

# MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Dates to Remember

<b>Friday 19 to 21 June</b> - Year 5 Camp	<b>Tuesday 25 June</b> - Reports and Portfolios go home
<b>Friday 28 June</b> - Coffee and chat with Catherine from 9:15-10:00am	<b>Friday 28 June</b> - Assembly at 2:10 pm hosted by Year 1
<b>Wednesday 3 July</b> - Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30 to 7:00 pm	<b>Friday 5 July</b> - Athletics Ribbon Assembly 2:10 pm

## Principal's page

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our classrooms continue to be very busy with lots of learning. I had a conversation with some of our young people last week near the school's front foyer ... they were curiously looking at a framed piece of Aboriginal art, wondering why we Acknowledged Country at the beginning of each of our assemblies. I was able to provide some of my own understandings through something I read last year in a nursing journal ... *the Acknowledgment of Country is really very similar to knocking on a neighbour's front door, we don't just walk in....we knock first.* Including recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in events, conferences and meetings, acknowledges the First Australians or First Nations People and custodians of the land. It's just one thing that shows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that we care.

### School Camps

Early yesterday morning, we waved goodbye to our year 5 children as they headed off to school camp. School camps provide opportunities for the children to learn with a variety of adults through experiential education. They also provide a different style of learning as the children explore their own growing independence, develop social skills and practise positive decision making skills, as a member of a wider team. Teacher participation and leadership of the camp experience is a lynchpin to the success of a school's camp program. Connections between teachers and students are strengthened away from the classroom. Thank you to James Orr, Michelle Sochacki, Bec Naughton, Brooke Eistreich and Danielle Fenwick for accompanying and leading our year 5 children on camp. Photos of the children enjoying a range of outdoor activities are saturating our Facebook page and we look forward to greeting the children as they step off the return bus, at 6pm tomorrow.

### For 2020, we have pre-booked a range of overnight camp experiences for our Macgregor children:

- Year 3 – one night away at *Warrambui* (via Murrumbateman) in Term 4
- Year 4 – two nights away at *Birrigai* (via Tidbinbilla) in Term 3
- Year 5 – two nights away at *Cooba* (via Berridale/Cooma) in Term 2
- Year 6 – two nights away at *Coastlife Adventures* (via Tathra/Bega) in Term 1.

### Parent teacher interviews - SOBS

Parents and community members play an important role in their children's education. A strong partnership between parents and schools enriches the learning experience. We value parents as their child's first educator and look forward to providing school reports and portfolios to families. On Wednesday 3 July, we are hosting parent teacher interviews. Bookings are currently open on SOBS, and we encourage all our Kindergarten to Year 6 families to book an appointment. An interview will support understandings about your child's academic, emotional, social and physical development at school.

## Principal's page continued

### Bikes and scooters

It is great to see so many children engaged in cycling and scootering to school. Being active has many benefits for growing bodies and brains. With a variety of 'near misses' with prams and older persons over the last few weeks, we ask that as the children arrive at school on their bike or scooter, they dismount and walk beside their bike or scooter to the racks. Keep on safely wheelin' children!

### School Library

Just a quick shout out to acknowledge the vision and leadership of our teacher librarian, Norma John. Norma has transformed our library space (assisted by Ira Paktar) into a central hub and a place of social capital within the school. Apart from providing weekly professional learning for our teaching staff about quality literacy practices, Norma has 'fixed' and 'blitzed' many other aspects of the library creating a range of spaces for the children to access at every break. There are a range of nooks and quiet spaces where children can access Chess games, a 'makerspace' with thousands of Lego blocks and a range of other construction manipulatives. Norma has also created a space for craft/stationery activities as well as a quieter area for reading and browsing. In addition, Norma is leading the daily management of the two adjacent courtyard spaces ensuring that they are inviting and child friendly spaces for our little people. To complete all of this work over the last six months, Norma has brought to Macgregor a range of volunteers who ably assist her and share a similar vision. Norma's passion for the creation of a modern library space is valued. Please do drop by anytime... Norma would love to show you around!

### School Improvement

As a learning organisation, we are always reflecting and growing to identify and implement improvements across our school. In our five year School Plan, we have three strategic priorities – to *'build on the writing capabilities of all students'*, *'build on the numeracy capabilities of all students'* and *'build on the positive and safe learning culture of all students'*.

Over the last few weeks, school staff with the leadership team, have been discussing possibilities across the school for improving our school culture. These discussions have been prompted through feedback from our community consultation sessions, school satisfaction survey data, feedback from staff and analysis of our student wellbeing data. Here are some of our ideas:

- including an end of year school concert in our school calendar
- including junior and senior assemblies into our assembly schedule every term. Providing opportunities at these assemblies for a range of other awards and acknowledgements to be presented to the children
- adding a citation to Growth Award certificates that is read to the audience as a child approaches the podium to receive their Growth Award
- trialling an online newsletter format
- Formalising our SL@M program (student leaders at Macgregor) to be involved with a range of community development initiatives across the school - including leading a Maths family games night with our SL@M Coordinator, Mel Cook, next term
- Reviewing the school bell frequency and noise level
- reorganising the format of our term letters from class teachers to families — providing more information on the content of lessons to be taught over the term
- reviewing then trialling a revised daily school timetable structure.

We will provide you with an update on the progress of these initiatives in Week 10.

We are looking forward to Jennifer Hall returning in Term 3.

Warm regards,

*Catherine Dillon*

Principal



## Spotlight on Learning KRB

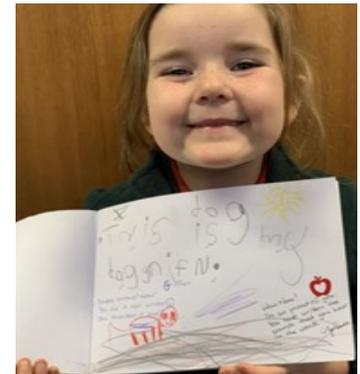
Term 2 in Kindergarten! What a term it has been so far! We are busy learning and working hard. This term KRB have been looking at some exciting things. In literacy, we have been focusing on consolidating our knowledge of letters and sounds, writing sentences, learning new words and reading LOTS of books. On our wall we have a display that tracks most of the books we have read this year! Below is a snapshot of it. We love morning reading time, in which we come in and start the day reading to our friends. We are building of confidence and skills as readers.

We incorporate both literacy and numeracy into every aspect of the day. We are counting the number of days we have been at school and counting down how many days until our '100 days of school' celebration. We look at the BOM (Bureau of meteorology) website every morning, looking at the weather, chance of rain and UV index. In mathematics, we have been investigating measurement. Looking at what things are longer, shorter, heavier, lighter and which have more capacity. As well as looking at 2D shapes, patterns and days of the week.

Our geography unit has been all about places. As a part of this, Kindergarten went on an excursion to the National Arboretum in week 2. It was a great excursion! We learnt all about trees and how the different seasons affect them. We looked at why places are important to us, the community and how the Ngunnawal People use the land. We learnt about why land is important to Aboriginal People and how we can help them to continue to look after it. KRB were also very excited to play on the Pod Playground! Ms Bull even helped some of us go down the big slide!

Kindergarten have also been looking at healthy food. We have been talking about different foods that help us to 'go, grow and glow'. As a part of this we have been doing some cooking! KRB and KLO made healthy oat and apple muffins.

From Bec Bull and KRB



## Spotlight on Learning KEB

KEB have been having fun learning about a range of different topics this term.

In English, we have engaged in a range of activities, games, songs and books to learn about the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. Students have begun to make words with their letter-sound knowledge and learning about the importance of spaces between words, full stops and capital letters in sentences



In mathematics, KEB have been learning our numbers to 10. We have been doing activities to learn to identify and order these numbers. KEB have also been learning about measuring different objects; comparing heavy and light items, short and tall items and the capacity of different objects.



As a part of our health unit, we have been learning the difference between 'go, grow and glow' foods. In week seven, we made sandwiches and talked about which foods belonged to each category. Students loved creating their own unique sandwich!



Thanks for reading,  
Ed Bassinelli and KEB.

## Macgregor Primary School Staff Snapshot



### A snapshot of ..... Tracey Reis

**What's your role at Macgregor Primary School?** Executive Assistant to the Macgregor Primary School Principal and Administrative Assistant to the Executive Staff

**What makes Macgregor a great school?** At Macgregor we always have the best interests of our students at heart. We have amazing people on staff and a fantastic school community.

**What do you enjoy most about being a member of staff?** I have been a part of the Macgregor Primary School Community as a parent, staff member and grandparent for 29 years. I enjoy seeing children start in preschool and make their way through to year 6. It's a wonderful friendly place to work., I love coming into school everyday

### Influenza

**What is influenza?** Influenza (commonly known as 'flu') is a highly contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. The main viruses that cause flu are influenza A and influenza B. They each have different strains. Each year there can be one or more strains of influenza circulating at the same time. Flu can occur at any time throughout the year, but the number of cases usually increases during the winter months (often referred to as the 'flu season')

**What are the symptoms?** Flu symptoms usually come on quickly (within 1-3 days of contact with the virus) and tend to last for a week or longer. Flu can cause some (or all) of the following symptoms:

- Fever and chills;
- Cough, sore throat, or runny nose;
- Muscle aches, joint pains, headaches and fatigue (feeling tired); or
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea (more common in children than adults)

**What can everyone do to stop the spread of influenza ?** If you are unwell with flu, take action to stop its spread by:

- Frequently washing your hands (with soap and water) or use an alcohol-based hand rub, especially after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose;
- Staying away from work, school, child care and other public places while you are infectious (while you have a fever and for 24 hours after your fever resolves);
- Covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze; and  
Throwing tissues straight into the bin after using them.

**More information:** For more information about influenza, contact your doctor or call the Health Protection Service Communicable Disease Information Line during business hours on **(02) 6205 2155**

## Spotlight on Library

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is coming to the end of term 2 and we are finalising the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge for Macgregor Primary School. Every student has been enrolled in the Challenge and P-2 will complete it as a class and years 3-6 individually. It is 30 books in total which sounds a lot, but I believe is totally achievable for our amazing students at Macgregor. In weeks 9 & 10, Library will facilitate CMRC support groups at lunchtimes or recess where students can work on their Challenge with extra assistance. Any books at the student's level are suitable for the Challenge but must include at least one from Fiction, non-fiction, e-Book, audio- book and not more than 3 in any particular series. Please ask if you have any questions. Keep on reading!

Norma John  
Teacher Librarian



### Volume 7: Tier One Universal Prevention

Universal prevention is the most important and powerful aspects of a whole school systems approach. Universal prevention focuses on preventing problems and creating an environment that supports student learning and wellbeing.

Effective, evidence-based classroom management and instruction are critical components of universal prevention. The school's Learning and Support Teams and/or PBL teams work to prevent problem behaviour and increase the likelihood of academic success by creating positive learning environments for all.

Establishing strong systems of universal prevention for ALL students helps to reduce the number of students who need additional support. This helps the school to work more intensively with students who have additional learning and support needs. Some of our universal strategies include:

**Friendly Schools Plus SEL Resource** – supports student social, emotional and mental health and is embedded across the school.

**Student Focus Team (RTI)** – a peak body of school staff meet to discuss students' learning and behaviour, learning and social/emotional needs, provide for referral, assist teachers with strategies and to connect with external support agencies.

**Student Leaders @ Macgregor** – is a weekly forum of student representatives from each class that meets to discuss issues, suggesting solutions and acting upon decisions.

**Class Agreements** – are developed by each class at the beginning of the school year, jointly by the students and class teacher. These are displayed in the classroom and regularly revisited.

**Macgregor Primary Values** – BRICK Values and W@M Expectations are evident across the school. Each class explores and discusses the school's values.

**Social Emotional Learning** – Teachers use the Friendly Schools Plus resource to reinforce and build on positive relationships and social-emotional skills throughout the school.

**Weekly class meetings** – promote democratic processes and provide a supportive forum to address playground, classroom and whole school issues.

**Words of encouragement** - all teachers use feedback and words of encouragement to support positive behaviours and to build relationships.

**Circle Time** - students and teachers sit in a circle and take part in games and activities designed to increase self-awareness, self-esteem, awareness of others, problem solving, trust, and cooperation.

**Peer Mediators** – Year 5&6 students are trained to be peer mediators for our playgrounds and common areas.

**Growth Minded Assembly Awards** – each year group is rostered to host the three weekly assemblies. Learning is celebrated and school values are promoted.

**Whole school celebration days** – like special assemblies, Book Week or Children's Week activities, SRC fundraising (pyjama days) or sporting fun days ACT Sport, ACECQA, 'Canberra Page')

**Sustainability** - teachers provide students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of the importance of being sustainable through hands-on activities to advocate sustainable practices. This may include the Macgregor Primary Organic Kids and Fresh Tastes initiatives.

**Feedback** - teachers provide students with positive, appropriate, constructive and timely feedback about their learning and behaviour.

## Spotlight on W@M Continued

**Lift Off - Ready, Steady & Go** are experiential programs where a child (6 – 12 years old) and parent (or significant caregiver) attend our school after hours to participate together in structured activities that are fun, inspiring and support meaningful connection.

**Communication with families** – using formal communication tools (information nights, P&C Association, assembly, newsletter, notes, website) and social media (Facebook, Seesaw), information is provided and successes are celebrated including portraits of students, information about community events, parent links, day-to-day school happenings and interesting information articles or resources are shared .

**Parent modelling** - we expect that adults model appropriate communication for children.

**Visible Learning**– - the Australian Curriculum is displayed in child-friendly terms and learning intentions are used by teachers to assist students to set goals and reflect on their learning.

**Differentiation** - learning within the classroom is differentiated according to individual learning styles and needs.

**Quality Teaching** – best practice, formative assessment and visible learning practices (success criteria, co-created rubrics, goal setting) are used within each classroom to build a culture of student engagement.

**Transitions** – a transition program has been set up for preschoolers transitioning to kindergarten the following year and for year 6 students transitioning to high school. At the end of each year Macgregor Primary School holds an internal transition day for current students.

**Visual timetables** – are displayed in classrooms and inform students of routines and expectations.

**Restorative Practices** - teachers across the school use restorative strategies that seek to repair damaged relationships. A common language and approach is used across the school which includes Corridor Conferencing. The philosophy of Restorative Practices informs a positive and formative approach. Restorative measures help students learn from their mistakes, grow in self-discipline, take responsibility for their actions, recognise the impact of their actions on others, and reconcile and resolve conflict with others.

**Alternate learning spaces** - teachers provide a variety of withdrawal spaces for children to access throughout the school day.



## Reminder Student Stationery/Consumable purchases & Voluntary Contributions

Our voluntary contribution and consumable payment goes directly towards supporting your child's classroom stationery supplies. These supplies were purchased in bulk in January in preparation for the school year, in lieu of stationery pack lists being provided to families for private purchase. To date the school has spent \$32 000 on consumables for our students in 2019. Thank you to the families who have already made a contribution. We will always gratefully receive any further voluntary contributions or instalments throughout the remainder of this year. The photos show some of the items purchased this year.

### Families with students:

- 1 child \$100
- 2 children \$130
- 3 or more children \$155

### Stationery, ICT and ART contribution:

- \$65 per student—stationery/consumables
- \$5 per student—ART
- \$5 per student—ICT

### Payment can be made by:

- Direct Deposit BSB: 032-777 Account 001578 –  
*Remember to enter your child's surname & VolCo*
- EFTPOS at front office
- Quickweb on our website
- Cash at front office

All contributions are voluntary.



## Thank you for your support

### REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

#### Late to School

It is important that children who arrive after 9:05am 'check-in' to the front office with their parent or carer, and our friendly staff will sign children into our database called 'Sentral'. A student who signs in late without parent/carer permission is recorded as an unexplained partial absence.

#### Early Leavers

Parents/carers who need to collect their child earlier than 3:00pm are required to request for their child to be signed out at the front office.

#### Family Contact Details

It is important that the school maintains an accurate and up to date record of family/carers email, home addresses and telephone numbers for all children. Please notify the school immediately if there are changes to your contact details. To inform the school of any changes please send an email to [info@macgregorps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@macgregorps.act.edu.au), or phone the front office on 61421600 to inform the school of these changes.

#### Health

Please care for your child at home if they are unwell. The most important way to break the chain of infection and stop the spread of diseases is exclusion of ill children, educators and other staff. Your doctor or the school can provide information regarding recommended exclusion periods for illnesses. Following these guidelines helps prevent the spread of illnesses.

## Community Announcements

### PRESCHOOL 2020

If you have a child who turns 4 on or before 30 April 2020, then he/she is eligible to begin Preschool in February 2020.

- Round 1 preschool enrolments opened online on Monday 29 April 2019 at 6:00 am. Round 1 enrolments will **close on Friday 7 June** at 5:00pm.
- Round 2 enrolment applications commence at 5:01pm on Friday 7 June 2019.

To enrol your child, go to [online application form](#) and complete the online enrolment form.

2019 pre-schoolers who live in area (Macgregor) or have siblings who attend Macgregor Primary School, will automatically continue their enrolment into Kindergarten for 2020 at Macgregor Primary School. Families do **NOT** need to complete an online enrolment form.



With winter upon us, it's important to remember that Canberra has lots of health options that don't involve a trip to a hospital emergency department. Many of these are free and available after hours.

Walk-in Centres provide free, one-off treatment of minor injury and illness, including colds and flu. They're a great choice for children over 2 years of age – children under 2 should see their GP.

Walk-in Centres are open from 7.30am to 10pm, every day of the year. They are staffed by highly skilled nurses who can provide you with a sick certificate and in some cases, medication, saving you time and money.

The service is free and no appointments are necessary.

Walk-in Centres are located in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin.

To find out more about getting the right health care for your symptoms, visit [www.act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions](http://www.act.gov.au/yourhealthoptions)

## Notes Sent Home

- ★ Tea Towel fundraiser order form
- ★ MSP Photography special group order form for year 5 & 6 band, school leaders (available at the front office)
- ★ Kulture Break Dance Rehearsal and Performance

### 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.



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**Term 2 Calendar 2019**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Wk 1</b>	<b>29 April</b> ✓ Preschool 2020 Enrolments commence	<b>30 April</b> ✓ Dental Hygienist visits Yr 2	<b>1 May</b>	<b>2 May</b>	<b>3 May</b> ✓ ANZAC Day Assembly 9.15 am
<b>Wk 2</b>	<b>6 May</b> ✓ ACT Swimming Carnival	<b>7 May</b> ✓ Mother's Day Stalls ✓ UC Kaleen open night 6-8pm	<b>8 May</b> ✓ Mother's Day Stalls ✓ Menslink-Boys Wellbeing Yrs 5 & 6 boys	<b>9 May</b> ✓ Mother's Day Stalls ✓ Kindergarten Excursion – National Arboretum	<b>10 May</b> ✓ DO IT FOR KINDNESS DAY – Gold Coin donation- Dress in Blue
<b>Wk 3</b>	<b>13 May</b>	<b>14 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN ✓ School Board Meeting 5.00pm	<b>15 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN	<b>16 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN ✓ P&C Meeting 6pm	<b>17 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN ✓ First Aid ✓ Assembly @ 2:10pm hosted by Yr 4
<b>Wk 4</b>	<b>20 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN ✓ First Aid ✓ Yr 6 combined band @ Fraser ✓ KSS open night 6-8pm	<b>21 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN ✓ First Aid ✓ Melba Copland open night 6-8pm ✓ Community Consultation on Positive Culture 7pm	<b>22 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN ✓ First Aid ✓ Repeat session: Community Consultation on Positive Culture 5:30pm	<b>23 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN ✓ First Aid ✓ Disco jnr P-2, 4:30-5:45 snr yrs 3-6, 6-7:30pm ✓ Canberra High open night 6-8pm	<b>24 May</b> ✓ NAPLAN ✓ Athletics Carnival, years 2-6
<b>Wk 5</b>	<b>27 May</b> Reconciliation Day Public Holiday	<b>28 May</b> ✓ National Reconciliation Week ✓ National Reconciliation Week Assembly 9.15am ✓ Belconnen High open night 6-8pm	<b>29 May</b> ✓ National Reconciliation Week	<b>30 May</b> ✓ National Reconciliation Week ✓ Belconnen Cross Country ✓ Futsal Day (Sister School Program)	<b>31 May</b> ✓ National Reconciliation Week ✓ Coffee and Chat with Jennifer from 9:15-10am ✓ Yr 2 @ National Zoo & Aquarium ✓ Hats off Day
<b>Wk 6</b>	<b>3 June</b> ✓ Mabo Day ✓ Yr 5 combined band at Giralang	<b>4 June</b>	<b>5 June</b> ✓ Lift-Off Steady Yr 4	<b>6 June</b>	<b>7 June</b> ✓ Assembly @ 2:10pm hosted by Yr 6
<b>Wk 7</b>	<b>10 June</b> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	<b>11 June</b> ✓ Kindergarten Health Checks	<b>12 June</b> ✓ Kindergarten Health Checks ✓ ACT Cross Country	<b>13 June</b> ✓ Kindergarten Health Checks	<b>14 June</b> ✓ Cross Country Ribbon Assembly 2:10pm
<b>Wk 8</b>	<b>17 June</b> ✓ 8.30 am Online Bookings open for Parent Teacher interviews on SOBS	<b>18 June</b> ✓ School Board Meeting 5pm	<b>19 June</b> ✓ Yr 5 @ Camp Burrendong	<b>20 June</b> ✓ Yr 5 @ Camp Burrendong ✓ P&C Meeting 6pm	<b>21 June</b> ✓ Yr 5 @ Camp Burrendong
<b>Wk 9</b>	<b>24 June</b>	<b>25 June</b> ✓ Reports & Portfolios go home	<b>26 June</b>	<b>27 June</b> ✓ Kulture Break rehearsal & performance	<b>28 June</b> ✓ Coffee and Chat with Jennifer from 9:15-10am. ✓ Assembly @ 2:10pm hosted by Yr 1 ✓ Possible Reports & Portfolios go home (TBA)
<b>Wk 10</b>	<b>1 July</b> ✓ Possible Reports & Portfolios go home (TBA)	<b>2 July</b> ✓ El dia de los libros (Day of the Books) ✓ Possible Reports & Portfolios go home (TBA)	<b>3 July</b> ✓ Year 6 @ Hoyts 9:15am-12:05pm ✓ Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30-7pm	<b>4 July</b> ✓ Yr 5 Exhibition 2:30-3pm	<b>5 July</b> ✓ Athletics Ribbon Assembly 2:10pm

# P&C NEWS



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## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- Order forms for tea towels have gone out – orders and money need to be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> June. There are 2 designs – preschool to year 2 and LSG, years 3-6.

Keep an eye out for these fundraisers early next term:

– Krispy Kreme doughnuts and our first Bingo Night

If you have fundraising ideas you would like to see this year, no matter how big or small, please feel free to bring them to our next P&C meeting. Many hands make light work

## 5 CENT FUNDRAISER

Keep saving those 5 cent pieces for November!



## EARN & LEARN STICKERS

We have over 27,000 stickers so far, please keep sending in stickers. All stickers collected go toward purchasing sporting and learning resources for the students



## SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking next week is on **WEDNESDAY**, 26<sup>th</sup> June outside the library. This term's rewards are taking us on a polar adventure. This term's rewards are a fluffy notepad and a slap band ruler. They will be popular. School banking is also open to preschool students and also younger siblings of school students.

We also have a competition. If you have banked at least 5 deposits this term, you will go into a draw to win a book. There is a seniors' book and a juniors' book. So be in it to win it. The winners will be revealed at the end of the term.

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

## SCHOOL FETE

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





## 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](mailto: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.

## P&C COUNCIL MEETING

The next ACT P&C Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 6:45-9:30pm at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Dr, Stirling.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Topics for the meeting include issues around the use of Chromebook's in school's and a presentation by Mark Huxley, Director of School Improvement, who will be discussing his team's role and how they can assist schools and parent's.

## 2019-2023 School Improvement Plan

The 2019-2023 Macgregor School Improvement Plan has been finalised and will be uploaded to the school website under the school board tab.

## MPS OSHC

Reminder to parents and carers to please sign your children in and out as you drop them off and collect them each day.

## 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.



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

Please remember to sign the attendance book

All parent's and carer's are automatically members of the P&C and 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!*

## PARKING

With changes to the new ACTION bus timetable a bus now drops students off on Hirschfeld Crescent each morning by 8.50am. It again collects students each day at approximately 3.25pm. ACTION drivers have voiced their frustration at their inability to park at these times due to cars being parked in the bus zone.

It is highly likely parking inspectors will be commencing patrols, and not necessarily on foot.

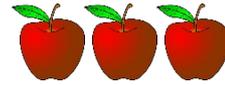
We strongly encourage you to refrain from parking in the bus stop and on residential footpaths on Hirschfeld Crescent. It is only a matter of time before parking infringements are handed out.



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## Canteen News



We would like to thank the 27 families who collected orders for the Billy Gs Cookie Dough Fundraiser this term. 240kgs (tubs) of frozen cookie dough was delivered to the school on Wednesday last week.

The top 10 fundraisers were rewarded with a pair of virtual reality glasses as an additional thank you prize. A special mention goes to our highest fundraiser, Zoey in KMG who sold 30 tubs. Zoey's family will go into the draw to win a HUGE Apple Prize Pack which includes an iPhoneX, iPad 32GB, Apple TV and an Apple Watch. Good luck Zoey. For all families who created an online profile, and sold or purchased one tub or more, you will automatically go into the draw to win a \$5000 Helloworld Travel Mount Ommaney Gift Voucher and \$2000 spending money. We wish you luck in this draw too.

The Canteen relies on these fundraisers and special events to support the running costs which enables us to provide our service to the school three days a week. With volunteer support we offer to make apple slinkies for the students at fruit break.

### **Question: How can I support the Canteen?**

→ Continue to place orders online via Flexischools [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

→ We welcome **PRESCHOOL ORDERS** on Wednesdays via Flexischools. Watch this space for an additional *Macgregor Mini Menu* for our youngest students.

→ Join us on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 9:30am and 10:30am during fruit break to make apple slinkies for the students.

→ Pop into the canteen and say hello. If only for an hour and for a cuppa; we always welcome new volunteers. If you have a passion for baking, we'd love your help to introduce some new home baked snack items.

→ Volunteer on special lunch days and events e.g. Movie nights, disco, fete

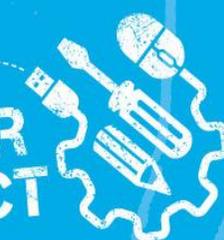
### **Question: I am working and cannot volunteer my time, but I would still like to support the Canteen. What can I do?**

→ Purchase an extra item or two with your weekly shop and donate pantry items, fresh fruit or home grown produce

- 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

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