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Term 3 Week 2

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Dates to Remember

Friday 2 August 2019 - Senior Assembly 2:10pm

Tuesday 6 August 2019 - Year 6 Combined Band at Macgregor

Friday 9 August 2019 - Whole School Growth Awards Assembly 2:10pm hosted by Year 5

Monday 12 August 2019 to Wednesday 14 August - Year 4 Camp Borambola

Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to term three ! It has been wonderful catching up with our amazing families, teachers and children. Many thanks to all of you for your many well wishes and I am very and excited to be back at school feeling fit and healthy. Much appreciation to all of our teachers who continued to focus on their excellent teaching and learning and to our wonderful leadership team— Catherine, Jo, James, Christine and Millie for continuing to take the school forward on our improvement journey.

NAIDOC Week

Thank you to local artist and Macgregor Primary School family member, Emma Laverty, for facilitating a number of Indigenous Contemporary Dance Workshops over the last fortnight. Emma, Christine Trull and Catherine Dillon are also working on a performing arts project together that will be performed on the mainstage of 'Step Into the Limelight' later this month.

100 Days of School

It was lovely to be so warmly welcomed back to school by our Kindergarten students enjoying their '100 days of Kindergarten' festivities last week. It seems like in just a blink, the Kinder children have grown into 'big school' and they confidently move around our school building and approach learning tasks with enthusiasm. Thank you to our outstanding early childhood team for ensuring that this celebratory day was... well celebrated!



Assemblies and awards

Last week we hosted a 'practice' junior assembly for the children in Kindergarten to Year 2 to orientate the children to the regular items that will occur at these assemblies. You may remember that as part of our community consultation sessions, families provided us with feedback regarding the need to further develop the awards structure within the school. Together, we have identified some additional awards;

- Super W@M Award
- Academic Achievement Award
- Community Citizenship Award (with sponsorship of this award being provided by our P&C Association)
- BRICK Values Award

Tomorrow we are hosting a senior 'practice' assembly for our students in Year 3 to 6. As is our usual practice, families are always invited to join us for these community gatherings even though tomorrow is a practice.

Book Week

We are celebrating Book Week in week 5 (19-23 August). We have many activities planned across the week including visits from Authors, Illustrators and the head judge of the Children's Book Council of Australia, the organisation which facilitates Book Week. The Gudamang and Guginya Preschool classes will join the whole school on Tuesday at 9:15am for our annual Read Aloud and have their Book Week costume parade. The remainder of the school and Buru and Wlga Preschool classes will have their parade during our Book Week Assembly on Friday at 9:15am.

Term letters

We look forward to families receiving a one page term letter tomorrow from their child's teacher which will list the Australian Curriculum content their child will be learning about in the different disciplines over the term, and also provide an overview of important dates for their child's year level during the term. Our bulletin boards in the school's main building are also being refreshed with 'writing' learning activities the children have completed recently. Enjoy!

Warm regards,
Jennifer



From the Deputy Principal

We are now 'Hats On' until May next year



Being the 1st August, it is that time of year again for children to be packing a Sunsmart hat into their school bag every day.

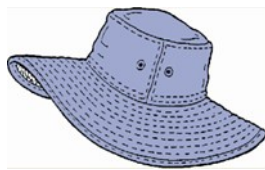
As a school with Sunsmart status, we have a leadership role in promoting a balance between the benefits and harms of ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure and the links with vitamin D.

Schools can reduce a student's (and staff members) solar ultraviolet radiation exposure and risk of skin cancer because:

- ✦ the children are at school when UV radiation levels are at their highest (ie 10am-3pm)
- ✦ schools are an appropriate place to teach and promote healthy sun protection behaviour
- ✦ schools, in partnership with families and their communities, can help reduce UV radiation exposure and change behaviour through policy, education and
- ✦ role modelling

schools can provide effective shade areas for students and workers.

Over the next week we will be promoting sun protective behaviours and supporting the children to remember to pack (and wear!) their Sunsmart school hat.



Year 6 Band News

The Arts subjects, have the capacity to engage, inspire and enrich all students, exciting the imagination and encouraging them to reach their creative and expressive potential. The Arts regularly engage multiple skills and abilities – during our Band lessons, I observe the children to engage in critical thinking, problem solving and learning how to work cooperatively toward long term shared goals.

Rich in tradition, the Arts play a major role in the development and expression of cultures and communities. During 2019, the *Year 6 Band Class* has certainly blossomed throughout as a group of fine young musicians. I have been observing the children to develop integration of eye-hand coordination, rhythm, tonality, symbol recognition and interpretation, as well as sustained ability to focus on a musical text.

Next Monday morning, our Year 6 Band students are hosting a combined Band Practice at Macgregor Primary School. Our local schools with Brass and Woodwind Bands, will arrive at 9.30am by bus and we will create a Concert Band to learn, play and share old and new pieces of music.



There will be a short performance at 12 midday on Monday (5 August) in our school hall for family members to join us. Our wider school community members are also warmly invited.



Regards, Catherine



Volume 9: Tier Three Intensive Intervention

A smaller group of students, approximately 1-5 per cent, may need more individualised and intensive supports, as well as the Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports. In many cases, the problem behaviour has become "chronic" as these students have experienced academic and behavioural difficulties over an extended period of time.

As with the Tier 2 level, schools build on the foundations of school-wide universal prevention to support these students. Using data-based decision making to rapidly support these students is important. Interventions focus on creating and implementing individualised behaviour support plans that are linked to the universal system. For example, the individual plans are based upon the school-wide expectations; the identification of students in need of Tier 3 supports uses the established data decision making framework. Intensive and individualised behaviour intervention plans are developed and implemented to reduce the intensity and severity of challenging behaviours. These plans are devised using functional behavioural assessment. This assessment looks at contextual, learning and relationship factors to help explain the purpose of the behaviour. The evidence shows that understanding the function of behaviour is essential to make the problem behaviour ineffective, inefficient and irrelevant.

Examples of Tier Two targeted intervention strategies include, but are not limited to:

- **Individual Learning Plans** – teachers negotiate individual learning goals with the student and these goals are communicated with the parents. Goals are monitored and reviewed regularly.
- **Personalised Learning Plans** – similar to Personalised Learning Plans, Tracks meetings occur with students who identify as being Indigenous and their families. Interests, cultural backgrounds, traditions and learning goals are discussed and set.
- **Social stories** – social stories are developed with individual children to assist them in developing an understanding of appropriate behaviours and interactions.
- **Structure and support**– students are supported to be successful, reflect on their choices, practise new scripts or patterns of behaviour and given time for joint identification of the ways in which behaviours can change in the future. Students are supported to repair relationships and commit to change.
- **Case Management conferences** - case managers are identified for students with complex needs and conferences are held to ensure there are shared goals and expectations among key stakeholders.
- **Behaviour Support Plans and Behaviour Response Plans** – are developed, widely communicated and frequently reflected upon to ensure best practice in the support of students.
- **External referral services** - where appropriate, external agencies are consulted and referral services are put in place.

Coming up in Volume 10: What do we do when actions impact negatively?

Leaving Macgregor

If your Preschool to year 5 child is leaving Macgregor Primary School at the end of the year (or before), please notify us as soon as possible by letter or email to the Front Office.

If your child is in Year 6, could you please advise the front office or your child's classroom teacher which High School they will be enrolling into in 2020 if you haven't already, thank you.

Spotlight on Reading

HOW CAN I GET MY CHILD TO READ MORE BOOKS AT HOME?

Find books about his or her interests because these will be appealing. Where do you get these books?

- ★ Borrow from your local library. Your child may not be able to read the whole book but may be able to read some sections, and the photos, illustrations and diagrams can be interesting to talk about. You could read some parts of the book to your child.
- ★ Borrow from family and friends.
- ★ Buy from second-hand bookshops.
- ★ Buy from council libraries when they have annual sales.
- ★ Buy from garage sales and fetes.
- ★ Buy from bookshop sale tables.
- ★ Buy from publishers' book clubs.
- ★ Give a book/magazine subscription as a gift.
- ★ Go online. There are many websites where you can download free e-books or buy them at cheap prices.
- ★ Find your child's favourite authors online so they can read about current and upcoming titles.
- ★ Have your child write book reviews for children's online book clubs.
- ★ Encourage your child to read the book of an enjoyed movie.



Remember, too, that while your child may be reluctant to read regular books, he or she may read many other types of texts, for example, magazines, e-books and webpages. This is still 'reading'.

Think about what you read for work, leisure and family obligations. Use these to broaden your child's reading experiences and provide opportunities to read, talk, enjoy and learn.

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| ★ Websites | ★ Ingredients on food packages |
| ★ Text messages | ★ Menus |
| ★ Emails | ★ Instruction manuals |
| ★ Apps | ★ Forms |
| ★ Newspapers | ★ Maps |
| ★ Magazines | ★ Programs |
| ★ Advertisements | ★ Catalogues |
| ★ Signs | ★ Order forms |
| ★ School notices | ★ Medicinal instructions |
| ★ Newsletters | ★ What else? |
| ★ Recipes | |



Notes Sent Home

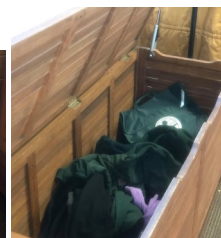
- 2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) **Online payment closes on 14 August**
- Step into the limelight 2019 - **Note Due: Friday 9 August**
- Year One Canberra Zoo and Aquarium 2019 - **Note Due: Friday 2 August**
- ACT Oztage - Girls and Boys years 5 and 6 - **Note Due: Tuesday 6 August**

Lost Property

Due to the large amount of lost property we are not able to store it for a long period of time. Please write your child's name on their belongings so they can be returned to them.



Unnamed Items will be placed in the lost property box and stored for a few weeks. Following this they will be donated to the school uniform shop.



Spotlight on Library



Welcome back to term 3. It should be a most exciting and enjoyable term for the children as it includes, amongst other things, Book Week in week 5 and Book Fair in week 9. This week I would like to remind families about the Parent Collection in the Library which we have been adding to lately.

It is still quite small but is growing steadily with books that parents might find handy to have at their disposal including; Mem Fox and Judy Horacek's Reading Magic: how your child can learn to read before school,

How Much is Enough? By J. Clarke, PhD which includes everything you need to know to raise likeable, responsible and respectful children, Rocket your child into Reading by Jackie French, Thriving at School by Dr John Irvine, The Reading Bug and how you can help your child to catch it by Paul Jennings, the DK book Help your kids with study skills, and Read to me: raising kids who love to read by Bernice E. Cullinan. We also have books with a focus on special needs; dyslexia, ADHD, bullying, diverse families, babies need books and children's parties.

Last term the School Psychologist also recommended a few titles suitable for the Parent Library that may assist with those targeted needs of our children at varying times.

The Parent Library is located within the main seated area of the school library and can be accessed by setting up a parent account with myself or Ira. Parent accounts enable families to borrow from both the Parent Library and the general collection for up to ten books at a time over a three week period. Please see us or email me for further information.

Keep on Reading!

Norma John
Teacher Librarian

Dear Families,

Families will have received the Scholastic book club catalogues for term 3. A reminder that all orders and payments must to be completed online and that no cash will be accepted at the school. To order a book use this direct link and register: <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx>

The due date for current catalogue orders is **Saturday 10 August 2019**. Orders will be delivered to the school and distributed to students when they arrive. If you do order after the due date, you will be charged \$4.99 for a shipping fee for delivery to your home address.

Happy Reading
Regards,
Your Library Team
Norma John and Ira Patkar



Macgregor Primary School Staff Snapshot

A snapshot of ..Mark Strutt



What is your role at Macgregor Primary School?

I am one of five Year 4 classroom teachers.

What was your background before coming to Macgregor?

I am originally from Sydney but have lived in Canberra since 2000. I am married with two young adults who, just the other day, were very cute little kids. I have been a primary school teacher for longer than I care to remember. Over the years I have taught from pre-school to Year 7. I have also done many other things in my life unconnected with education. I have been very fortunate to have travelled to, as well as living and working in many different countries. This means I can bring a wide understanding of the world to my class.

What makes Macgregor a great school?

For the kids, Macgregor has lots of space for them to play with a wide choice of activities to get involved in. All the staff are genuinely interested in the kids having the best educational and social experience possible at school. Also, the 'Before and 'After School Care' people are just amazing.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of staff?

The staff are very welcoming and there is a wealth of experience here that we can all draw on. The executive team is always looking for ways to continue the development of the staff to make school even better both for the whole Macgregor family.



2019 School Satisfaction Survey

The 2019 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted later this term.

Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 4 to 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 in August. [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.

Term 3 Calendar 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Wk 1	22 July ✓NAIDOC Workshops	23 July ✓NAIDOC Workshops ✓Senior School Indigenous Dance Workshop	24 July ✓NAIDOC Workshops	25 July ✓NAIDOC Workshops ✓Senior School Indigenous Dance Workshop	26 July ✓NAIDOC Workshops ✓Junior Assembly 2:10	
Wk 2	29 July ✓NAIDOC Workshops	30 July ✓NAIDOC Workshops ✓Senior School Indigenous Dance Workshop	31 July ✓NAIDOC Workshops	1 August ✓NAIDOC Workshops ✓Senior School Indigenous Dance Workshop	2 August ✓NAIDOC Workshops ✓Senior Assembly 2:10	
Wk 3	5 August	6 August ✓Yr 6 Combined Band @ Macgregor ✓School Board meeting 5pm	7 August	8 August	9 August ✓Whole School Growth Awards Assembly 2:10pm hosted by Yr 5 ✓P&C Bingo Night	
Wk 4	12 August ✓Yr 4 Camp @ Borambola	13 August ✓Yr 4 Camp @ Borambola ✓Krispy Kreme orders due	14 August ✓Yr 4 Camp @ Borambola	15 August ✓Limelight dance rehearsal @ Ainslie ✓P&C Meeting 6pm	16 August ✓'Coffee & Chat' with Jennifer 9:15am ✓Kenny Koala @ Kindergarten 12:30-1:30pm ✓Junior Assembly 2:10	
Wk 5	19 August ✓Book Week ✓Belconnen Athletics	20 August ✓Book Week,Read Aloud & preschool parade (Gudamang, Guginya)	21 August ✓Book Week	22 August ✓Book Week	23 August ✓Book Week Assembly 9:15am ✓Yr 5 Combined Band ✓Senior Assembly 2:10	
Wk 6	26 August ✓Yr 2 Aquasafe @ CISAC	27 August ✓Yr 2 Aquasafe @ CISAC ✓Limelight tech rehearsal	28 August ✓Yr 2 Aquasafe @ CISAC ✓Yr 5 Combined Band ✓Lift Off Go Yr 6	29 August ✓Yr 2 Aquasafe @ CISAC ✓Father's Day stalls ✓Limelight performance	30 August ✓Yr 2 Aquasafe @ CISAC ✓Whole School Growth Awards Assembly 2:10pm hosted by Kindergarten ✓Father's Day stalls ✓Limelight rehearsal ✓Limelight performance	
Wk 7	2 September	3 September ✓ICAS Digital Technologies	4 September ✓Cuban Embassy Year 6 Presentation Drawing Launch	5 September ✓ICAS Science	6 September ✓Junior Assembly 2:10	
Wk 8	9 September	10 September ✓ICAS Writing ✓ACT Athletics ✓School Board meeting 5pm	11 September ✓Uruguay National Day celebrations	12 September ✓ICAS Spelling Bee	13 September ✓Senior Assembly 2:10	
Wk 9	16 September ✓Book Fair	17 September ✓Book Fair ✓ICAS English	18 September ✓Book Fair ✓Learning Journeys K-6, Guginya & Gudamang	19 September ✓Book Fair ✓ICAS Maths ✓Learning Journeys Buru & Walga ✓P&C Meeting 6pm	20 September ✓Book Fair ✓'Coffee & Chat' with Jennifer 9:15am ✓Whole School Growth Awards Assembly 2:10pm hosted by Yr 2	22 Sept ✓Portrait Fundraiser
Wk 10	23 September	24 September	25 September	26 September ✓Year 5 Exhibition	27 September ✓Whole School Shout Out Assembly 2:10pm	



P&C NEWS

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Term 3, Week 2 2019



Seeking an ATSI and EALD representative

The P&C Committee have created two new roles and we encourage parent's/carers to nominate.

The person who nominates will be a voice for other parent's/carers within the community and assist the P&C with cultural awareness issues related to school activities and events.

If you would like to represent the EALD (English and an Additional Language or Dialect) or ATSI (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) families at Macgregor please contact the President (Alison Elliott) at president@macgregorpandc.org by Wednesday 14th August.

KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

Ordering is now open on flexischools for our Krispy Kreme fundraiser!

Instructions are attached for how to order as a guest - anyone can order whether they have a student at Macgregor or not so please share with your Canberra friends and family 😊


Orders are due by 13th August.

Orders will be available for collection from the school from approximately 3pm Wednesday 28th August (time and place to be confirmed closer to the day).



2:01 pm Tue 18 Jun

Flexischools - how to order online
PDF - 34 KB



HOW TO ORDER ONLINE

EXISTING STUDENT

If you have an existing student attending the school, please follow the instructions below:

REGISTER

1. Go to flexischools.com.au, select the **Register** button and enter your email address.
2. You will be sent a registration email with a link to the registration page.
3. Follow the instructions in the email to set up your account.
4. Once your account is set up, add your students and select their school and class.

ORDER

1. Go to flexischools.com.au and select the 'My Account' button and login.
2. To place an order, click on the 'Online Ordering' button for your student.
3. Select the items you wish to order.
4. Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

GUEST ORDERING

If you do not have a student attending the school, please follow the instructions below:

1. Visit flexischools.com.au and scroll down to the bottom of the website and select the **GUESTS** link located in the bottom right corner.
2. Type in the school name into the search bar and select your school from the list, this will then redirect you to the online ordering page.
3. On the next page, update the current location box in the top right to **GUEST**.
4. Select the service from the list of the available options.
5. Select the items and quantities that you wish to order online.
6. Click 'Next: Check'
7. Select 'Buy now without registering'
8. Enter your information into the fields in the form provided and accept the terms and conditions.
9. Select 'Next: Check' and select 'Guest' as your class.
10. Pay for your order using a credit card or PayPal and confirm your 'order'



Our volunteer-run services

Uniform shop opening times:
Mondays - 9:00- 9:30am
Alternate Thursdays 5:00 – 6:00pm
(coinciding with public service pay week)**
and
Fridays 2:30 – 3:30pm

Orders through [Flexischools](#) are checked through the week and will be delivered to classrooms Monday mornings. The pickup function can be used if you would like to collect your order in person within the above opening times.

If you are available to volunteer your time in the Uniform Shop, even if it is to help sort clothes and tidy up, please contact us at uniform@macgregorpandc.org

UNIFORM SHOP



Our new dresses have arrived! They come in green/red as pictured or the reverse Red/green and cost \$35 each.

They are currently available in sizes 4-14 but will also be available in sizes 2 and 16 closer to summer.

5 CENT FUNDRAISER

Keep saving those 5 cent pieces for November!



CANTEEN

Struggle for time to volunteer at school? You can help in other ways like support the school canteen.

→ Purchase an extra item or two with your weekly shop and donate pantry items, fresh fruit or home grown produce and leave at the canteen or front office. The canteen is always in need of:

- Brown paper lunch bags
- Light Mayonnaise (97% fat free)
- Tomato paste *(low salt)
- Tinned tomatoes *(low salt)
- Tinned lentils *(low salt)
- Olive oil
- Pasta – spirals, wagon wheels or macaroni

LOW SALT OPTIONS PLEASE, this is a requirement for school canteens

UNIFORM PRICING COMPARISON			
	ITEM	OUR PRICE	COMPETITOR PRICE
	Bucket Hat	\$15.00	Not logo'd
	Raincoat	\$40.00	\$65.00
	S/S Polo	\$20.00	\$26.00
	L/S Polo	\$22.00	\$30.00
	Hoodie Jumper	\$30.00	\$46.00
	Zip Hoodie	\$34.00	\$51.00
	Polar Fleece jacket	\$30.00	\$36.00
	A-line Skort	\$18.00	\$30.00
	Netball Skirt	\$18.00	\$35.00
	Gaberdine Skort	\$18.00	\$30.00
	Mesh Shorts	\$12.00	\$25.00
	Microfibre Shorts	\$14.00	\$25.00
	D/K Trackpants	\$20.00	\$35.00
	Summer Dress	\$48.00	\$51.00
	Winter Tunic	\$45.00	\$65.00

Our uniform shop prides itself on supplying items to families as cheaply as we can.

A current review of our prices against rising production and selling costs means we need to amend a few of our prices

- the price changes will be on a select number of items (and does include a couple of price decreases!) and will come into effect at the commencement of term 3, 2019.

Please see the attached picture that shows the comparison between our prices and the external uniform shops - we hope you agree that our prices are more than competitive 😊

SCHOOL MUSIC SCHEME



The P&C runs a music scheme giving students the opportunity to learn piano, drums or guitar during school hours with a private tutor.

These half hour weekly lessons with tutors from Canberra Music Tuition provide students with individual attention and students can be enrolled on a term by term basis.

All levels and skills are catered for. Cost: \$37 per half hour lesson (Canberra Music Tuition) \$10 per student P&C administration fee. For more information or to enrol your child please email Lyndall at lyn_dall@yahoo.co.uk.

FUNDRAISING

Information is coming soon about our first Bingo Night at Macgregor.

A relaxing fun night for the adults!

P&C Council General Meeting

Tues 27 August, 6.45pm at Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching & Learning, 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling

There will be a presentation on Positive Behaviours for Learning Framework for those interested in attending. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is on again, **WEDNESDAY**, 7th August outside the library. This term's rewards are taking us on a polar adventure. The rewards are an Owl fluffy keyring and Scratch art cards. They will be popular.

We always look forward to students coming along and welcome any questions from anyone wanting to commence with school banking. School banking is also open to preschool students and also younger siblings of school students.

Thank you to those that took part in the book competition last term. We had 3 junior prize winners and 4 senior prize winners.

Our winners were delighted to receive their prizes.

Thanks to **Kirsty and Martin Ross** for volunteering to keep school banking operating this year.

Next P&C General Meeting 6pm Thursday 15 August 2019

Please remember to sign the attendance book

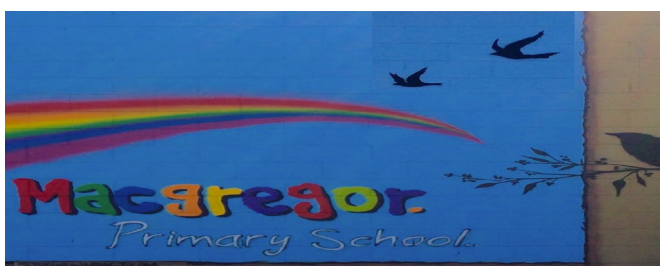
Any member of the P&C (any parent or carer of a Macgregor Primary School student) can attend & participate in meetings. It's a great way to meet others within the school community and keep in the loop about happenings within the school. You can even bring issues of concern to the meeting.

Meetings are held in the school library and a movie will be shown to keep children entertained.

All parents, carers and their children are welcome!

SCHOOL FETE

It's on again this year!! Mark your diaries for Saturday 16th November



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