnwood Dunlop School. We thank them hugely for their contributions to our school and the way they have shaped the future for our students. We also say goodbye to an amazing group of year 6 students who drew out celebrations this week with their farewell assembly Tuesday, the dinner and disco last night, and their fun day today. We wish them all the very best at high school and beyond. We know they are capable of amazing things.

Some time ago the P&C won a grant to build a micro forest on an underutilised area of our school grounds. The MicroForest is now complete and the school holidays provides time for our plants to settle and grow before use next year.

The grant for this project came from 2022-2023 ACT Environmental Grants Program – Environment Grants Stream. We worked closely with Paul Barnett from Architects, Artisans and Project Managers to design the forest. Adam Shipp, a local Indigenous horticulturist, selected our plants and is developing a manual to outline in Indigenous names and uses of plants selected. All plants are native and great habitat for birds, lizards and frogs with particular attention given to creating spaces for these animals. Jonathan Totterdell and his team from JT4 Garden Services did the construction and landscaping. They used some water saving techniques to ensure, even during drought, our forest thrives.

The forest will be used as a teaching space where students can learn about the local flora and fauna and how First nations People used each plant. It will also be a place of relaxation and contemplation with areas (which we call nests) for students to sit, listen and watch nature at its best.

I'd like to thank the P&C for partnering with us to create this beautiful space. We hope to extend the micro forest to capture the whole area in the future.

Next year our Rosellas and Acacia Mammals students start on Monday 30 January, all other classes on Tuesday 31 January and the Gliders preschool children on Thursday 2 February.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer break. There will be staff on site from Monday 23 January if you need anything.

Take care

Stacey



## NEWS FROM THE P&C

**Save the date - P&C 2023 AGM** - The P&C AGM will be held in The Gardenside Cafe immediately following the School's Welcome BBQ Wednesday 8 February 2023 starting at 6pm. It would be great to see you there! At the AGM, all committee positions will be declared vacant. If you have been thinking about volunteering to support your school, now is your chance! Please see the attached available position descriptions available at the AGM. Please email [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**Class parent representatives:** A great big THANK YOU to all the wonderful class parent representatives for 2022! It has been wonderful to see so many community connections being made thanks to the efforts of this group of people. They have organised family gatherings at the end of each term, special events such as the Easter egg hunt and Halloween picnic, end of year celebrations including the year 6 farewell, class gifts for teachers, as well as assisting with P&C fundraising and promoting events and activities. This special role of helping to build our school community is an important one and the P&C would like to thank all the class parent reps for their efforts this year.

Now we know our kids' classes for 2023, we're looking for a class parent representative for each new class. Please email [classparentrepsmps@gmail.com](mailto:classparentrepsmps@gmail.com) to volunteer. It's a small role in terms of time and effort, but a big role in terms of the positive impact you will have on our school community. Thanks again to all our 2022 class reps, we couldn't have done it without you!

**Uniform Shop:** Our Uniform Shop is now closed for 2022, however online orders can be placed on the flexischools app for collection from Friday 27 January 2023. At the start of 2023 the Uniform Shop will be open for order collection and purchases on the following dates:

**Friday 27 January** 1pm – 4pm

**Monday 30 January** 8:30am – 9:30am 2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Tuesday 31 January** 8:30am – 9:30am

**Wednesday 1 February** 2:45 - 3:30pm

**Friday 3 February** 8:30 - 9:30am

Any orders not collected this week will be sent home with students. *Regular shop hours will resume from 6 February (Mon & Fri 8:45-9:15 and Wed 3-3:30)*

**Volunteers x2 Needed** - The uniform shop needs volunteers for half an hour on a Monday morning once a fortnight. It's a great way to get involved and contribute to the school community. Contact Liz if you can help [uniforms.mps@gmail.com](mailto:uniforms.mps@gmail.com)

### Thank you to our wonderful community!

As the school year draws to a close, the P&C would like to say a huge thankyou to our team of volunteers who help create the beautiful community we have at Macquarie Primary. It's only because of the time and effort of our volunteers that we are able to host school events, sausage sizzles, working bees and fundraisers, keep the cafe stocked with milk and beans, provide fruit for students and more. THANKYOU! If you haven't volunteered before but think you might like to, there are lots of ways you can help out in 2023. Keep in eye on the newsletter next year for more information. Have a safe and happy summer holiday and we are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school next year.

## SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Three members of our school board will reach the end of their appointment in March 2023 creating vacancies for two parent members and one staff member. Our school board provides valuable input into strategic planning and monitoring across many aspects of our school. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or would like to know a little more about what is involved with being on the board, please contact our Business Manager, Ann Walker or talk to one of our current board members. Further information can also be found on the Education Directorate website : [https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school\\_boards](https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school_boards) . The 14 day nomination period for vacant positions on our School Board will commence in Week 2 of Term 1 2023. More information will be shared about the nomination and voting process early in the school year.

## CLIMATE CHOICES SCHOOL AWARDS

Last week our school leaders attended the Climate Choice Awards where we were nominated in the Sustainable Project category for our Food Forest. There were so many great candidates for this award and we won second prize, highly commended. Thank you to all who helped make this project a reality. Thank you to all the parents and children who help maintain our Food Forest by attending working bees. A big thank you to Chris Hollins for all the work you've committed to this space over the past two years.



# NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

All notes are available on our school [website](#)

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Library Trust Fund donations	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2023 Stationery supplies	All students	Payments welcome anytime
Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### Option 1: Electronic Funds transfer

Account name: Macquarie Primary School Management Account

BSB: 032 777 Account number: 001586

Use reference Child's Surname EXCURSION NAME

### Option 2: Quickweb

Go to <http://www.macquarieps.act.edu.au/payment> and follow the prompts.

Use reference Child's Surname EXCURSION NAME

Option 3: Cash or cheque paid directly to the Front Office in a sealed envelope labelled with your family name

## MEDICATIONS

In the interests of keeping all students safe, **medication that your child requires during the school day must be stored in the front office.** Macquarie's school office team manages first aid, emergency medical plans and medications for students. Please contact the front office team if you have any changes to your child's medical treatment plan.

### For noting - ambulance

ACT School students who are injured or become ill at school or during approved school excursions within the ACT are entitled to free emergency ambulance services that includes medical treatment and ambulance transport.

### OUR CLASS NAMES

Preschool	The Little Nippers	Green Yabbies & Red Crayfish
Kindergarten	The Great Barriers	Curious Crocodiles, Super Seahorses & Shiny Sharks
Year 1/2	The Mangroves	Sensational Sea Snakes, Courageous Clams, Sweet Sea Stars & Great Ghost Crabs
Year 3/4	Coral Coliseum	Majestic Mud Crabs, Terrific Tiger Sharks & Electric Eels
Year 5/6	Freshwater Fish	Magnificent Murray Cod, Splendid Silver Perch, Golden Galaxias & Scintillating Saratogas
Small Group	The Water Birds	Proud Pelicans

## SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Use a ribbon instead of sticky tap to wrap a present.

## SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an  
**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Jodie Rowell	jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au
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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Kippax Kids**

## Holiday Happenings

for Primary aged children

presented at

**Kippax Uniting Community Centre**

Hardwick Cres, Holt (opposite Kippax Fair)

10 am - 2 pm

January 19 2023, Thursday



Different craft, games, stories and activities each day



Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more in a family (covers craft and morning tea).

BYO lunch, drink bottle and hat. Do not attend if unwell.

Bookings essential - 6254 1733

An activity of Kippax Uniting Church

This is a Covid Aware event



## Holiday Camps on sale now!

Featuring Jurassic World



YouTube Creators • Coding • Drones  
Roblox • Animation • DJ

Book now at [codecamp.com.au/flyer](https://codecamp.com.au/flyer)

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**PROGRAM 1:**

**2-day workshop:** Jan 17 + 18 @ UC Faculty of Arts and Design from 9.30am - 4pm (both days).

**+ Market Day:** Sunday, Jan 22 from 9.30am - 2pm. @ Old Bus Depot Markets

**PROGRAM 2:**

**2-day workshop:** Jan 23 + 24 @ UC Faculty of Arts and Design from 9.30am - 4pm (both days).

**+ Market Day:** Sunday, Jan 29 from 9.30am - 2pm. @ Old Bus Depot Markets

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# 3 DAY SUMMER SWIM CAMP!

FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS\*

Intensive swim skills development, preparation for school swimming carnivals, introduction to squad swimming, and lots of summer swimming fun!

**Program includes:**

- 3 fun-filled days of being active with new friends.
- Specialist coaching and skill development based on each swimmer's individual level.
- Ginninderra Swim Club water bottle and cap.
- Led by Ginninderra Swim Club's Head Coach David Allen and staffed by qualified coaches.

\*Minimum skill level approximately Club Lime SA-L5, Aquatots Dolphin 4, Kingswim K6.

**\$320**

**16-18**

**JANUARY**

**9am-3pm**

**CANBERRA**

**INTERNATIONAL SPORTS  
AND AQUATIC CENTRE  
(CISAC)**

100 Eastern Valley Way  
Bruce, ACT, 2617

**MORE INFORMATION  
AND REGISTRATION:**

[www.ginninderra.swimmingclub.org.au/camp](http://www.ginninderra.swimmingclub.org.au/camp)



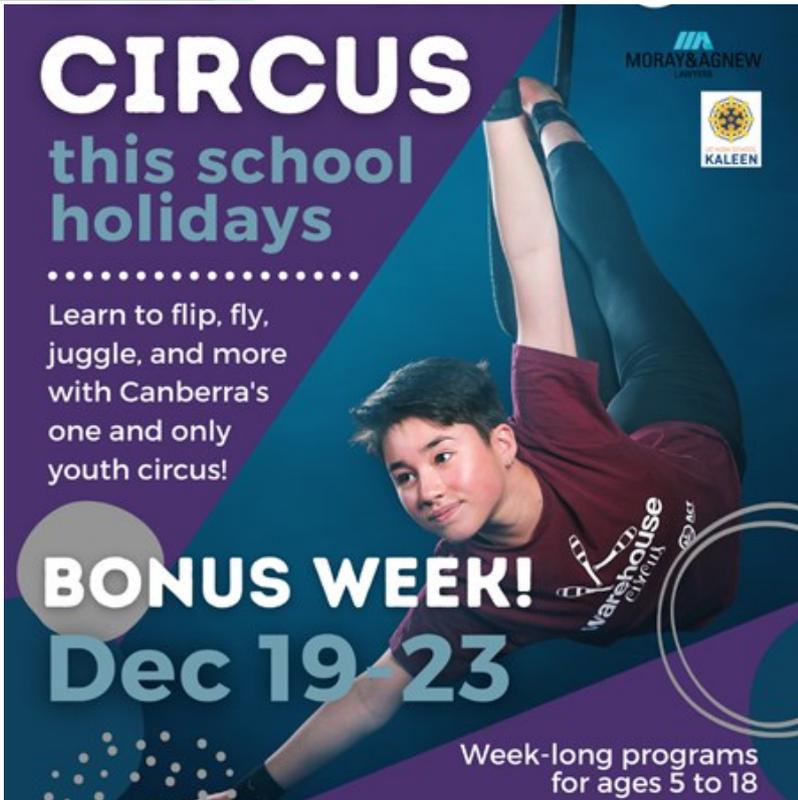
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**Dec 19-23**

Week-long programs for ages 5 to 18



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# SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL IS BACK IN 2023

A HOLIDAY PROGRAM OF SONG, DANCE, INSTRUMENT MAKING, LEARN AN INSTRUMENT,  
AND OTHER MUSIC LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN  
NO PREVIOUS SKILLS NECESSARY

January 9 - 13, Macquarie Primary School, 9am - 3:30pm

(drop-off from 8:30am,  
After School Program until 5:30pm

for an additional fee - a weekly or daily rate applies)

bookings and information

[youngmusicsociety.org.au](http://youngmusicsociety.org.au)

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