

MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates to Remember

Friday 1 March Kenny Koala visits yrs K, 1 & 2

Wednesday 6 March Lift Off Ready Year 2

Monday 4 March School Board voting closes 11:00am

Friday 8 March Coffee and Chat with Jennifer 9:15am

Dear Macgregor Community

At last week's growth awards assembly, I chatted to the children and their families about the high expectations of the children and with each other. Everybody is a leader at Macgregor Primary School. Teachers recognise that each child has a unique learning and development trajectory that may require individualised or additional support for them to be fully engaged in quality education programs and to experience wellbeing. This may involve providing modified or adjusted learning experiences across each classroom that actively promotes the concept of a growth mindset. Children who understand and draw on a 'growth mindset' can be more resilient and may push through struggle because they believe that hard work is part of the process and they understand that failure is not permanent...it's how we do 'learning'. According to Carol Dweck, a Stanford University Psychologist and researcher, at the heart of what makes the 'growth mindset' so attractive, is that it creates a passion for learning rather than a hunger for approval. Its hallmark is the conviction that human qualities like intelligence and creativity, and even relational capacities like love and friendship, can be cultivated through effort and deliberate practice.

Uruguay Carnival

We were thrilled to welcome the new Ambassador of the Uruguayan Embassy, Victoria Francolina, to Macgregor Primary School. Victoria has been in this role for a few weeks and willingly gave her time today to come to our Uruguayan Carnival, which every child participated in. During Spanish lessons the children all made masks with Ms Charles and today they danced to Uruguayan music which was led by our very own dance expert, Ira Patkar. They also made 'candombe' drums, wrist bands and everyone made a hand for the Uruguayan sun, which is on the flag.

Alec B summed the day up beautifully, *'I love the carnival. It's such fun! It's all about dancing, togetherness and creating'*.



W@M Wednesdays

This term every class on a Wednesday after recess participates in explicit social emotional learning (SEL) lessons at the same time in what is known as W@M Wednesdays. For W@M Wednesday until the end of this term all classes will focus on anti-bullying. This is not an isolated lesson and W@M principles and the BRICK values will continue to be integrated into all aspects of our culture and learning. Teachers can use the many opportunities that arise throughout the school day to discuss how people behave in various social situations, dealing with conflict, and how people get on with each other. Learning about bullying — what it is, why it happens and what to do about it — within everyday classroom activities reinforces our school values of being Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Learners. It also communicates to everyone that bullying is never okay. We are also registered for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on the 15th March. This will be another opportunity for us to highlight the work we do every day at Macgregor to counter bullying and violence.

Parent Reading Workshops

Over the next two weeks we will be holding two Reading Workshops for families in the library. The first one will be next Thursday, 7 March, at 9:15 am and the second one will be Wednesday, 13 March, at 5:00 pm. The workshops run for three quarters of an hour and are invaluable in providing you with strategies to help your child/children when reading at home. There will also be a handout available, so please try and take the time to attend.

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Lift Off! Ready

Just a reminder that this fabulous three hour workshop, which focuses on relationship skills is on next Wednesday 6 March 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm for every year 2 child and their parent or carer. Together you will participate in activities, play games and support your child's development.

Our Parents and Citizens Association

Congratulations and thank you to our newly nominated P & C. Our new President, Alison Elliot, has already been proactive in her role. Many thanks to our very hard working outgoing committee for their dedication and commitment to our families and the school throughout 2018.

Have you voted for a School Board Representative?

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

Yours in Education

Jennifer



Proposed Dates For Camps 2019—TBC

The proposed dates for camps in 2019 are:

- Year 3 - Birrigai, Thursday 5, Friday 6 December
- Year 4 - Borrambola, Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 August
- Year 5 - Burrendong, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 June
- Year 6—Cooba, Monday 4, Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 November

These dates are yet to be confirmed.

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.

ALLERGY AWARENESS AT MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

We aim to be 'allergy friendly' as we have several students and staff who are highly allergic to nuts. You can assist by avoiding nut products in your child's school food.



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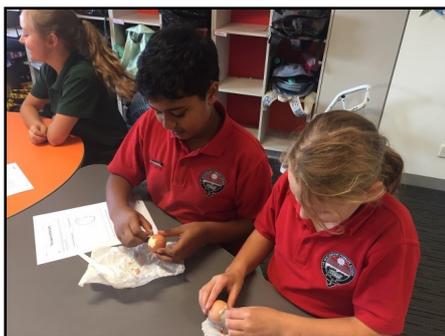
Welcome back everyone! We have had a fantastic start to 2019. We've settled in to our new unit and are excited to learn. Every Monday, we head to the library to have a browse and check out some books for class and home. We are enjoying getting to know our new teacher librarian, Norma John, who has introduced us to some fantastic picture books suitable for upper primary. We begin each day with 20 minutes of reading. This year the students are challenged to choose books at their level that they can read from start to finish. All completed books are being recorded for our Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Students will also learn to access the library's collection of audio and ebooks that can be accessed at school and home.



Our science unit for this term is Natural Disaster. We began our lessons with a quick quiz about the Earth followed by an experiment modelling the layers of the Earth. Students thoroughly enjoyed using boiled eggs as our model. Be sure to ask your child how the earth's crust and the shell of egg are similar.

This year classes will be using the Seesaw Family app to communicate with families. We hope to have this up and running soon. This will give families an insight to our daily learning and adventures. We'll send home more information as soon as it is up and running.

We have had several conversations this year about expectations and taking on leadership responsibilities. Students have discussed the W@M expectations in all areas of the school and are encouraged to be role models for younger students. As leaders of the schools, we stress that it is important for students to be in uniform and have hats when outside. We appreciate your support in reminding students to always be the best they can be.



Kind Regards
Willa McIntyre
Teacher

Lift Off Ready

YEAR 2
Get Ready to take off at



Lift Off! Ready is happening at our school on Wednesday 6 March from 4-7pm

Each child from Year 2 is invited to attend with one parent / carer.

It's a fabulous 3 hour workshop with a focus on Relationship Skills

You will:

Participate in activities and play games together

Support your child's development

Share stories

Connect with other parents

*"This was the perfect program for our busy family!
It was fun, and made a real difference to our lives.
We loved the program." – Parent*

**Look out for the Welcome Letter & Booking Form
coming home with your child.**



Volume 1: Introduction to W@M

Welcome to the W@MMER, Macgregor Primary School's fortnightly information sheet on all things W@M.

What is W@M? W@M stands for 'Wellbeing @ Macgregor' and is our whole school framework for supporting, teaching, promoting and recognising positive choices in our community. It is built upon the 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' Framework which is used across many schools both in the ACT, Australia and internationally. It's all about setting clear expectations for everyone. Our school wide expectations are that members of the Macgregor Primary Community are safe, respectful, responsible learners. This sets the basis for everything we do at Macgregor Primary.

You might have already heard your child talk about some of the things happening at Macgregor Primary, or seen the signs put around the school over the break. If you have the chance, talk to your child about what they think it means to be a safe, respectful, responsible, learner at Macgregor Primary School.

Coming up in Volume 2: The importance of building respectful relationships at Macgregor.

Permission Notes and Payments Due

- ★ Kindergarten Home Reading Bags, \$10.00
- ★ Stationery, Arts, ICT Levies 2019, \$75.00
- ★ Swimming Carnival years 1 to 6, \$11.00
- ★ Year 5 Band fee, \$395.00

Term 1 Calendar 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk 1	4 February ✓ Kindergarten and Preschool (Gudamang & Guginya) commence ✓ School Board Nominations open	5 February ✓ Years 1-6 commence ✓ Welcome Assembly	6 February	7 February ✓ Preschool (Buru & Walga) commence	8 February
Wk 2	11 February	12 February	13 February ✓ Whole School Welcome BBQ 5:30 – 7:30pm	14 February	15 February
Wk 3	18 February ✓ School Board Nominations close 11am	19 February ✓ 'Get to Know You' Interviews 3:30-7pm	20 February	21 February ✓ P&C AGM 6:00pm	22 February ✓ Assembly @ 2:10pm
Wk 4	25 February ✓ School Board voting commences 11am	26 February	27 February	28 February ✓ Uruguay Carnivale break 1	1 March ✓ Kenny Koala visits yrs K, 1 & 2
Wk 5	4 March ✓ School Board voting closes 11am ✓ Kenny Koala visits yr 5	5 March	6 March ✓ Lift-Off Ready Yr 2	7 March ✓ Reading Information Session for Kindergarten parents 9:15am	8 March ✓ Coffee and Chat with Jennifer 9:15am
Wk 6	11 March Canberra Day Public Holiday	12 March	13 March ✓ Reading Information Session 5:30pm	14 March ✓ Swimming Carnival – Dickson Aquatic Centre	15 March ✓ Assembly @ 2:10pm - National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Wk 7	18 March	19 March ✓ Board Meeting 5:00pm	20 March ✓ Belconnen Swimming Carnival	21 March ✓ Harmony Day ✓ P&C meeting 6:00pm in the Library	22 March
Wk 8	25 March	26 March ✓ Preschool Photos	27 March ✓ Evonne Goolagong Tennis Day	28 March ✓ School Photos ✓ Preschool Photos	29 March
Wk 9	1 April	2 April	3 April ✓ El dia de los libros (Spanish Readathon)	4 April	5 April ✓ Coffee and Chat with Jennifer 9:15am ✓ Kenny Koala visits yrs 1 & 2 ✓ Assembly 2:10pm Hosted by Yr 2
Wk 10	8 April	9 April ✓ Guginya & Gudamang bus wash excursion	10 April ✓ Cross Country Carnival	11 April ✓ Buru & Walga bus wash excursion	12 April

P&C NEWS



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Week 4 Term 1 2019



Our volunteer-run services

The **Uniform Shop** is open Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. To contact the Uniform shop please email uniform@macgregorpandc.org. Orders through [Flexischools](#) are checked through the week and delivered to classrooms on Mondays.

School Banking next week is on WEDNESDAY, 6th March outside the library. This term's rewards are taking us on a polar adventure. Thanks to **Kirsty and Martin Ross** and **Sri Peketi** for volunteering to keep school banking operating this year. We always look forward to students coming along and welcome any questions from anyone wanting to commence with school banking.

Fundraising activities always need extra helping hands. Please consider joining the Fundraising Committee this year with your ideas and energy. Many hands make light work!



P&C AGM

The meeting was held on Thursday 21 February.

Our new committee is:

President: Alison Elliott
Vice Presidents: Martin Ross & Penny Pedersen
Secretary: Cassie Johnson (TBC)
Assistant Secretary: Erin Kelly (TBC)
Treasurer: Tracey Barker

Fundraising Convenor: Tracey Barker
OSHC Convenor: Rod Saunders
School Banking Convenor: Kirsty Ross
Music Convenor: Lyndall Visagie
Uniform Shop Convenor: (Vacant)
Canteen Convenor: Mandy Lawrence
Sponsorships Convenor: Cassie Johnson
Health Work & Safety Convenor: (Vacant)
Preschool Convenor: Tracey Liddle
Communications/IT: Martin Ross
P&C Council Delegate: Lauren Allen
School Board Rep: TBA



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SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library is currently clearing out worn books, which means less books. If you have any books at home that are no longer used and are suitable for the school library please drop them to the front office.

Next P&C general meeting 6pm Thursday 21 March 2019

Any member of the P&C (any parent or carer of a Macgregor Primary School student) can come and participate in these meetings. It's a great way to meet others within the school community and keep in the loop with happenings within the school.

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!

Key points discussed:

A petition to the ACT Government will soon be circulated to request a crossing/s be placed on Osburn Drive due to the growing number of students and traffic on that road.

Ms Hall spoke about ideas for new equipment for the playground. The P&C will be discussing what funds it can contribute in due course. Any questions can be directed to Ms Hall and Ms Dillon.

MPS OSHC

Please remember to sign your children in and out as you drop them off and collect them each day.



Hot dog and nugget lunch day - Wednesday 13 March

Flexischools online orders only

Our hot dog and chicken nugget days are very popular with the students at Macgregor. We are permitted to have two “red food” days per term. Where possible, we try to fit these into the term calendar. As our welcome barbeque classified as a red food day, we will hold our second day in Week 6, Wednesday 13 March (and Wednesday 20 March for the second group of preschool students only).

Please place orders on Flexischools by 11:30pm Tuesday 12 March. www.flexischools.com.au

We will be offering the following items on these days. Please note, the usual lunch menu for Break 1 will not be available.

Meals

Hot dog \$5.00

Hot dog in a bun with sauce

Add Cheese \$0.50

Sauce option – select one, both or none

Tomato sauce, Mustard, No Sauce

Mini Chicken Nugget Meal \$4.50 -

3 chicken nuggets (premium steggles), cherry tomatoes, cucumber and carrot sticks

Add Tomato sauce \$0.30

Chicken Nugget Meal \$5.50 -

5 chicken nuggets (premium steggles), cherry tomatoes, cucumber and carrot sticks

Add Tomato sauce \$0.30

Drinks

\$1.00 Water

\$1.50 Plain Milk (300ml Hi lo)

\$1.50 Fruit Box *Apple & Blackcurrant OR Tropical*

\$2.50 Moove (300ml) *Chocolate OR Strawberry*

\$1.20 Milo and milk – *collect from Canteen*
(Milo not available to preschool)

Packet Snacks \$1.00

Gingerbread Babies, Pretzels, Potato Stix, Fresh popped popcorn

Other treat

Cinnamon donut \$1.00

Frozen *Collect frozen items from the Canteen window at the beginning of lunch*

\$2.20 Twisted Frozen Yoghurt
*Chocolate/vanilla
Blueberries/cookie dough
Watermelon/mango
Strawberry/vanilla*

\$1.00 Frozen Fruit Juice Cup
*Apple & Blackcurrant
Orange OR Apple*

NOTE: Zooper Doopers will be available to purchase from the canteen window for \$1.00 at lunch and recess time.

Note: Preschool orders (including frozen items) are delivered to class at lunch time. Zooper Doopers will be available for purchase online for preschool students only.

Macgregor Primary School Music Scheme

Would your child like to undertake private music lessons in 2019?

The P&C runs a music scheme to give students the opportunity to learn **piano, drums or guitar at school during school hours with a private tutor**. No running around after school to get your child to and from music lessons!

These half hour weekly lessons with specialist 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.

Lyndall Visagie
P&C Music Scheme Coordinator

