

MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates to Remember

Friday 2 March	Uruguayan Carnival
Monday 5 March	-Swimming Carnival years 1-6, at Big Splash -Kindergarten water Fun Day at Macgregor

Dear Macgregor Community

Congratulations to our school community on a very successful start to the 2018 school year. I have visited the classes regularly over the past three and a half weeks and its wonderful to see such positive enthusiasm and engagement in learning. It was great to catch up with many families at the 'Welcome Barbeque' and the 'Getting to Know You Interviews'. On a personal reflection, I am so proud to be the leader of this exceptional school and I want to thank all of you for your support, considerations, compliments and feedback. As I move into my third year as the Principal of Macgregor I will continue to work with all of you in strong partnerships so that together we can ensure that our students experience success in their learning. Please feel free to drop in or email me at any time. You have all heard me say, 'My door is always open'.

The Swimming Carnival 2018

The 2018 Swimming Carnival and Fun day for children in years 1 to 6 is planned to take place next Monday 5 March at Big Splash in Jamison. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend. Kindergarten will be holding their very own water fun day at school.

Uplifting Australia - Lift Off Teacher Training

Last year, we were given the opportunity for the staff at Macgregor to participate in this program in 2018. The program aims to improve the emotional wellbeing and resilience of ourselves, our children and our families. It is based on four principles which are;

- We model positive relationships skills
- We empower through facilitation
- We use strengths-based communication
- We engage parents positively

During the school year, the whole school will be invited to participate in a series of four Family Connect conversations. Teachers will model the conversations in classrooms and then send home simple guidelines to try at home.



Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

Congratulations and thankyou to our newly nominated P&C. Our new President, Laura Horrell has already been proactive in her role. Heartfelt thanks to our outgoing President, Mr Darren Neville and all member of the 2017 P&C for their commitment to our families and the school.

Have you voted for a School Board Representative?

There are five nominations for the Macgregor School Board and voting is well under way and closes at 11am on Monday. If you haven't already done so please take the time to cast a vote for your representative on the School Board.

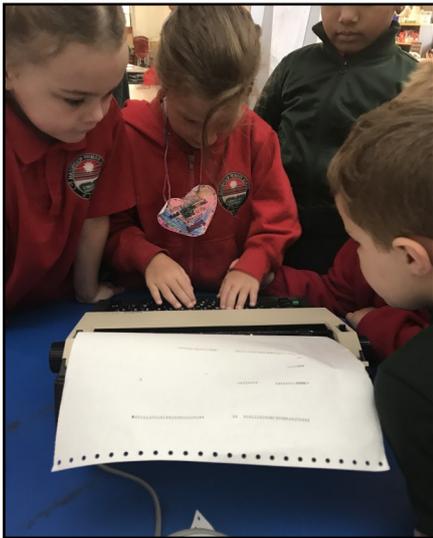
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Principal

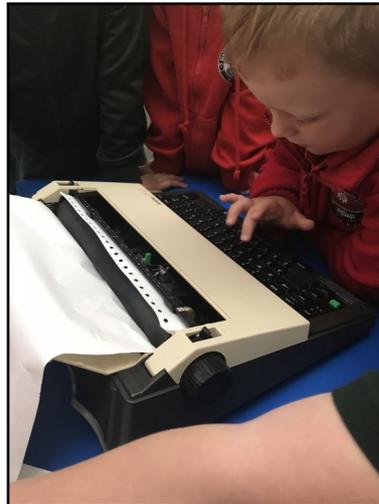


1RB Spotlight on Learning

It's been a fantastic start in 1RB this year! We have been working hard and engaging in many different learning experiences. In year 1, we start the day off with investigations which allows us to build our social and emotional skills, make new friendships, and come up with different wonderings around topics we are learning. 1RB expand their reading, writing and maths skills in investigations through different activities such as letter writing, word hunts, sight word games, board games to practise mathematics counting, card and dice games as well as shared reading experiences. In our history unit this term we are looking at the past and the present, as a part of our investigations we have been exploring different objects from the past and forming questions to deepen our knowledge. This week we have been investigating different communication objects including an old typewriter. We have been having fun using this old typewriter and wondering how it works? Below are some photos of us using the typewriter.



"Miss Bull, it works!! How does it work?!?"

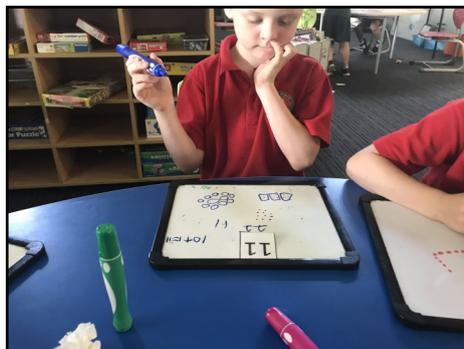
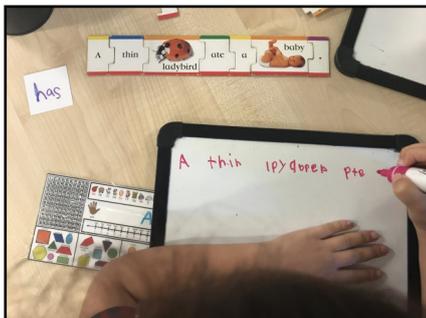


"I am going to write my name! This is so cool"



"Does it use ink? How does it work? What does this button do?"

During literacy sessions, we have started to look at how to write a recount and the different aspects of a recount. We have started to write our own, stay tuned for some amazing recounts that we will be writing this term! In 1RB we have also been focusing on different reading strategies to help us when we read. So far this term we have been looking at predicting what we think will happen in the story and making connections to our own lives when reading stories. Recently we read the book 'Imagine' by Alison Lester and made lots of connections to things we have experienced or done. In our numeracy lessons, we have been looking at numbers to 100. 1RB have been practising their counting to 100 every day and love challenging themselves to do it quicker and more accurately. We are working on sequencing numbers and counting by 2s, 5s and 10s. This week we are identifying numbers before and numbers after, with some of us challenging ourselves with BIG numbers. 1RB are looking forward to the year ahead and the exciting learning journey we are undertaking.



Kind Regards
Rebecca Bull

Community Announcements

Young Music Society presents



BELCONNEN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

for primary - aged children
TUESDAYS
 during school terms, weeks 2 - 9
 4:15 - 5:15pm
 Music Room, UC Secondary College Lake
 Ginninderra, Emu Bank, Belconnen



SIGN UP NOW OR JUST TURN UP!
 PH: (02) 6258 0200 OR VISIT WWW.YOUNGMUSICSOCIETY.ORG.AU

Think before you park...and keep our kids safe!

With school now back for the year we are encouraging all parents to make parking safety a priority!

This means:

- keep clear of 'no stopping' and 'no parking' zones
- don't park in bus zones on school crossings, across footpaths or driveways; and
- don't double (or triple) park!

Remember - it's okay to park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way!

Consider - having a pre-determined meeting spot agreed with your kids. That way if you are a little late, they know where to wait.

Think - visibility around schools and if your car may be blocking the view of crossings for other motorists. Also be mindful when entering or leaving parking spots - look twice!

Be kind - to other road users and pedestrians and also if you see any parking officers in the area - they are doing their job and working to keep our kids safe!

Note - licence Plate Recognition (or electronic chalking) vans are now actively monitoring schools. Penalties range from \$114 upwards to \$600. Details at www.act.gov.au/accessCBR

Have you got our App on your phone?
 You can download it on your phone's App store.

ALLERGY AWARENESS AT MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

We aim to be 'allergy friendly' as we have several students and staff who are highly allergic to nuts.

You can assist by avoiding nut products in your child's school food.



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Family Contact Details

Please ensure the school has your up to date contact details, including your family's email address. You can update them by contacting the front office on 6142 1600 or email info@macgregorps.act.edu.au

The Saunders family had fun visiting the Uruguay tent at the Multicultural Festival!



P&C NEWS



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2018 Annual General Meeting

As part of Macgregor Primary School's commitment to community involvement, all parents and caregivers are welcomed into our P&C group. On 22 February, the P&C held their Annual General Meeting to discuss positions for 2018.

President	Laura Horrell
Vice President	Lauren Cornish and Martin Ross
Secretary	Alison Elliot and Cassie Johnson (assistant)
Treasurer	TBA
Fundraising	Tara Robinson (coordinator), Lauren Cornish, Mandy Lawrence, Rachel Van Audenaerde, Alex Hunter, Alison Sobey, Fatima Maka, Marisa Chow
OSHC	Rod Saunders (coordinator), Alison Elliot, Cassie Johnson, Darren Neville, Lyndal Keen, Erin Kelly
Banking	Kirsty Ross (coordinator), Tara Robinson, Darren Neville
Music	Lynall Visagie
Uniforms	Mark Lockerbie (coordinator), Bronwyn Saunders
Canteen	Mandy Lawrence (coordinator), Tara Robinson, Mel Neville, Rachel Van, Alison Sobey, Lauren Cornish
Grants	Jenny Dettrick (coordinator), Cassie Johnson, Alison Elliot
Health and Safety	Lauren Cornish
Preschool	Tara Robinson (coordinator), Kirsty Ross, Laura Horrell
IT and Communication	Laura Horrell (coordinator), Alex Hunter

We are currently seeking assistance for the role of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for 2018. In the role as Treasurer, duties include:

- Responsible for all funds received and expended by the P&C
- Being familiar with the operation of the P&C
- Keeping full and complete records of financial movement within the P&C
- Written monthly report of the P&C budget and expenditure
- Acting upon decisions as directed by the meeting

We always welcome parent feedback and participation at our P&C meetings. If you would like to attend the next meeting, it will be occurring on **Thursday 22 March at 6pm in the library.**

If you would like the opportunity to act as Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer in 2018, please email laura.horrell@ed.act.edu.au. We would also appreciate any other parent involvement in any of the other committees mentioned.

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P and C Facebook Page

Did you know that in addition to the main Macgregor Primary Facebook page, the P&C can also be found on Facebook too? Please feel free to check out our Facebook page for up to date news from the P&C such as upcoming events, fundraisers and reminders from the uniform shop and canteen! Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/macgregorprimarypandc/> or simply search Macgregor Primary P &C in the search tool bar.

Kind Regards

Laura Horrell
P&C President



Canteen News

Welcome to all our students and families for 2018. We are looking forward to another exciting and productive year at Macgregor Primary School!

We held a trial in term 4 2017 by opening the canteen for an additional lunch service on Wednesday. We will assess the viability of this extra day over the term 1 break. To keep the canteen open three days a week we rely on the community to place orders.

Many thanks to all the families who have moved from cash orders to online Flexischools orders. This has enabled us to develop a broader menu bursting with fresh ingredients. Please support the Canteen by creating an account. www.flexischools.com.au

We have started the year well and are appreciative of the return of our volunteers from last year and have welcomed some new parent volunteers this term. On Friday 23 February, we recorded the highest number of apple slinkies in a long time. The machines were working overtime and our **apple core count was 111**. We would not be able to offer this service without volunteers. To remind parents, students can bring their whole apples to the Canteen on Thursday and Friday at the 10:00am fruit break. Please drop in at 10:00am if you are available to help facilitate this, if only for half an hour.



Kindy Welcome Lunch on **Wednesday 7 March**. The canteen is offering a one off special welcome lunch with discounted items. Notes with details for this special lunch service were sent home with students on Wednesday 28 February. Orders must be placed on Flexischools by **Monday 5 March**. Please log onto Flexischools to view the menu.

Fundraising: Bakers Delight, Manuka offer our school fundraising opportunities twice a year. If you are interested in ordering Hot Cross Buns, there are four options to choose from at a cost of **\$7.00 per six pack: Traditional, Choc Chip, Mocha and Apple and Cinnamon (new option made with real apple)**. We are accepting orders on **Flexischools only**. Orders must be placed by 4:00pm, **Friday 16 March**. Orders will be ready for collection from school on Friday 23 March.

Please call us on 6142 1628 (Wed-Fri) if you have any questions

Lauren Cornish & Mandy Lawrence

Term 1 Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk 1	5 Feb ✓Kindergarten and Preschool (Robots & Stars) commence ✓School Board Nominations open	6 Feb ✓Years 1-6 commence ✓Welcome Assembly	7 Feb	8 Feb ✓Preschool (Comets & Rockets) commence	9 Feb
Wk 2	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb ✓Yr 6 @ Camp Berry	15 Feb ✓Yr 6 @ Camp Berry ✓Whole School Welcome BBQ 5:30-7:30pm	16 Feb ✓Yr 6 @ Camp Berry
Wk 3	19 Feb ✓School Board Nominations close 11am	20 Feb	21 Feb ✓'Get to Know You' Interviews 3:30-7pm	22 Feb ✓P&C AGM Meeting 6pm ✓Yr 6 @ Seven Sisters	23 Feb ✓Assembly @ 2:20pm
Wk 4	26 Feb ✓School Board voting commences 11am	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar ✓Uruguayan Carnival under the COLA
Wk 5	5 Mar ✓Swimming Carnival years 1-6 ✓Kindergarten Water Fun Day at Macgregor ✓School Board voting closes 11am	6 Mar ✓Cuppa & Yarn 2pm	7 Mar	8 Mar ✓Belconnen Primary Schools Sports Leadership Workshop (Selected Students)	9 Mar ✓Coffee and Chat with Jennifer 9:15am
Wk 6	12 Mar Canberra Day Public Holiday	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar ✓Assembly @ 2:20pm
Wk 7	19 Mar ✓Preschool Photos ✓El dia de los libros	20 Mar ✓Robots and Stars @ CMAG	21 Mar ✓Harmony Day	22 Mar ✓Comets and Rockets @ CMAG ✓P&C Meeting 6pm	23 Mar ✓School Photos ✓Preschool Photos
Wk 8	26 Mar ✓Yr 1 @ National Museum	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar ✓Christian Education in Schools session	30 Mar Good Friday
Wk 9	2 Apr Easter Monday	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr ✓Coffee and Chat with Jennifer 9:15am ✓Assembly @ 2:20pm with In-School Music Concert
Wk 10	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr ✓Cross Country	13 Apr



Dear Parent/Carers

As you may be aware, recently it was necessary for a school in our region to respond to an incident that required police attendance. An unknown person approached a student from one of the schools in our region.

This unfortunate incident is a good reminder to us all to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

ACT Policing are urging anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have any information that could assist police to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or via www.act.crimestoppers.com.au. Information can be provided anonymously.

I want to assure you that the safety and welfare of our students and staff is always our paramount focus. We reinforce the Protective Behaviours personal safety program with our students, which teaches strategies to be safe at school and to develop their own network of trusted adults.

You may like to visit the Protective Behaviours website and help reinforce these strategies with your son or daughter: <http://www.protective-behaviours.org.au/>.

The School and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards

Jennifer

Jennifer Hall
Principal
2 March 2018