Dear Macgregor Community,

The Easter long weekend is rapidly approaching and I hope everyone takes the opportunity to spend the time connecting with their families. Lana and I have been thoroughly impressed by the learning opportunities offered across the school this year and by the high levels of student engagement from preschool to year 6. It was our SL@M fundraiser ‘Crazy Hair Day’ today and for some reason I had a lot of difficulty participating. The money raised will help support our Sunrise Village sponsor child and I would like to thank all families for their contributions.

The school disco is on tonight and I’m looking forward to putting on my dancing shoes and interacting with students in this less formal environment. Below I have highlighted some other initiatives and events happening in our school.

National Day of Action
The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was held on Friday 20 March 2015. This year more than 1950 schools, with more than (890 000) students across Australia participated by running whole school events and running classroom lessons. This day provides a focus for our school to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen our existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Please check out Tina Wilson’s article in this newsletter and our school Facebook page to hear more about our whole school action.

Student Led Clubs
Our Student Led Clubs (SLCs) program has been a huge success and we are receiving lots of positive feedback from teachers, parents and students. Our club attendance data indicates there has been high level of participation across the school and students have really enjoyed the Bike, Dance and Pokémon activities. Year 6 student leaders have done an outstanding job leading the five clubs and we’re looking to create an additional five clubs for term 2. Next term, some of our keen year 5 students will have the opportunity to apply to be club leaders and build upon the fantastic work of our year 6 students. Student leaders are also planning to utilise the school Playshed, Scooters and balance bikes (on top of new purchases) to create play break opportunities for all of Macgregor’s students.

Harmony Day
A special Harmony Day celebration assembly will be held this Friday afternoon 2:00pm in the school hall. Parents, staff and students are all encouraged to wear something orange. Our school captains will give a short dance presentation and deliver a special Harmony Day PowerPoint. All families are encouraged to join us for afternoon tea following the assembly in the library courtyard.

Staff Professional Learning
Macgregor’s teachers have been participating in ongoing professional learning related to their use of formative assessment (assessment practices that are specifically designed to enrich learning). Libby Glasgow and Anne Esposito continue to lead staff into our second year of learning on the work of the world-renowned educator Dylan William. The concepts and strategies we’re learning about aim to enhance teachers’ use of assessment and the feedback they offer students. Teachers continue to integrate related techniques into their everyday lessons and students are becoming more capable at using this feedback to improve their learning. The best teachers are often the best learners and we are all capable growing our minds and using feedback to get better.

Cross Country
Macgregor’s cross country carnival will be held at school 8 April (Wednesday week 10) between 9am - 11am for all K-6 students. Parents are encouraged to come along and cheer (and run) with our students. Last year I ran with a range of age groups wearing a very warm, felt elf hat. I have learnt from this mistake, but will attempt to join in a few races this year wearing more sensible attire.

I look forward to seeing you at our school events.

Bye for now,

Chris Shaddock
Deputy Principal

Reminder
Harmony Day Assembly & afternoon tea
Friday 27 March, 2.00 pm
News from Year 6

It certainly has been a busy start to 2015 in year 6! We started off with an amazing camp to Camp Cooba where we participated in many challenging activities which pushed us out of our comfort zones and encouraged us to work as a team to achieve our goals. We all had a great time and the students were praised for their positive involvement in all areas of camp.

Another big event for us was our Leadership Day held at the Raiders club in week 6. The day focused on developing each student’s leadership potential and year 6 certainly impressed all teachers involved with their enthusiasm and dedication to the event. Each student continues to apply what we learnt to their daily behaviour back at school, whether it be in the classroom, on the playground, in their student led clubs or at our whole school events. This is amazing to see.

Our writing focus for the term has been recounts and procedure. The students have been getting use to self assessment using rubrics and identifying their areas of strength and areas of development. All of which has led to positive growth in our writing.

In numeracy we are developing our mental computation skills and exploring the various strategies we can use to solve addition and subtraction problems effectively.

During science we are exploring microorganisms and the role they play in our food and in medicine. The students have really enjoyed conducting experiments.

Despite all these exciting things happening in year 6, the biggest excitement is around the chromebooks and the implementation of them within our classes. Before we begin students will be learning about cyber safety and how to be responsible and safe online.

We had had a great start to the year and we know it’s only going to get better.

Nicole Carney and Renee Waters

PRE-SCHOOL 2016

If you have a child who turns 4 on or before 30 April 2016, then he/she is eligible to begin Preschool in 2016.

Enrolments will be accepted from the 28 April 2015.

To enrol your child, go to www.det.act.gov.au and fill in the online enrolment form, Application to Enrol/Transfer in an ACT public school.

Applications for enrolments close on 5 June 2015. Letters for acceptance/decline will be posted to parents from the 19 June 2015.

School Board Election Results

Congratulations to Amanda Bichard and Melanie Meurant on their election as parent members of the School Board. I’m sure they will enjoy their two year term and and find this new role both interesting and informative.

Tracey Reis
Assistant Returning Officer

2KA

Just to keep it a bit interesting this week we are going to report on our term 1 progress like it’s a game of footy... Why not? The AFL season is almost ready to start and as a Bombers’ fan I really don’t have much to look forward to at the moment so this will take my mind off them. Please ignore a few changes of ‘tense’ throughout – Mr Archibald.

1st Quarter- What a frenetic start to the game (year) it has been. Julia has a valuable part of the class leadership team and she has set an example for her teammates in all areas. Abhijot was a keen participant during trade week, as 2KA had a bit of a bartering system happening for a while there where we swapped our homegrown produce with each other. Auys is beginning to transform(ers) his mind in mathematics which is great to see. Makalia Bates and Soriaiya are wonderful finishers in front of goal, consistently asking for feedback and trying to improve the quality of their work.

2nd Quarter- Mikayla, Brooke and Suzie have particularly enjoyed making ‘Elephants toothpaste’ and blowing up Mentos in Science. Vineth and Hunter have worked well during reading groups and have improved their expression and tone when reading different texts. Daily Investigations throughout the unit have shown that we have some very creative and clever students in year 2. Eddie and Kwame enjoyed making chocolate crackles and particularly enjoyed the cleaning up part (hopefully this continues at home?)

3rd Quarter- Maggie B has been a wonderful target up forward with her well written narratives and wonderful team spirit. Ryan and Zabrina have blown Ms Sochacki away with their addition skills during WIN groups. Aaron has had a great term so far and was particularly strong and creative when filming our ‘National Day of Action Against Bullying’. Pre School Visits- Ferris, Maddie and Bryon (and the rest of 2KA) are busy preparing for the upcoming ‘away game’ at MCGP Pre-School. We will be sharing our narratives that we have been creating during writing lessons with the pre schoolers. Harnoor and Avni are always demonstrating the B.R.I.C.K. principles in class which is awesome!

The 4th Quarter- As we head into the last few weeks of Term we are looking forward to celebrating ANZAC day and remembering all of the past service men and women who have served our country. Already Madalyn and Grace have shown the respect and camaraderie of the ANZACs learning about Australia’s military past. We will be asking students to reflect by using poetry to tune in to this rather complicated topic.

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Coaches Mrs Ryan and Mr Archibald have been really happy with the Team’s effort throughout the term and hopefully this continues for the rest of the year!

Final Score: 2KA: 174 to Everyone Else: 0
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great couple of weeks it has been in the Library!

The “Library swap” was a great success and enjoyed by all who participated. Lots of enthusiastic readers with happy faces, choosing a pre-loved book from a fellow classmate! A big thank you to the families who donated books and to everyone who helped make this a fun activity.

The Library Buzz! Term 1 Week 8

The winners of our library awards this week are Junior Julia S; Senior: Piper B.

Happy Reading,
Lisa Kunkel

WOW! What a great start to kindergarten. Can you believe it is week 8 already? The ‘Koalas’ have settled into their routines and are coming to school each day ready for learning.

At the start of each day we begin the day with investigations. These activities are based around children’s areas of interest as well as areas we are learning in the curriculum. In science, we are learning about the weather. The ‘Koalas’ created something that could move in the wind. We had kites, paper planes and paper decorations.

During Literacy we have been promoting our learning using a letter and sounds program called ‘Jolly Phonics.’ The children enjoyed singing these songs at the unit assembly. If you would like to use it at home, it can be found at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Djz82FBYiug

In Numeracy we are learning how to write our numbers correctly, making patterns, sorting objects into groups, recognising 2D shapes and collecting data. Some of the data we have been collecting in the ‘Koalas’ room is:

- How many people are in your family?
- What is your favourite fruit?
- What is your favourite party food?

We had an amazing time at our Kindergarten Water Fun Day. Thank you to all the people who helped make it such a successful morning. The children are very keen for another one during the year.

Throughout the term we have been learning and understanding our BRICK values. Every Thursday we will be handing out 2 BRICK awards per class.

This week, BRICK awards went to Mikayla, Hannah, Madeleine, Jemma, Lachlan, Mitchell, Alissa, Myles, Paige, Eva, Callan and Mitchell.

Well done kindergarten, keep up the great work!

Please remember to bring in the home reader pouches on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Every Tuesday - Koalas and 5 Crocodile children have library in the afternoon.

Friday morning – Specialist teachers - PE with Mr Ridley and dance with Miss E.

Regards
Jodie Penyu

The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was held on Friday, 20 March 2015.

This year, Macgregor Primary School celebrated this event with all staff and children from preschool through to year 6 taking a united stand against bullying. Children formed circles with preschool in the centre moving to an outer circle of our senior students. It was an effective and symbolic representation of our clear message that bullying is an issue that we are proactive about at Macgregor. Wristbands were distributed to all students that participated in the event. It carried the message, ‘Bullying. No Way! Take a stand together.’ The video of the event is displayed on our facebook page.

Last Thursday, a flyer was sent home to families supporting the home/school partnership in addressing and aiming to minimise the incidents of bullying. Please take time to read through it and to share the strategies with your children.

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Tina Wilson

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.

Exciting News

Finally, work is about to start on our new overflow car park on Hirschfeld Crs. You will see temporary fencing erected on 31 March with construction to begin 2 April.

This should not have any impact on day to day business at the school.
Week 8 already—time flies when there’s lots of sport on!
The next two weeks are very busy in the sporting arena at Macgregor so no doubt the end of term will be here before we know it. I have been very impressed with how our senior students are approaching the golf program and equally as impressed by the enthusiastic way our junior school are participating in the MILO T20 cricket program.

Belconnen Region 12 Yrs & Under Swimming Carnival
Good luck to our school swimming team who head to the AIS this Friday to compete at the Belconnen Region 12 years and under swimming carnival. Team members are – Charlotte H, Hayley L, Chelsea M, Liam M, Brooke K, Elizabeth W, Amanda-Jayne U, Sienna T, Brennan K, Ena H, Samantha C, Hugo C, Brooke B, Joshua P, Declan S, Claudia L, Spencer B and Maddie T. I have been very proud over the last few weeks to have seen some of our swimming team members practising their events at CISAC whilst I have been accompanying my daughter for her practice. Team members will need to meet Mr Ridley at the AIS at 8.30 am for a 9 am start. Go Team Macgregor!

Mal Meninga Cup Finals
Congratulations to our year 3/4 footy team – Spencer B, Jaxon R, Bradley P, Bailey R, Ryan L, Nick H and Mitchell R - who competed in the Meninga Cup 7-a-side finals last Wednesday at Raiders Kippax. After finishing on top of the ladder and undefeated at the gala day a few weeks ago, the boys continued this good form, going through the semis at Kippax undefeated and qualifying for the grand final against Holy Family. The grand final match was tough and fast paced with Holy Family sneaking home 3 tries to 2 and surviving an onslaught of attack from our very brave boys. A massive thank you again to Paul Reid for assisting with coaching the team. Thank you also to those family members who were able to come along and cheer on the boys from the sideline.

Cross Country Carnival—8 April
A reminder that the school cross country carnival will be held between 9 am and 11 am on Wednesday 8 April (last week of term) on and around the school grounds. A short presentation assembly will also be held from 2 pm in the school hall to congratulate place getters and announce the house participation trophy winner. Distances the students will be running are: K/1 – 500m; 8 yrs & year 2 – 1km, 9 years – 1.5km; 10 years – 2km; 11 years – 3km; and 12 years – 3km. Age is based on the age the child turns/turned in 2015. It has been great to hear many stories from the students about the training regimes they have set up in the lead up to the big day and many parents/carers being a part of this. Well done team!

Interschool Sports Afternoon
On the last day of term we will again be participating in the very popular interschool sports afternoon at Latham Playing Fields. The afternoons are held for students in years 3-6 and aim to build positive relationships between neighbouring schools in a fun, non-competitive, safe and supportive environment. Notes detailing the excursion, including the ride to and from Latham by bike, were sent home last week with interested students. Please contact me at school if your child was absent and would like to participate.

Children’s Learn to Skate Program
Roller skating is great fun, it promotes fitness and strengthens gross motor, so come and give it a try. When: Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning during ACT school terms Cost: $150 first child and $120 for a sibling plus $3 skate hire if required. Contact skateprogramsACT@gmail.com for further details.

2015 Sports Expo
When: 15th and 16th April 2015 (second week of holidays)
Times: 9 am – 2 pm both days
Where: National Hockey Centre, Lyneham
Ages: 6-16 years old
Cost: $100 for two days
Sports covered: Hockey, Touch, Netball, Cricket, Volleyball and Soccer

Western District Junior Rugby Union Club
2015 registrations are being taken online at www.rugbylink.com.au (search for Western District JRU). Registration fee includes ARU insurance, full playing kit (jersey, shorts & socks) for you to keep, 12 rounds of rugby, Brumbies Rugby 2015 Junior Player Pass and coaching by qualified and experienced coaches. For further details please call Kev Whitton (President) on 0402 805 219.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information please contact me at school to discuss.
Have an awesome weekend....
Glen Ridley
PE Teacher

Congrats to Maddie T and Hayley L who have both been selected in the Belconnen Region Girls’ Cricket team. After two rained out days, the girls hopefully competed today at Kingston. Well done girls!

Congrats to Maddie G, Chelsea M and Chloe S who competed at the ACT Little Athletics Championships at the AIS on the weekend. Maddie finished 2nd in the 1500m walk only inches behind an ex-Macgregor student and achieved a PB in the 1500m run. Chelsea came 4th in the 1500m run and 5th in 800m, smashing her PBs in both these events by over 10 seconds! Chloe finished first in the 400m and 800m events (ACT Champion) and achieved a PB in both events. She also came 2nd in the 100m and 200m, with a PB in the 200m. Well done champions!

Our 3/4 Mal Meninga team.
President’s Update

The School P&C is a great place for families with students to meet others, join in a range of community activities and even get support from other parents at times. We aim to keep it a friendly, community-oriented atmosphere where everyone is welcome.

The role of the P&C includes helping people come together, making suggestions to/asking questions of the Principal, getting to know each other, feeling that you can contribute to the school & having fun during this precious time of your child’s life. The more members we have actively participating in the P&C association the better we can achieve our objectives.

Please consider coming along to a P&C meeting and getting involved – it’s a great way to meet new people and really contribute to your child’s school experience.

Also, opting in for P&C email is great way to engage with activities, issues and useful information, even if you can't make it to meetings.

Please either email the P&C with your interest, or complete the form below and return to the School reception.

Amanda Bichard
P&C President
pandcmacgregorprimaryschool@gmail.com

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Please add me to the P&C email list

Name: 
Email: 
Signed: 
Date: 

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DISCO TONIGHT!

$3 ENTRY
All entry fees will help fund MPS’ Kulture Break dance programme.

Junior Disco (Preschool - Year 2) 4.30pm to 6pm
Senior Disco (Years 3 - 6) 6.30pm to 8pm

NO entry until 4.30pm for Juniors / 6.30pm for Seniors.
ALL children must be dropped off and picked up INSIDE the school hall.

The Fundraising Committee warmly welcomes all parent volunteers who can stay during their child’s disco to help out with supervision and sales.

Contact the convenor, Alex, on alex.in.2615@gmail.com or 0417 912 295 or look for Alex’s friendly face badge on the night!

This is the first Macgregor Primary School disco with limited lollies and no soft drinks. We will be keen to hear feedback about this, and about the disco in general from parents and kids. This will make the next disco even more fun!

Got SL@M Crazy Hair?
We want to see it at your disco!

DRESS UP
Tattoos, slap bands, rings, moustaches - $1 each

FUEL UP
Water - $1
Juice boxes - $1.50
Sweet treats and snacks - 50c, $1
Homemade pasta (vege / bolognaise) - $3 per cup
Quelches (half / full) - 50c, $1
Home made desserts (apple slice / pikelets) - 50c

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