

## Dates for the Diary

### Wed 20 Feb

Bunnings Excursion  
Welcome BBQ  
P&C AGM

### Fri 22 Feb

House Meetings

### Wed 27 Feb

Swimming Carnival  
Junior Water Fun Day

## Reminders

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders close on  
Friday, 22 February.

## Save the Date

### HARMONY DAY

Thursday, 21 March

More details to come

### Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

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



## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the welcome BBQ last week due to the ferocious winds. The P&C have rescheduled to this Wednesday, followed by the P&C AGM. I hope to see many of you there.

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We are still waiting for a number of the PTO Online permission notes to be returned. This will enable parent teacher interviews to be booked online. If you haven't already sent your note back for your child, can I please urge you to do so as soon as possible. We want to hold the interviews next week.

### VOLUNTEERING @ SCHOOL

Last week I mentioned several ways in which community members can support our school. I have had some other suggestions made which I would like to share to gauge community interest:

- ◇ Class parent contact/representatives;
- ◇ Community participation in Clean Up Australia Day, ride/walk to school, Harmony Day, bike fleet maintenance, Outdoor Classroom Day, and working bees;
- ◇ Walking school bus;
- ◇ "Wrap and chat" sessions for parents to cover library books and other materials;
- ◇ Book swap days; and
- ◇ Lost property.

If any of these are things you would be interested in, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday  
8.30am — 3.30pm

## Macquarie Directory

K—6 Site Ph: 6142 1550 Fax: 6142 1571

Preschool Site 6142 1570 After School Care: 0451 681 604 (Huw)

Email: [admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au)

Website: [www.macquarieps.act.edu.au](http://www.macquarieps.act.edu.au)

Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary>

School Mobile Phone: 0434 751 607

P&C President: Christie Horsfield  
Email: [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com)

Board Chair: Mark Roddam  
Email: [mfroddam@bigpond.com](mailto:mfroddam@bigpond.com)

### School Contacts

Principal Danielle Porter [danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au)  
Deputy Principal (Yr 3—6 team) Jodie Rowell [jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au)

Executive (P—Yr 2 Team) Stacey Naden [stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au)

## From our Principal Continued ...

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual swimming carnival is coming up on Wednesday, 27 February at Big Splash, Jamison. As part of the preparations we will be holding house meetings on Friday afternoon. Students in year 6 are eligible to run for House Captains, and students in year 5 for Vice Captains. Students in each house will vote for their Captains and Vice Captains. Students in Kindergarten and year 1 will be having a water fun day at school on the same day, as they don't attend the carnival.

Have a wonderful week.

*Danielle*

### PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2019  
Venue: EALD Room (off the School Library)

Parents and carers are invited to attend a *Parent Engagement Session*. Our school Psychologist, Amy Rugendyke, will provide information about social development and how to support your child to manage changes in social dynamics, challenging situations or difficulty interacting within their friendship circles. The session aims to provide parents with strategies and responses to support their child when social issues occur. This session is designed for parents of students in years 4, 5 and 6 (preteens).

*For more information please contact Jodie*

## NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE (NDA)

This year, Macquarie Primary School will recognise the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) on Friday, 15 March. Students will partake in school wide activities to promote this year's theme **Bullying. No Way! Take action every day**. We invite students to dress up in the NDA colours of light blue and orange for the day. Keep an eye out for parent and student information cards with tips and strategies to take action against bullying

For more information, head to <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

### RECEIVE THE MACQUARIE MEMO VIA E-MAIL

In working towards environmentally sustainable habits, we would love to be able to email our newsletter to you each week as a **pdf document**. If you are happy to receive the Macquarie Memo this way, please email [leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:leesa.frame@ed.act.edu.au) or contact the Front Office.

### SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Use toxic-free paint when painting.



### NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
P&C Welcome BBQ & AGM - <b>new date</b>	All families	Invitation & assistance requested
Bunnings Excursion	Selected students	Perm ASAP
Health Checks		
Questionnaire	Kindergarten	25 Feb
Swimming Carnival	Yr 2—6	Perm & payment ASAP
Swimming Carnival Event		
Entry Sheet	Yr 2—6	Response as necessary
Student Information Sheet	All students	ASAP
Stationery Packs	All students	Payment ASAP
Information Check Sheet	All students	ASAP
Medical Information		
Consent Form	All students	ASAP
Known Medical Condition		
Response Plan	Selected student	ASAP
Third Party Provider		
Consent form	All students	ASAP
Stationery Pack	All students	Payment ASAP

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please let the Front Office know, as soon as possible, if your contact details change (home address and/or telephone numbers).



### KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

In keeping with ACT Government Policy, we remind families who walk their dogs to school to arrange a meeting and drop off spot outside of the school boundary. For more information, go to [http://www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets/keeping\\_dogs\\_in\\_the\\_act/where\\_can\\_i\\_take\\_my\\_dog](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets/keeping_dogs_in_the_act/where_can_i_take_my_dog)

## Community Notices



### Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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| laptops & tablets  | lessons & activities |
| uniforms & shoes   | books & supplies     |
| sports fees & gear | camps & excursions   |

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



**Contact**  
your local Saver Plus Coordinator  
**Phone or SMS**  
your name and postcode to 1300 610 355  
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\* many Concessions payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information. Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.



### Macquarie Primary After School Piano, Guitar & Violin Lessons Term 1 2019

Celtic Arts Agency offers private 1/2 hour after school music lessons at Macquarie Primary School in piano, guitar and violin in the classrooms above the Oasis Room. Lessons are timetabled from 3.05 every half hour on a Tuesday and Wednesday and cost \$306 for a 9 week school term. Lessons are booked on a per term basis.

To see available spots for piano (6) and violin and guitar (2) please see our website <https://celticartsagency.com/lesson-timetables/macquarie-primary/>



Contact Sharon Casey on  
E: [musicfun@jocresswell.com](mailto:musicfun@jocresswell.com) or  
T: 0404 217 528

More information is available on our website:  
[www.celticartsagency.com](http://www.celticartsagency.com)

## Tuning in to Kids



Emotionally Intelligent Parenting for parents of children in Preschool – Year 4



#### Would you like to:

- Improve interactions with your child?
- Better understand your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids is an eight week program that shows you how to help your child develop their emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- ✓ Have greater success making and keeping friends
- ✓ Have better concentration at school
- ✓ Are more able to calm down when upset or angry



**When:** 9:15am – 11:15am  
Term 1 2019  
February 28<sup>th</sup> – April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Macquarie Primary School

Registrations are essential and places are limited.  
Contact BCS: 6264 0200 / email [Groups@bcsact.com.au](mailto:Groups@bcsact.com.au)  
Or Jodie Rowell at Macquarie Primary on 6142 1550



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## WODEN VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR

Woden Valley Youth Choir has provided music education to hundreds of ACT and Queanbeyan school children for 50 years, since February 1969. WVYC offers a dynamic choral program for young people aged 8–21 and we are proud to provide so many positive benefits to our members. WVYC is a not-for-profit community choir with a strong music education program and one of our staff has just received accreditation for the Australian Kodály Certificate. We don't just sing – we become musicians.

### AUDITIONS

Auditions for young people from year 3—university age wishing to join the choir in 2019 will be held on Saturday, 23 February. We have a small number of vacancies in our two primary aged choirs and about a dozen places in our high school/university age treble voice choir and our new choir "Centauri Voices" for young men with changing/changed voices.

For more information please go to <http://wvyc.org.au> and download an application form or email [info.wvyc@gmail.com](mailto:info.wvyc@gmail.com) or phone 1300 599 655.