Dear Macgregor Community,

Term One….tick!

As we come to the end of a busy, but exciting term, I’d like to take the opportunity to congratulate all of our students for the way they have applied themselves to their learning so far this year. Staff have noted a strong commitment to applying a GROWTH mindset to learning, from all students and this is being reflected in the outcomes students are achieving. It’s becoming obvious that we are all realising that if we work harder...we will get smarter!

GROWTH Minded Learning Awards:

As we had no assembly last week, due to the Good Friday public holiday, this month’s winners will be announced at our first assembly next term.

Upcoming whole school events:

- On Friday (tomorrow) we will be holding our whole school ANZAC assembly. This will be a serious and thoughtful commemoration ceremony, and will start at 9.15am in the school hall. We would warmly welcome any parents and community members who would like to join us for the service.
- Remember; our next parent workshop “Understanding Maths Today” will be held on Thursday the 14th of May, from 5.30 pm. (Save the date.)

Reporting to parents on student progress:

Each year, parents receive two detailed reports, at the end of each semester, conveying how your children are progressing and whether or not we have any concerns about their learning at this point in time. Teachers will indicate (by ticking the box) if an interview is required with the parent; however, you may request one at any time if you feel the need. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns about the reporting process or timelines.

NAPLAN

Parents of year 3 and 5 students are reminded that you have the right to withdraw your child from NAPLAN testing. Forms are available from the front office.

Good luck!

Finally, I would like to send best wishes to Mrs Maureen McClinton, who will be taking maternity leave from the end of this week, to have her second child. We wish her all the best for the birth and can’t wait to meet the new addition to her family.

Yours in Education

Lana Read
Principal
**PRESCHOOL 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](http://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.

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**Harmony Day Celebrations**

On Friday 27 March the Macgregor community celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is an Australian Government programme and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

It celebrates cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The key message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs.

At Macgregor we invited all families and community members to celebrate with us during an afternoon assembly and afternoon tea. During our assembly we were privileged to have some of our students share an important part of their culture in performing a traditional Indian folk dance. Students and staff were in raptures, clapping along to the music and giving a roaring applause at the conclusion of the performance. We thank Inderpreet Kaur and her support crew of mothers for their valuable contribution to our assembly and congratulate Arshpreet, Jasmine, Gagan, Avni, Ada, Harsimran and Riya on their captivating performance.

We also presented a slideshow displaying students engaging in the spirit of Harmony Day. Classes shared an example of what harmony means while other students shared their perspectives on harmony and how they feel they belong at Macgregor.

Thank you to those wonderful families who joined us for afternoon tea and bought delicious treats. Our dishes ranged from pumpkin pie to vegetable pakoras, yum!!

We look forward to welcoming you to our term 2 afternoon. The date is to be advised.

Happy Easter!

Sally Johnson and Maureen McClinton
EAL/D Teachers

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**LSCTC**

What a busy start to the year for the Learning Support Centre (LSC). The students have all settled into the daily routine of learning. The students in both the LSC and LSU have been particularly excited exploring learning during 'Investigation' time each morning.

The students have the opportunity daily to choose their own investigation amongst a variety of activities that are aimed at both the students' interests as well as the Australian curriculum. Outside of the learning specific to the content of the particular investigation the students have been learning ways to work together cooperatively. It has been an invaluable learning experience that has elicited some great observations.

"Why do worms live in the ground, but caterpillars in the trees?" Michael.

Investigations have also given us the opportunity to further explore our science unit looking at the life cycle of plants and animals. The students have been busy using magnifying glasses to find insects around the school and have examined their habitat. The students have also had the opportunity to create and replicate habitats for a variety of animals using a number of mediums. They have also enjoyed extending their knowledge of the life cycle of plants to help design, grow and maintain their garden.

The students have continued to strengthen their reading skills and strategies during our guided reading program. Each day the students have an opportunity to read individually to an educator, in small groups and with peers. Our guided reading activities are aimed at strengthening the students' phonological awareness, letter word knowledge, comprehension, oral language, vocabulary and fluency.

During writing, the students have been learning how to write a recount. They have focused on including information that contains the who, what, where, when and why. This term they have had some great opportunities to write about important days, such as the Easter weekend, the swimming carnival, the Canberra Show, the Charny Carny and Skyfire.

Lastly, all students participated in the cross country and had a fabulous time. It was wonderful to see the community spirit.

Have a safe and enjoyable break.

Tom
Happy Reading,
Lisa Kunkel

The Winners of our library awards this week are Australian authors. Details to come!

We have an exciting second term planned including the Book Fair and a visit from "DC Green", one of our own amazing Australian authors. Details to come!

The Winners of our library awards this week are Junior: Harrison S; Senior: Penny A.

Happy Reading,
Lisa Kunkel

1NT

The year one investigations continue to be a big success. As teachers, we plan activities based on our curriculum focus each week. For example, this week we have included many activities to revise our math topics, including measuring, addition, subtraction, 2D shapes and counting.

Each morning we tune students into the activities to encourage them to engage in particular activities and consolidate their learning.

Investigations are also used to reflect on the 100th Anniversary of the ANZACs. Students wrote letters of thanks to the ANZACs and painted them with tea to make them appear old. They also enjoyed making the medals that many soldiers wear with pride. 1NT had a special opportunity to hold medals from World War I and World War II.

Within the last few weeks 1NT students have been self-assessing their recount writing. Samples are displayed on the wall and students match their name to the sample of work that best represents their writing. This is then conferred with myself to listen to the students reasons why they should be there.

The ‘I can’ apple tree visually displays our learning intentions. It is a place where students position their name on a coloured apple (red, orange or green) to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in each area taught. The red apple indicates students limited understanding, the orange apple indicates students are unsure and the green apple indicates students understand the learning intention and can support peers in the orange apple. It is amazing how much this has grown over the term and the motivation of all students to get to the green apple is immense.

In this last and short week of term 1, year one are privileged to see a car from the 1930’s. A parent from 1NT has kindly offered to bring in his car to consolidate student understanding of travel in the past.

We are all looking forward to welcoming Ms Helen Hardy into our class and year one unit next term. Ms Hardy will be in 1NT for the first three weeks of next term and is excited to join our team.

Have a happy and safe holiday. Nicole Toten

Developing Friendships

Making friends is important in the social development of children. Many children are naturally outgoing and are never short of someone to play with. For other children who are shy, or who do not join in as easily, they may find it more difficult to engage in and initiate play.

Some ideas to teach children are:
- Encourage them to seek out friendly looking people.
- Smile and make good eye contact.
- Teach them about simple greetings eg “Hello can I play with you?” What is your name? etc.
- Talk about what to say after you have said “Hello”
- Find out if they share any interests and what they have in common.
- Make a positive comment about someone or their game.
- Take turns when choosing what to play.
- Organise where to meet when they go outside to play.

Children need to understand that sometimes others may not want to play with them and can feel upset and left out. They need to know what to do next. (Remember it may be about the other person not that they are unlikeable). Children often turn to adults to assist them in problem solving and developing an understanding about friendships.

Some things to talk with your child about might include:
- How to find someone else to play with.
- What sort of qualities are they looking for in a friend?
- How to invite other children home.
- Encouraging your child to have a plan to make and keep friends and strategies to use.
- Look for when a strategy is working for them not just when they are not.
- Encourage positive thinking about being a good friend.

Building the necessary social skills in making friendships develops over many years for children and involves learning many skills. Many children will change their friendship groups regularly over time, even over days and weeks and this is a normal part of growing up.

Sheri Bottomley
School Counsellor/Psychologist

Changes to your Dedicated School Services from 18 May 2015

On Monday 18 May 2015, ACTION will be introducing a revised timetable for all normal weekday route services and some dedicated school services.

Your current dedicated school services have been reviewed and improvements have been made. Affected routes include:- Route/s 43 - time change 3.14pm

A detailed list of these changes will be available on the ACTION website

ALLERGY AWARENESS AT MACREGOR 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.
LSCTC

Harmony Day Celebrations

The Library Buzz!

Cosy Corner

1NT

ANZAC 100th Anniversary
Week 10—Term 1—2015

I hope the students had a relaxing four day weekend over the Easter period and have enjoyed the last week of term 1. This term has been busy in the sporting arena with the following activities being offered to our students - swimming carnival; cross country carnival; MILO T20 cricket program for K-2; the inaugural Magpies Belconnen golf program for years 3-6; golf excursion to Magpies Belconnen Golf Course for NRG and selected year 5/6 students; hockey clinics for years 3-6; Brumby Jack clinics for K-4; interschool sport at Latham; National Ride Safely to School activities; and lunchtime bike club for years 5/6. Bring on term 2!

Cross Country Carnival
Congratulations to the Macgregor Primary School community on an awesome cross country carnival yesterday. After a wet and soggy Tuesday the clouds parted Wednesday morning and we were provided with fantastic weather for the big races. I was very impressed with the number of parents that turned up for the carnival and the parents who ran races with their child(ren) - including our awesome 71 year old Pop who just keeps on coming back for more each year! We were also visited by our preschoolers in the middle of the program and they were cheered along very loudly as they completed their 50m dash. A big thanks to Hawker College Year 12 Sports Administration class who assisted us with running the day and who also ran many hundreds of meters encouraging our students around the track. This year we are able to send our top five runners from each race to the regional carnival next term. After our presentation assembly this afternoon I met with the school team and handed each runner a note providing details of some excellent training opportunities that are available for them during the holidays and early term 2. I will also be holding trainings at lunch with our school team on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning week 1 next term.

And the winning house is………………BURNETT!

Interschool Sports Afternoon
This Friday 42 students from years 3-6 will jump on the bikes and ride up to Latham Playing Fields for some friendly games of soccer with three of our neighbouring schools – Weetangera, Latham and Hawker. We will be fielding a record two mixed year 3/4 teams and two mixed year 5/6 teams. Interschool sports afternoons aim to build positive relationships between neighbouring schools through a variety of sporting activities in a fun, non-competitive, safe and supportive environment. No scores are kept and plenty of laughs are had! As is always the case, I am sure our students will conduct themselves in a positive manner and be great ambassadors for our awesome school whilst having a little “kick around the paddock”. A big thankyou to Mr Combes, Miss Lamond, ASBA Nick and our volunteer parents for accompanying the students and I on the ride.

Golf Excursion to Magpies Belconnen Golf Course
Last Thursday our NRG boys and today 22 year 5/6 students attended the Magpies Belconnen Golf Course, Holt, for a half-day golf excursion. The excursions are a culmination to the golf program offered to students this term during specialist PE sessions. Both excursions (including bus costs) were fully funded by the Magpies Belconnen Golf Club and the Jack Newton Golf Foundation and included attendance by resident golf pros to assist and coach the groups. The NRG boys rode the school bikes up to the golf course and back while today the year 5/6 group travelled by bus. Without mentioning names, thank you to the young NRG man who gave us all a good laugh last Thursday when he rode straight into a perfectly stationary wheelie bin on the bike path and then received a massive round of applause by the boys when he jumped straight back onto his bike and continued on as if nothing had happened. At the golf course both groups participated in some fun putting activities led by the golf club’s resident golf pros. We then broke into smaller groups and had some fun completing six holes using our chipping and putting skills. Congratulations to the students on two awesome excursions – the golf course personnel were very impressed with the skill level of our students, their behaviour and energy. A massive thank you to Justin C (Izy – year 5) and Brenton B (Ethan—year 5) for accompanying us on the excursions and to ASBA Nick for helping on both days. If your child is interested in joining the Magpies Belconnen Golf Club or in receiving professional coaching, please contact me at school to discuss.

Thankyou one and all for an awesome term 1. I look forward to a busy and exciting term 2 with the bike program and hope the students are able to recharge over their well deserved two week break.

Glen Ridley
PE Teacher

Congrats to Asher N who received the “All Rounder” award for his U10 cricket team. Well done Asher!

Congrats to Hugo C and Ryan L on being selected in the Belconnen Boys’ Softball team. The boys and their team competed at the ACT Softball Gala Day today and we look forward to hearing all about how their team performed. Well done fellas!

Congrats to Hayley L, Stephen W, Saxon H and Braydan C on being selected in the Belconnen Rugby League team to compete at the ACT Rugby League Gala Day on Wednesday 6 May at Phillip Playing Fields. The selector was extremely impressed with the student’s skills and focus. Good luck and well done!
President’s Update

Are you interested in helping or using a walking school bus? Are you a family member who is still running a walking school bus? I would love to get the walking school bus active again!

What is and why develop a walking school bus?

A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. If that sounds simple, it is, and that’s part of the beauty of the walking school bus. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school or as structured as a route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers.

Parents often cite safety issues as one of the primary reasons they are reluctant to allow their children to walk to school. Providing adult supervision may help reduce those worries for families who live within walking or cycling distance to school.

By having meeting points we could also lighten the traffic at school especially as we are starting work on the car park.

I would like to start one at the beginning of term 2. If you are interested please send me an email.

Amanda Bichard
P&C President
pandcmacgregorprimaryschool@gmail.com
**Flexischools in Term 2**

We are planning on being able to offer Flexischools Online Canteen Ordering System in Term 2. Technical issues meant we were unable to offer this in Term 1. More info coming soon!

**Gluten Friendly Meals**

We are adding the terms “Gluten Friendly” to the Vegetarian Fried Rice (Thursday menu) and Singapore Noodles (Friday menu).

Both of these meals are gluten friendly as they are made with rice and rice noodles, Massell brand vegetable stock powders, Fountain brand soy sauce plus a variety of seasonal vegetables. Enjoy!

**Hot Cross Buns**

A big thanks to all the families who supported our canteen fundraiser by purchasing the Hot Cross Buns - our canteen made a profit of $340!

This will help tremendously with paying our food costs in the canteen!

**Ed’s Corner**

**This week’s riddle:**
“Brothers and sisters I have none but this man’s father is my father’s son. Who is the man?”

**Last week’s riddle:**
*Q:* “What has a neck but no head?”
*A:* A bottle!

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**Term 2 Music Lessons**

The P&C runs a music scheme to give students the opportunity to learn piano or guitar at school during school hours with a private tutor. All levels and skills are catered for.

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

For more information or to enrol your child for Term 2, please send me an email.

Veronica Webster, Music Coordinator
webster_veronica@hotmail.com

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**Save the Date!**

Sunday 25th October 2015, 10am-2pm

Last year the P&C organised the first fete for Macgregor Primary School in 8 years. The P&C would like to continue the tradition of an annual fete, let’s not wait another 8 years!

If you enjoyed the fete last year and would like to help organise the fete this year, then the fete committee wants you!

We need to fill roles for a Safety Officer, Raffle Coordinator, Entertainment Coordinator and Advertising Coordinator.

If you are interested in any of these roles and would like to find out what is involved please contact either Belinda Clear (Fete Convenor) on 0432608499 or Erin Swinsburg (Fete Convenor Assistant) on 0439857713.

We are also looking for local and family businesses to be a part of the fete, if you have a business and would like to have a stall at the fete, please call Alison Elliott (Market / Community Stalls Coordinator) on 0402580819.
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