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MacGregor State School Newsletter - Term 4 Week 4

Principal Update

Mrs Leigh Thomson

A/Principal

Hello MacGregor families,

My name is Leigh Thomson, and I feel privileged to be joining MacGregor State School as Acting Principal for the remainder of 2026.

From the moment I arrived at MacGregor, I sensed a warm, positive and supportive school environment, with wonderful spaces for students to learn, explore, play and connect. The welcome I have received from staff, students and families has been incredibly kind, and I would particularly like to thank our P&C for making me feel so welcome at my first meeting. It was lovely to begin building these connections, and I look forward to getting to know more of our families over the coming weeks.

During my classroom visits, it has been wonderful to see students engaging so happily in their learning. It is already clear that MacGregor is a special school, with dedicated and professional teachers, caring support staff, friendly and dedicated learners and a community that genuinely values its school.

Before joining MacGregor, I was Principal at Marshall Road State School and Deputy Principal at Mansfield State School. I have also had the privilege of being Principal at Thornlands State School and Acacia Ridge State School and Deputy Principal at several other schools across the South-East. Before moving into school leadership, I loved my time as a classroom teacher, working across a range of year levels and school communities, beginning my teaching journey in beautiful Hervey Bay.

I am looking forward to working alongside our talented staff, learning from our students and building strong connections with our wonderful MacGregor families. Please don't hesitate to come and introduce yourself when you see me around the school grounds. I look forward to being part of this wonderful community and contributing to the great things already happening here.

Queensland Primary All Schools Touch Competition

This weekend we have teams ready to compete in the **Queensland Primary All Schools Touch Competition**.

Thank you to our staff for the time and effort they invest in preparing our students, and to our parents and carers for supporting their children to participate in these opportunities. We wish our teams every success and hope the rain stays away for the big event.

Have a wonderful week,

Leigh

Mrs Leigh Thomson
A/Principal

You are the reason our school is such a positive and welcoming place.

To our parents and carers, we appreciate your continued support in reinforcing these values at home. Your partnership strengthens the connection between school and community.

To our staff, thank you for consistently modelling and nurturing these values in all that you do. Your dedication shapes not only learning outcomes but also the character of our students.

By working together and staying true to our shared values, we ensure that our school remains a place of pride, growth, and opportunity for all.

School Values

Our school values are at the heart of everything we do. They guide how we learn, how we treat one another, and how we grow as a community.

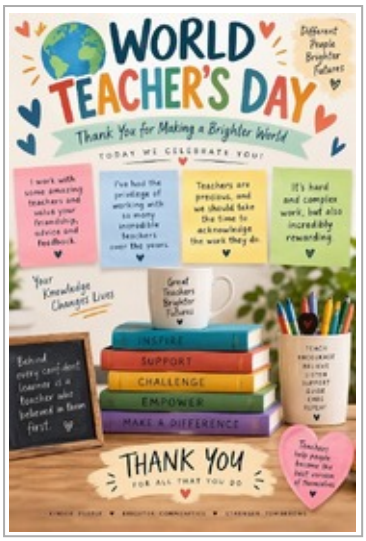
We are proud to foster a culture built on inclusivity, innovation, and respect. These values are evident each day in our classrooms, on the playground, and in the way our students support one another. When we act with integrity and kindness, we create a safe and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

To our students, thank you for demonstrating these values through your actions and choices.

Whole School Messages

World Teacher's Day

Teachers change lives every single day. A few words of thanks can mean a lot. Explore the free activities available and join us in celebrating our amazing teachers on Friday 30 October!



Enrolling your child for the 2027 school year

Planning is well underway for the 2027 school year. If you live within the school's catchment area and have not submitted an application for enrolment we encourage you to do this now.

Families who reside outside our catchment area, can complete an EOI. Check the school's website for further information.

Class Formations for 2027

A reminder that these were due at the end of Term 3. As we have started forming classes for 2027, individual requests have now closed.

Swimming

Making a Splash: School Swimming Lessons

Swimming is an important life skill, and our school swimming lessons give students the opportunity to build confidence, develop swimming techniques and practise water safety skills.

Participating regularly helps students build on their learning, become more comfortable in the water and develop an understanding of how to stay safer around pools and other waterways. Lessons also encourage perseverance, independence and physical activity.

Families can help by ensuring children bring their swimmers, towel, bathing cap and a bag for wet belongings on their scheduled swimming day. Please label all items clearly.

Every lesson is an opportunity to learn—let's help our students make the most of their time in the pool!

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zone – A Friendly Reminder

Keeping Our Students Safe and Traffic Moving!

We kindly remind all parents and carers using the designated drop-off and pick-up zones at MacGregor State School to **remain with their vehicle at all times and never leave it unattended**.

These zones are designed for quick and safe student drop-offs and pick-ups, not for parking. Leaving vehicles unattended can cause unnecessary congestion, delays and potential safety risks for our students and families.

To help keep everyone safe, we ask families to:

- **Stay with your vehicle** while using the drop-off and pick-up zones.
- Encourage children to enter and exit vehicles safely from the kerbside.
- Keep the traffic flowing by moving on promptly once your child has safely entered or exited the vehicle.
- Use designated parking areas if you need to leave your vehicle or accompany your child into the school.

- Always follow road signs, traffic regulations and directions from school staff.

A little patience and consideration go a long way!

Thank you for working together to ensure our school drop-off and pick-up areas remain safe, efficient and welcoming for everyone.

Student safety is everyone's responsibility!

Student Safety Is Our Priority!

We kindly remind all families that **students should not arrive at school before 8:30am**, unless they are participating in an approved, supervised school activity.

Staff supervision is not available before this time, and students arriving early may be left unsupervised, creating potential safety concerns.

We ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring their children arrive at school at the appropriate time. If your family requires care before 8:30am, please consider making arrangements through our Outside School Hours Care service.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to keep all MacGregor State School students safe, happy and ready for a great day of learning!

Together, we make MacGregor a safe and supportive place for everyone. To the Stars!

Consent Changes to Online Services

From 25 October 2026, Queensland state schools no longer need individual consent to use and share your child's relevant information such as their name and email address when using Approved Online Services.

This means less paperwork for families while keeping student information safe.

Approved Online Services are assessed against a national framework for privacy, online security and other requirements under section 426A of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) before being approved for use in Queensland state schools.

Consent is still required if a service needs sensitive information, such as health information.

If you don't want your child to use an Approved Online Service, you can opt out by contacting us in writing.

We'll keep you informed about the services our school uses.

Get Ready for Kindy

Kindy is where children develop an early love of learning and lifelong skills such as perseverance, creativity and independence.

Families can access Kindy free across Queensland, 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year.

Contact your preferred service to learn more about enrolment for 2027.

www.qld.gov.au/freekindy

Happy Tuckshop Day - Friday 6th November

Happy Tuckshop Day to our dedicated tuckshop staff and volunteers. Thank you for ensuring our students are nourished with healthy and delicious food. We are extremely grateful for your contributions to our school community. Make sure you give a special shout-out to our wonderful tuckshop staff on Friday 6 November.

Finance & Facilities

Mrs Mary Efthimiou

Business Manager

Infrastructure Projects Update

Providing Consent

Parent/caregiver consent is required for students to participate in school activities. Invoices are only issued once consent has been provided. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please ensure you decline consent rather than leaving the request unanswered. This will prevent further consent reminders being sent.

Facility and Infrastructure Update

We are pleased to share the latest progress on several infrastructure projects underway across our school.

Performing Arts and Grounds Sheds

The installation of both sheds is nearing completion, with only the final electrical and security works remaining. Thanks to the families who helped us raise the funds to cover the cost of the performing arts shed. Your

generous support at our Gala events and Musicals over the last two years helped us fund this project.

Covered Walkway

The new covered walkway is almost complete, with the connection of down pipes to the storm water system currently awaiting confirmation.

Irrigation and Storm water

Works to improve our irrigation system are continuing, alongside ongoing investigations into drainage and storm water management to support the long-term maintenance and improvement of our school grounds.

Security Fencing

Our security fencing project is scheduled to commence on **26 October 2026**. Stage 1 is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year and will include tree removal and the installation of the new fencing and gates. Gate automation is scheduled for early 2027.

We thank our school community for their continued patience and understanding as these important projects progress. These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, functional and welcoming environment for our students, staff and families.

Payment Schedule

All payments for school activities must be received by the end of Week 2. Students with outstanding payments will not be permitted to continue participating in the activity from Week 3 onwards. Please contact the school office if you require assistance with payment arrangements.

YEAR LEVEL	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	COST	FINAL PAYMENT DATE
Prep – Year 2	Student Resource Scheme (SRS)	$200	Due now
Year 3 – Year 6	Student Resource Scheme (SRS) Non eLearning Class eLearning Class	$200 $170	Due now
Prep, Year 3 and 5	Term 3 - Smart Moves Dance	$30	Due now
Selected Student	Sem 2 Sport	$70	Due Now
Year 6	Wet & Wild	$50.50	24 November 2026
Prep	Prep Drumming	$13	10 November 2026

Prep to Year 2

Mrs Diana Ghusn

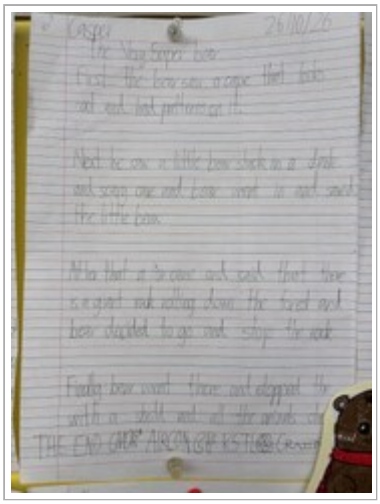
Deputy Principal - Prep & Year 1

Mrs Jessica Kanowski

Deputy Principal - Year 2

2C and the Very Super Bear

In English, Year 2C students have been enjoying reading The Very Super Bear by Nick Bland and bringing the story to life through their own illustrations. They have been learning to write narratives by developing interesting characters and describing settings to help readers imagine where their stories take place. Students have been learning to structure their writing with a clear beginning, middle and end, while practising the use of past-tense verbs to retell events. They have also been adding detail to their sentences using adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions to make their writing more descriptive and engaging. It has been wonderful to see their creativity grow as they develop their storytelling skills!



Celebrating Our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Award Winners!

Congratulations to our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students who received awards at this week's assembly! We are so proud of their achievements, hard work and dedication to learning. It is wonderful to celebrate the efforts and successes of our youngest learners as they continue to grow, learn and shine. Keep reaching for your goals and striving for excellence, MacGregor stars! To the stars!

Celebration of Learning Prep G and 1G

Prep G students have been very busy this term exploring movement. From exploring how their body moves to how different objects move. The children have participated in a range of hands-on activities.

So far, we have had bouncing bubbles, marble painting, ramp making, comparing how far toys can roll as well as exploring the different ways vehicles move.

Great learning Prep G!

In 1G, students have been learning to create patterns using symbols and objects. Even exploring using classroom objects to make their own patterns and challenging ourselves to extend them forwards and backwards!

Wonderful challenge work 1G!

Police Visit to Prep–Year 2 Assembly

MacGregor State School was delighted to welcome our local Police Constables to our recent Prep–Year 2 Assembly. The officers shared important messages about keeping ourselves and others safe, including identifying trusted people we can go to for help, showing kindness and respect towards others, keeping our hands and bodies safe, and understanding the importance of respecting other people's belongings.

These valuable lessons helped reinforce the importance of making positive choices, treating others with care and being responsible members of our school community. We sincerely thank our Police Constables for taking the time to visit MacGregor State School and support our young learners in developing the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe and make good choices. Your visit was greatly appreciated!

MacGregor Social Emotional Program Weeks 3 & 4

This week and last week our young learners have been busy learning about the following concepts in our MacG Social Emotional Program.

PREP FOCUS: Understanding Others

LEARNING GOAL – PREP – As a student at MacGregor State School, I will

- notice what someone needs and choose a helpful way to respond.

I will be successful when I can

- notice when someone might need help
- think about what they might need
- choose a kind and helpful response.

YEAR 1 FOCUS: Interacting with others

LEARNING GOAL – YEAR 1 – As a student at MacGregor State School, I will

- learn how to cooperate and work together when we play and learn with others.

I will be successful when I can

- take turns
- share equipment and ideas
- listen to and help others
- work together to achieve goals.

YEAR 2 FOCUS: Communicating Effectively

LEARNING GOAL – YEAR 2 – As a student at MacGregor State School, I will

- practise individual and group decision-making in situations such as class meetings and when working in pairs and small groups.

I will be successful when I can

- share an idea and listen to another person's idea
- suggest options when a group has different opinions
- help the group reach a decision and explain why it is fair.

It is advantageous to discuss the above concepts with you students and how the skills can be transferred to homelife as well as the school setting.

Years 3 to 6

Mrs Sandi Keating

Deputy Principal - Years 4 & 5

Mr Gary Davey

Deputy Principal - Years 3 & 6

Scientists at work

3C have been exploring the exciting world of science through hands-on learning and discovery.

Students have had access to using magnifying glasses, microscopes and more to investigate objects up close and discover details that can't be easily seen with the naked eye.

This has helped develop a deeper understanding while encouraging our students to make observations, question and think critically.

It has been wonderful to see 3C exploring through practical experiences that nurture confidence, independence and a love of science.

We look forward to more exciting investigation opportunities and discovery experiences throughout the term.

3D Gets Hands-On with Street Science!

Year 3D students at MacGregor State School had an exciting time exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases during a hands-on Street Science experience!

Students investigated slime and discovered how applying their body heat changed its texture and behaviour. They also explored artificial snow, observing its unique properties and discussing how different materials behave.

The experience encouraged students to make observations, ask questions and connect their experiments to their classroom learning about matter.

Science came to life for 3D as our budding scientists explored, experimented and discovered!

Bus Buzz

Last week Year 6 students participated in Bus Buzz, a program run by the Brisbane City Council designed to build confidence, safety awareness, and independence for students transitioning to high school. Students learned practical skills such as properly hailing a bus, identifying the correct route number and using the contactless payment system. On-board etiquette was also taught to students before they were provided an opportunity to sit in the driver's seat to better understand blind spots, road vision and why it is critical to stay well clear of the curb.

Year 5 Camp – Memories Made at Currimundi!

Our Year 5 students returned from Currimundi with stories to share, friendships strengthened and memories to treasure! Camp provided wonderful opportunities to embrace new challenges, build independence and discover what they can achieve with determination and encouragement.

We were proud to see students supporting one another, working as a team and stepping beyond their comfort zones. These experiences help build confidence and resilience that students bring back into the classroom and everyday life.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for their care, energy and enthusiasm throughout camp, and to our families for helping students prepare for this adventure.

Well done, Year 5—you have so much to be proud of!

Our AMAZING members of staff who attended this year's camp!

A small snapshot of our adventures on camp

Canberra Tour 2027 - Parent Information Session

The dates are locked in for the 2027 tour to Canberra. Students who will be in Year 6 in 2027 have been emailed information about registering their interest in attending.

A parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 10th November at 6pm in the Hall to take you through the itinerary and answer any questions.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Year 6 End of Year Celebrations

In Week 10, our Year 6 students will celebrate their last week of primary school with a number of key celebration events.

Monday 7th December - students who have participated in swimming lessons this week and reached the 80% target will be able to attend the excursion to Wet'n'Wild. A letter will be sent home with information and payment details next week.

Thursday 10th December - Year 6 Celebration evening

This is an opportunity for the Year 6 students to come together one last time and share in an evening of fun with their friends and teachers. Cost to attend is $22.00 per student. This will cover the cost of a DJ, two photo booths to capture memories with their friends, as well as dinner and dessert. Invoices will be sent home this week.

MSP will also be operating a formal photo studio from 5pm on this evening for parents to get some family portrait shots taken. Parents will then leave by 6pm and the students will come into the Hall to celebrate with their peers. Parents are encouraged to return at 7.50pm and will be invited into the Hall for one last celebration moment.

Celebrating Learning, Effort and Achievement

We warmly invite our Years 4, 5 and 6 families to join us for MacGregor State School's **Academic Awards Assembly on Tuesday 8 December at 9:00am**.

This special occasion is an opportunity to celebrate academic achievement and the curiosity, perseverance and commitment that help our students grow as learners. Behind every achievement are moments of challenge, the courage to ask questions and the determination to keep trying.

While awards recognise particular accomplishments, we are proud of the progress made by students across our school. Every child's learning journey matters, and we encourage all students to reflect on how far they have come and the goals they are working towards.

Thank you to our families for the encouragement you provide each day. Your partnership with our teachers helps children develop confidence, embrace challenges and take pride in their learning.

We look forward to coming together to applaud our award recipients and celebrate a year of learning, growth and possibility.

Kindness Matters

Kindness is the act of showing care, compassion, respect and understanding towards others through our words, actions and choices. It means treating people with dignity, helping those in need, and making a positive difference in someone else's life, no matter how small the gesture.

Kindness is more than simply being nice. It involves empathy, recognising how others might be feeling, and choosing to act in ways that make them feel valued, included, respected and supported.

What does kindness look like?

- Empathy: Understanding and caring about how others feel.
- Respect: Treating everyone with dignity, even when we disagree.
- Compassion: Noticing when someone is struggling and offering support.
- Inclusion: Making sure everyone feels welcome and that they belong.
- Generosity: Giving our time, attention or assistance without expecting anything in return.
- Courage: Standing up for others and doing what is right, even when it is difficult.
- Gratitude: Recognising and appreciating the contributions of others.

Why is kindness important in schools?

At MacGregor State School, kindness helps create a culture where every student, staff member and family feels safe, connected and valued.

When kindness becomes part of our everyday interactions, we build stronger relationships, develop trust, reduce conflict and create an environment where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Kindness is also contagious. One thoughtful action can inspire another, creating a ripple effect that strengthens our entire school community.

A powerful message to remember

> Kindness is not just something we do. It is a choice we make every day about how we treat others.
>
> It costs nothing to offer a smile, share an encouraging word, lend a helping hand or make someone feel they belong. Yet these small actions can make an extraordinary difference.

At MacGregor State School, kindness is everyone's responsibility. Every person. Every interaction. Every day.

To the Stars!

Performing Arts News

MEX Jazz Recital

Students are busy rehearsing for their recital next Tuesday @ 6pm.

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music, rhythm and sensational performances as **MacGregor State School proudly presents our MEX Recital this Tuesday evening!**

This special event promises to be a wonderful celebration of jazz, showcasing the incredible musical talents, creativity and dedication of our young musicians.

From toe-tapping rhythms to the unmistakable sounds of jazz, the evening will highlight the passion, teamwork and musical excellence that make our Performing Arts Program so special.

A special thank you to our talented students and dedicated instrumental music staff, whose commitment, enthusiasm and countless hours of preparation bring these wonderful musical experiences to life.

We look forward to celebrating another fantastic evening of music with our MacGregor community!

Let the jazz begin!

Music Fest

Congratulations to our bands, orchestras and choirs for their wonderful performances at this year's Music Fest competition! Our students represented MacGregor State School with pride, sharing their musical talents and demonstrating the dedication, teamwork and enthusiasm that make our Performing Arts program so special.

Our bands achieved outstanding results, with **Wind Symphony and Concert Band, conducted by Mrs Rosewarne, and Wind Ensemble, conducted by Mr Mossley and Mr Hayashi, each receiving a Platinum Award**. These achievements reflect many hours of purposeful rehearsal and a shared commitment to musical excellence.

Our strings students also had much to celebrate, with **Intermediate Strings and MacGregor Strings, conducted by Miss Hong, receiving a Gold Award, Camerata and Senior Strings,conducted by Miss Hong, receiving a Platinum Award.** Congratulations to all of these orchestras for their performances and their contribution to our thriving orchestral program.

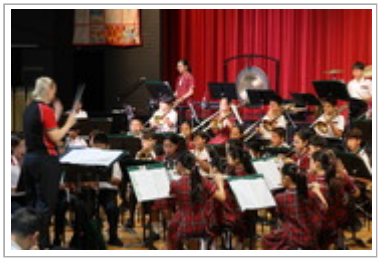
Our choirs brought voices together to celebrate the joy of singing. We congratulate our singers on their preparation, commitment and willingness to share their talents on the competition stage. **MacGregor Voices and Vocal Harmony, conducted by Miss Eadie received a Gold Award and Chamber Choir, conducted by Miss Eadie received a Silver Award.**

A special thank you goes to our dedicated instrumental music teachers, choir conductors and accompanying staff. Your expertise, encouragement and care help our young performers grow in confidence and ability. Thank you also to our families for supporting rehearsals, encouraging practice and cheering on our ensembles.

We are proud of every student who took part. Your achievements remind us of the power of the performing arts to connect, inspire and bring our school community together.

To the Stars!

Wind Symphony - Platinum Award



Wind Ensemble - Platinum Award

Concert Band - Platinum Award

Chamber Choir - Silver Award

MacGregor Strings - Gold Award

MacGregor Voices - Gold Award

Senior Strings - Platinum Award

Vocal Harmony - Gold Award

Intermediate Strings - Gold Award

Camerata - Platinum Award

Term 4 Performing Arts Calendar

Celebrating Creativity, Commitment and Achievement

We warmly invite our families to join us for MacGregor State School's **Performing Arts Awards Assembly on Thursday 3 December at 9:00am**.

This special occasion celebrates the talent, dedication and growth of our students across music, choir, dance and drama. Behind every performance are hours of practice, the courage to step onto a stage and a commitment to working together.

Through the performing arts, our students learn to express themselves, embrace challenges and contribute to something greater than themselves. Whether mastering a difficult passage, remembering choreography or finding their voice, each step builds confidence and creates lasting memories.

Our assembly is an opportunity to applaud our award recipients and recognise the contribution every performer makes to the creative life of our school.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for nurturing our students' talents, and to our families for supporting rehearsals, encouraging practice and celebrating each milestone. Your encouragement helps our young performers shine.

We look forward to sharing this celebration with you and recognising a wonderful year of creativity, connection and achievement.

PE & Sport News

Mr Michael Austen

PE & Sport Co-ordinator

Inter School Sport

The final week of Inter School Sport is fast approaching – November 6th.

Our students have been taking part in the 10-week season and learning lots of life lessons as well as challenging themselves in team situations.

We look forward to celebrating the success of our teams at the end of season.

QLD All Schools Touch Football

This weekend the students in the Touch Football Excellence and Development program are taking to the field for their final event of the year.

The 3 day event will see the students competing against some of the best players in QLD.

We look forward to reporting how the teams go over Facebook and also in the next newsletter.

Celebrating Sporting Achievement, Effort and Team Spirit

We warmly invite our families to join us for MacGregor State School's **Sport Awards Assembly on Tuesday 1 December at 9:00am**.

This special occasion celebrates our students' sporting achievements and the determination, teamwork and sportsmanship they have demonstrated throughout the year.

Success in sport takes many forms: achieving a personal best, learning a new skill, supporting a teammate or finding the courage to try again after a disappointment. These moments help our students build resilience, confidence and respect for others—qualities that serve them well beyond the sporting field.

Our assembly provides an opportunity to applaud our award recipients and recognise the effort and enthusiasm of students who have contributed to school sport. We are proud of the way our young athletes represent MacGregor and encourage those around them.

Thank you to our teachers, coaches and staff for creating opportunities for students to participate and grow. To our families, thank you for supporting training, cheering from the side lines and helping children value both achievement and fair play.

We look forward to celebrating a year of sporting endeavour and the team spirit that brings our school community together.

Keep us up to date

We love to hear how our sporting superstars are going in their chosen sport outside of school. If your child is achieving great things in sport outside of the program we offer we encourage you to share their success with us.

Please remember if you share photos not to include other students or other student names as we can't share those without consent.

Please send success stories to one of the HPE team

maust35@eq.edu

bpsan0@eq.edu.au

sdelo2@eq.edu.au

mlaou0@eq.edu.au

Guidance Officer Update

Ms Megan Brodie

Guidance Officer

Day for Daniel

This Friday 30th October, is **Day for Daniel,** Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day.

Day for Daniel is an opportunity to promote child safety and empower students with the skills to **Recognise, React** and **Report** when they feel unsafe.

Held in memory of Daniel Morcombe, this national day raises awareness of child safety and highlights the importance of helping children develop the knowledge and confidence to seek help when they need it. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation supports families and schools with resources to strengthen these important conversations.

Day for Daniel is an opportunity to remind children that **they have the right to feel safe, their concerns matter, and help is always available**. Regular, age-appropriate conversations about personal safety can help children recognise unsafe situations, communicate their feelings and identify trusted adults they can turn to—both in person and online.

Families can support these messages at home by:

- Helping children identify trusted adults in their safety network.
- Practising how to ask for help if something feels wrong.
- Encouraging children to keep telling a trusted adult until someone helps.
- Talking openly about online interactions and reporting anything worrying.
- Reassuring children that they can share concerns without fear of getting into trouble.

Keeping children safe is a shared responsibility. By listening carefully, taking concerns seriously and maintaining open communication between home and school, we help build a community where every child feels heard, supported and protected.

P&C Update

Volunteers Needed – Swimming Carnival Hot Chip Canteen

We know how quickly calendars fill up at the end of the year, so we're getting in early! The MacGregor State School Swimming Carnival Hot Chip Canteen will run on **Tuesday 8 December, 9:30am to 2:00pm**, and we're rallying volunteers for the last event of the year to help serve piping hot chips and snacks to our swimmers and spectators.

Your support is vital in making the day a success. All funds raised go towards MacGregor State School initiatives, including new ICT equipment. Whether you can stay for the whole day or just an hour, every bit of help counts. Locking in our roster now means we can plan with confidence and you can secure the time that suits you best.

Sign up now:
https://volunteersignup.org/WM47J

2026 Book Swap: Wednesday 4 November

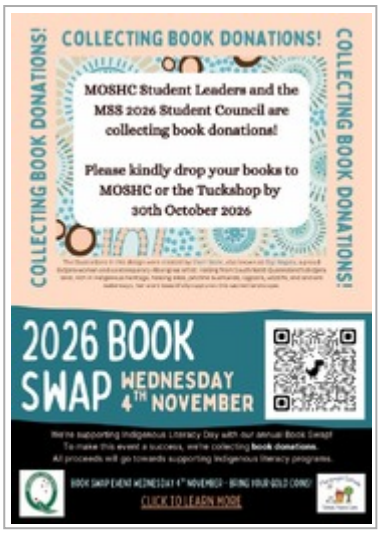
Our MOSHC Student Leaders and the MSS 2026 Student Council are teaming up to run our annual Book Swap in support of Indigenous literacy, and we need your help to fill the tables!

Donate: Have a look through your bookshelves for any pre-loved books your family has finished with. Picture books, chapter books, novels and non-fiction are all welcome. Please drop donations to MOSHC or the Tuckshop by **Friday 30 October**.

Swap: On **Wednesday 4 November**, students can bring along their gold coins and choose some "new" books to take home. All proceeds will go towards supporting Indigenous literacy programs, helping children in remote communities get access to books of their own.

It's a simple way to give books a second life, find something new to read and support a great cause. Scan the QR code on the flyer to learn more.

Thank you for your support!



MacGregorthon 2026

MacGregorthon 2026 – Sponsor Money Due Friday 6 November

Thank you to all our students who took part in MacGregorthon testing day! Now it's time to collect your sponsorship money.

Please return all money by **Friday 6 November**, either:

- in an envelope (with your child's name and class clearly marked) to the **P&C money returns box at the School Office**, or
- online via **Flexischools**.

Every dollar raised goes towards new interactive whiteboard screens for our classrooms. Don't forget the prizes, proudly supported by Mathnasium:

- **Every $50 raised** earns one entry into the draw to win a Mathnasium assessment, enrolment and one month of tutoring (valued at approx. $500), plus a prize pack.
- **Every child who raises $50 or more** receives a Mathnasium goodie bag.
- **7 class celebration parties** for the classes with the highest sponsorship participation, so every return counts towards your class tally!

Thank you to our families and sponsors for supporting our school.

Tuckshop, Uniform & Book Shop

MAC SNACK SHACK – WEEK 5 & 6 DAILY SPECIALS

Fresh, hot lunches made on site every day! Here's what's cooking for the next two weeks:

🍝 **Monday** – Beef Bolognese or Vegetarian Bolognese – $8.50
🍛 **Tuesday** – Japanese Curry (Chicken or Vegetarian) – $8.50
🥢 **Wednesday** – Thai Chicken & Rice or Vegetarian Thai Fried Rice – $8.50
🍔 **Thursday** – Mini Burger Deal: Chicken or Vegetarian Burger + Red Rock Deli Sweet Chilli & Sour Cream Crisps + Apple Juice – $9.00
🌶️ **Friday** – Chicken Pad Kra Pao with Rice & Fried Egg, or Vegetarian Pad Kra Pao with Rice – $8.50

🏢 Order online via **Flexischools**, or buy over the counter until sold out each day. Specials are popular, so pre-ordering is the best way to secure yours!

💚 Mac Snack Shack is proudly owned and operated by the MacGregor State School P&C Association. Every purchase supports our school community, with proceeds reinvested into programs, resources and opportunities for all students.

Uniform Shop Volunteers Needed for 2027

The P&C Uniform & Stationery Shop is looking for parent volunteers to help on Friday mornings from 8am to 9am, for the remainder of this term and continuing into 2027. Tasks include serving customers and restocking shelves, and full training is provided, so no experience is needed. If your

family will be at MacGregor next year, now is a great time to get involved and help us build a reliable team for the new school year. Whether you can come weekly or just now and then, every hour helps. If you're able to assist, please email uniformshop@msspc.org.au.

Community Connections