

Dates for the Diary

Mon 12 — Fri 16 Aug
Science Week
Winter Walk to School Week

Fri 16 Aug
Yrs 3—6 Oztag Gala Day
School Disco

Wed 14 Aug
Assembly

Mon 19 Aug
Belconnen Athletics Carnival
Wonderbook Story Time

Thur 15 Aug
Drama Workshops
National Science Week STEM
enrichment workshops

Wed 21 Aug
Year 5 Combined Band Practice

Fri 23 Aug
Book Week Parade



SCHOOL DISCO

Friday, 16 August
School Hall



From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope you survived the 'arctic blast' this weekend. It was certainly nice to see the photos of all the snow surrounding Canberra. Not so great if you were standing on sidelines. The increased cold is a reminder that it is very important that children have appropriate clothing for school each day. We usually access the outdoor learning space, so a sunsmart hat is a necessity and with the ongoing cold weather a jumper and jacket is recommended.

Library

Open for families
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
8.30am—9.00am

The annual School Satisfaction Survey opens this week. I strongly encourage everyone to complete the survey. It gives both the school and the ACT education system good information about how effective we are being. The survey asks a variety of questions about all aspects of school and schooling and supports the leadership team and the Board to set directions and identify priorities for the coming year. Look out in your inbox or child's bag for the survey this week.

This week is both Winter Walk to School Week and Science Week. We are encouraging families to walk to school, or even part of the way. Classes will be sharing their Science investigations at this week's assembly on Wednesday. I hope to see many of you there.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm

Last Friday our Limelight Choir had a very successful rehearsal over at Canberra's newest school, Margaret Hendry. The students enjoyed being part of a large choir and engaged with students from many other northside schools.

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Executive (Yr 3—6 team)

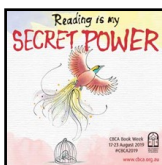
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From our Principal continued ...

Only one more week until Book Week. Our hardworking committee has lots of interesting things planned. I hope that many of you are able to get to Wonderbook Story Time next Monday and to our book parade on Friday morning.

Have a great week.

Danielle



LIBRARY

READING IS MY SECRET POWER!

Reading is free. How powerful is the word 'free'? Books can be accessed online and in print for free from libraries. Reading can be as entertaining as a night out at the movies and the ACT even has free community reading events.

BOOK WEEK – READING IS MY SECRET POWER

Book Week is next week! We are getting excited, planning lots of activities through the week to celebrate children's books and reading. I know lots of students have already organised a costume for our parade on Friday, 23 August - we can't wait to see what book characters will be turning up to school that day. We have planned a lovely family celebration on Monday to kickstart the week (see details elsewhere in this newsletter) and we will have lunchtime activities in the library all week.

WHAT IS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING?

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence based, whole school approach for creating safe, supportive school environments. Positive Behaviour for Learning is created through:

- ⇒ Leadership and school-wide support;
- ⇒ Common language, vision and experience;
- ⇒ Clarifying expected behaviours;
- ⇒ Teaching and practising expected behaviours;
- ⇒ Encouraging expected behaviours;
- ⇒ Discouraging problem behaviours; and
- ⇒ Ongoing monitoring of data.

THE 2019 SCHOOL SATISFACTION

Surveys will be conducted this term

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 4—6) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to school research and improvement processes.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and will help us improve our school for your child and future students. A letter or email about the parent and carer survey will be sent to you this month. [The key ACT results from the 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website \(www.education.act.gov.au\)](http://www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2018 School Board Report.

WONDERBOOK STORY TIME

In week 5 it is Book Week. To begin our week of activities, Wonderbook Story Time will be held in the library. We invite parents, carers, grandparents, grandfriends, aunts, uncles and neighbours as well as students from preschool — year 6 and their siblings. Bring along a favourite book or grab one from our amazing library, then snuggle up and read to your child. If you prefer to listen, there will also be teachers reading books too. So why not come along, share some great stories and grab a free croissant, tea, coffee or milo.

Date: Monday, 19 August

Venue: Macquarie Library

What to bring: A book & a reusable mug for tea, coffee or milo

Please note, as this is a before school activity, a responsible adult will need to remain with your child whilst in the library.

For more information, please contact the school or Monique Darragh monique.darragh@ed.act.edu.au

MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who will receive merit awards at Assembly on Wednesday, 14 August.

Aarav & Cruz (Meup Meup); Joey & Matthew (Komiti Reta); Ruby & Zoe (Ohana); Batoul & Hugo (Daramoolen); Kalya & Riley (Gurumbul); Maryam & Laya (Birrigai); Aiden & Xavier (Wollway); Ngang, Adrien & Oliver (Maliki); Nell & Harry (Jooba Budgiel); Zahra & An (Yurwan); Ryan & Erash (Whanau); Miguel & Harper (Woggabaliri); Liam & Sireen (Buruguns); Emme & Abdullah (Burus); Prithika & Xander (Gulas).



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Reams of paper are often bound by a non-recyclable plastic cover

NEWS FROM THE P&C

NEWS FROM OUR MEETING

At our meeting last Wednesday we agreed to fund milo and biscuits for reading hour on 19 September and to support three MPS students who will be representing Australia at the Tag20 Nations Cup on the Gold Coast in October.

We currently have \$15K in our operating account and \$21K in a term deposit that can be used to fund P&C initiatives and projects. A big project for us, which we are supporting the school with, will be the new adventure playground. More details about this will be available soon.

* If you or your child have ideas for other things the P&C can do to enhance our children's experience at school, please send them through to president.mpsandc@gmail.com.

GET YOUR DISCO TICKETS NOW

Did you know that Friday, 16 August is Madonna's birthday and it's also the night of the P&C disco for all students? Tickets are \$5, which include one sausage sandwich and can be purchased easily using Flexischools: <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Log into your account and select Preschool – Year 2 if you have a child in preschool, kinder, year 1 or year 2. If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6, please select the year 3 — year 6 option. Additional sausages can be purchased online for \$2.50 each. Cash sales will also be available on the night. Unfortunately, Madonna can't make it but the fantastic Passion and Purpose Dance Academy will once again be hosting the night with us.

FATHERS' DAY STALL

Our annual Fathers' Day stall will be held on Tuesday, 27 August for Preschool and Friday, 30 August for the rest of the school. Gifts will range from \$1 — \$10 and we will have a large range of handmade items for the significant male in our children's lives. Please send a re-usable bag along with your child to take their gift home.

If you are able to volunteer to help at the Fathers' Day stall, please click on the following link and add your details: <https://signup.zone/mKyZrgb6pQvT2Ae75>

* Please note that students involved in **Limelight** will be able to purchase their gifts prior to leaving on the bus on Friday morning.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please send your details to president.mpsandc@gmail.com if you can help for an hour or two at any of the following:

- **School disco on Friday, 16 August** > parents are needed to help on the door and with the BBQ.
- **Fathers' Day Stall** > in week 6. We need help with setting up and running the stall.
- **Reading hour on Thursday, 19 September** > the P&C will be serving milo and biscuits at this annual event which is held in the Library.
- **Uniform shop** > volunteers are needed to help run the shop especially on Mondays from 8:45 – 9:15am or Fridays from 8:45 – 9:15am.

NEWS FROM THE ACT COUNCIL OF PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Association publishes a regular newsletter that's full of useful information for parents and carers. You can subscribe to receive it or see it online at <https://www.actparents.org.au/index.php/news1/publications/item/106>

Preschool parents, the council are also running a Transition to Kindy Forum which will provide tips from experts about how you can help to ensure a smooth transition for your child. The forum will be held on Tuesday, 17 September (week 9) from 7- 8.30pm at 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling. More details at www.actparents.org.au

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 30 October** (week 3 of term 4).

Sheree Murray
P&C President

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts and soft shell crab.

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am
Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm
Friday: 8.45am—9.15am