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in Review...
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02: Isaac Finlay, Year 6 and Mr Craig Mansour, Headmaster

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

'Garru' is the Wiradjuri word for the Magpie. Despite their swooping reputation, Garru are a highly social intelligent bird and their song is well known throughout the Australian bush.

At Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, the *Garru* is our triannual publication which is a celebration of the many wonderful events which the members of the Macquarie community participate in and grow from. It will display the lived experience of our motto "Faith in Action".

In this our first edition we will review 2019 and in particular our wonderful presentation day.

2019 has been a year of wonderful firsts for Macquarie Anglican Grammar School.

The single largest of these was the opening of our boarding community. I would like to thank all who have supported this program in its first year. Mr Chalmers has led a wonderful team including Miss Westgarth, Mr and Mrs Thorne, Miss Rae, Mr Owen and Mr and Mrs Roe. They have been assisted at various by a range of our day staff. Vista Lodge has proven to be a wonderful boarding facility. I am very thankful for the community that has developed there, it is a credit to the Boarders, their families and our staff. The word is out about our boarding community and this can be seen in the significant enrolments in the years ahead. We are very close to full for girls' boarding in 2021 and getting close for 2020.

We are growing well in the boys' wing and hope to see this growth sustained throughout 2020 and 2021. Thank you to all who supported the opening of this fantastic community.

The second big first in 2019 was our engagement with the PSSA in the Junior School. It has brought fantastic new sporting opportunities for the Junior School of Macquarie.

I would like to thank Mr De Lyall and all of the Junior School staff for their efforts with this program.

In April, our Livestock Show team attended the Sydney Royal Easter Show for the very first time. This team represented us with great skill and team spirit. They achieved a range of ribbons across different classes and competitions. They have continued both the work necessary and the showing throughout the year with many outstanding efforts at a range of shows, including the Champion School at the National All Breeds Heifer show. The year has culminated with four of our students achieving qualification as paraders for the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Congratulations to Ally Bogie, Charlie Hooper, Boudicea Blatch and Kasey Bogie. I would like to thank Ms Wheeler for all of her efforts with this team. Can I also thank Mrs Job, Mrs Brama and the many, many parents who have given of their time, energy, skill and did I mention time to support this team.

As we look to 2020, we as a community are excited about our outdoor education programs, the Kindergarten to Year 12 musical, the Academic and Sporting opportunity and the ongoing living out of our four key values Faith, Community, Character and Excellence.

I commend this edition of *Garru* to you.

Mr Craig Mansour
 Headmaster

The Future is Bright



Kathryn Wolstenholme



Ruthvik Gundapaneni

Macquarie Anglican Grammar School is proud of the Class of 2019. These students have produced a range of excellent results across a wide range of subject areas.

Our Mission is to develop resilient young people who are ready to change the world. The class of 2019 are already doing so with the vast majority students receiving early offers of enrolment at Universities across NSW and Queensland in careers as diverse as Education, Health, Social Work and Agricultural Research. One such example worthy of celebration is Kathryn Wolstenholme who has received a scholarship and entry to the Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School from the Australian Hotels Association to further her career in Hospitality.

The class of 2019 sat exams in 21 subjects (listed below) with Agriculture, Ancient History, Biology, Business Studies, Community and Family Studies, Geography, PDHPE, Construction and Primary Industries all achieving results in Bands 3 to 6 above the state mean by more than ten per cent. With Construction in its first year achieving results above the state mean by more than 30 per cent.

Things also look very bright for the class of 2020 with Ruthvik Gundapaneni achieving a Band 6 in Mathematics and 44 out of 50 in Mathematics Extension 1.

Subject	Students	Subject	Students
Agriculture	5	Mathematics Standard	23
Ancient History	5	Mathematics	8
Biology	7	Modern History	8
Business Studies	9	Music 1	5
Community and Family Studies	7	PDHPE	8
Economics	2	Society and Culture	4
English Standard	21	Studies of Religion 1	8
English Advanced	12	Visual Arts	1
Food Technology	9	Construction Exam	6
Geography	4	Primary Industries Exam	4
Legal Studies	7		

PHOTOS:

01: Eva Harris, Year 6 02: Baye Wallace, Year 12
03: Annabelle Stephens, Year 7 04: Luke Osborne, Year 5



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PRESENTATION DAY

Our Presentation Day was held on Thursday 12 December 2019 at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre. The Junior and Senior Choirs combined to perform a lovely rendition of *Shine Your Light* by Greg Gilpin at both the Junior and Senior events.

Congratulations to all the award winners and the special award winners listed below:

Senior School Presentation Day Year 7 to Year 12

Dux of Year 7
Annabelle Stephens

Dux of Year 8
Kate Turnbull

Dux of Year 9
Rebecca Howes

Dux of Year 10
Jeremy Roth

Dux of Year 11
Ruthvik Gundapaneni

Community Awards

University of Sydney, School of Rural Health Award for Senior Science
Eloise Bell

The University of Newcastle - Vice Chancellors Award for Academic Excellence in Year 12

Baye Wallace

Senior School Prize for Citizenship

Erin Barclay

Senior School Creative, Practical and Performing Arts Award
Llaney Webb

Year 12 Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment
Baye Wallace

Senior School All Round Proficiency in Work and Sport
Rori Lemon

Caltex Best All Rounder Award
Angus Bodiam
ADF Long Tan Leadership Awards
Year 10 - Kate Currans
Year 12 - Elizabeth Watterson

Junior School Presentation Day Kindergarten to Year 6

Dux of Junior School
Eva Harris

Excellence Awards Faith
Luke Osborne

Community
Samuel Brown

Character
Gracie Harland

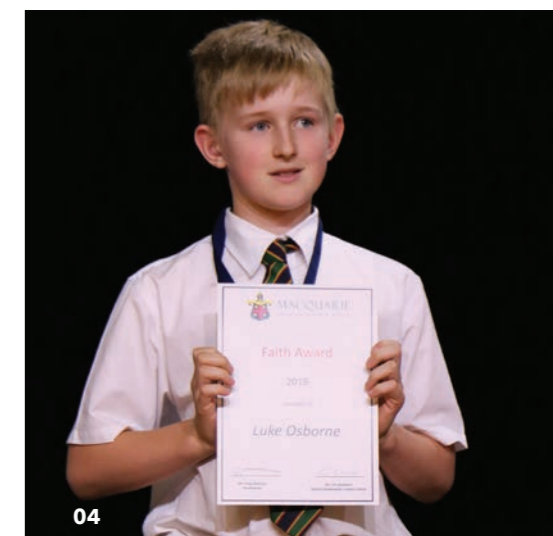
Excellence
Jack Taylor

Knight Family Award for Outstanding Citizenship
Isaac Finlay

Macquarie Most Improved Award
Daniel Mansour and Aanya Rai



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Focus on Guided Inquiry

As we prepare for 2020, teachers have formed Professional Learning Teams to develop their skills in Guided Inquiry, Flipped Learning and Challenge Based Learning.

The beginning of 2020 will see a particular focus on Guided Inquiry, giving students the cyclic process of; framing the inquiry, tuning it, finding out, sorting information, developing further understanding, reflecting and acting and then finally evaluating. Throughout this process, students will reflect and refine their learning through the facilitate of the teacher.

2019 saw the consolidation of a number of initiatives from our Teaching and Learning Framework. Of particular note was the continued integration of Understanding by Design (UBD) into our programming and utilisation of Visible Thinking routines to enable students to unpack their thinking. Flipped Learning has also been embedded in the Senior School learning cycle.

LEADERSHIP 2020

In 2020, we see Mr Tim Chalmers expand his Deputy Headmaster role to Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12. To enable that change, Mrs Marina Simcox will move to the Acting Head of Junior School role for the commencement of the 2020 school year, whilst continuing to guide Teaching and Learning. Mrs Natalie Cole and Mrs Keera Job will continue working as Junior School Academic Leaders, focusing on the development of targeted teaching and learning programs, Sounds Write and mentoring. Ms Fallon Wheeler will continue working to develop Learning Support across the school and will continue in her welfare role, with a particular focus on welfare Kindergarten to Year 2. Mr Stuart Rufus will continue in his welfare role, moving in 2020 to Years 3 to 6.

In the Senior School, Ms Shona Lane has been appointed Stage 6 Patron and Year Patrons have been implemented for Years 7 to 10, Mrs Emily Palmer (Year 7), Miss Taylor Spencer and Mrs Rebecca Parkes (Year 8), Miss Laura Hegarty (Year 9) and Mrs Inala Child (Year 10). These roles will provide both pastoral and academic support for students across the Senior School. Mrs Jennifer Downey will continue in her role as Director of Studies/Academic Leader Mathematics and will be supported by Academic Leaders, Mrs Susan Bodiam (Science/TAS), Miss Laura Hegarty (English/HSIE) and Mr Wade Richardson (PDHPE and Sport). Mr Tom Blackburn will be Director of Daily Operations.



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PRE-KINDERGARTEN

In 2020, we welcome two new faces to our Pre-Kindergarten team; Mrs Erin McGregor and Ms Samantha Murphy. Mrs McGregor is an experienced educator who brings further insight into early literacy and numeracy development. Her many years of Kindergarten teaching enable her to recognise the key skills students need as they move into formal school. Ms Murphy is an Early Childhood Educator who has a passion for inquiry and intentional play based learning for children. Our 2020 Pre-Kindergarten program aims to allow students to Engage, Experience and Explore their world with intentional learning to help them to;

- be prepared for the rigour of formal school
- be curious learners who explore through play
- develop resilience through targeted programs relating to social and emotional development
- be adventurous learners who engage in specialist lessons and activities.

Initiatives including the Pre-Lit program, inquiry based tasks and the Second Step social and emotional program implementation are exciting developments in the 2020 Pre-Kindergarten program.

NAPLAN 2019

At Macquarie, NAPLAN is used as a tool to guide teaching and learning and focus for planning and improvement. Our results across Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in 2019 were pleasing and are a testament to the teaching and learning within our classrooms and the school community. Below is a table outlining elements of our results:

Percentage of Macquarie students who achieved in the top two bands

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar and Punctuation	Numeracy
Year 3	63%	72%	57%	76%	57%
Year 5	58%	33%	44%	50%	32%
Year 7	40%	16%	38%	36%	40%
Year 9	33%	20%	38%	23%	26%

Note: shaded sections indicate areas where Macquarie students' average was above that of the state.

Student Growth

Across all the areas tested, 65 per cent of Year 5 students at Macquarie had growth greater than expected. In Year 7, 61 per cent showed greater than expected growth and in Year 9, 73 per cent of students had above expected growth.

PHOTOS:

01: Mrs Keera Job and Mr Stuart Rufus 02: Mr Tim Chalmers 03: Mrs Marina Simcox 04: Ms Fallon Wheeler
05: Dami Kuku, Pre-Kindergarten, Charlie Sutton, Year 6, Zoe Shanks, Year 5, Aria Tuckey, Pre-Kindergarten, Hugh Mitchell, Year 6, Emily Davies, Pre-Kindergarten, Poppy Job, Pre-Kindergarten and Eleni Rich, Pre-Kindergarten

Program Expansion in 2020

Our successful Pre-Kindergarten program has grown year by year over the four years we have been running. The benefits of an on-site 'preparation for Kindergarten' program has seen continued interest in this class.

Our play based program, at its heart, is designed to best equip students for the transition to Kindergarten and the start of formal learning. It allows for familiarisation with the school setting making the transition into formal learning as smooth as possible. Our emphasis on play based skill acquisition ensures students enjoy school and develop an eagerness to come to school and learn. Learning is fun!

With the continued interest in our program, we are delighted to expand our program in 2020. We will be opening up Thursday and Fridays for families who wish to enrol their Pre-Kindergarten child in a combination of two to five days. This flexibility allows families to access the program in a way that best suits their situation and their child.

We believe that children learn through hands on experiences and by supporting and nurturing them in the year before school, we can engage students in a love of learning. Our program allows students to wonder, investigate and build on their knowledge through:

- play and interest based learning opportunities
- supportive and intentional learning programs
- open communication and strong partnerships with home
- a well-developed sense of belonging in the school.

With our new five-day program, we are creating an opportunity for all students to access our Pre-Kindergarten class in a way that fits with each individual. This allows all students the opportunity to best prepare for Kindergarten and their formal learning years.

Mrs Natalie Cole

For further information about our Pre-Kindergarten program for 2020, please contact Enrolments by emailing enrolment@mags.nsw.edu.au or phone (02) 6841 6222.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN IN 2019

The second half of the year was a time of growth and fun for students in our Pre-Kindergarten class. Our intentional learning activities allowed our skill development to continue to grow. The essential skills we are developing for formal learning (like correct pencil grip, counting and phonological awareness) continued to keep us busy during the weeks. Our social development is always an essential part of our learning and we have worked on our resilience and social skills over the semester.

We started a weekly visit to the school Library. We borrowed books and enjoyed learning how to use the Library each week. Mrs Mansour always had an interesting story to read to us. It is always exciting to have new faces in our room and when Mr Dubois joins us for Japanese or Mr McIntosh for Ag, we always have fun. Mrs Davis has worked with us on our interpretations of some famous artworks including Aboriginal dot paintings, Andy Warhol, Jackson Pollock and Piet Mondrian to name a few. Miss Spencer is probably the most anticipated visitor and we always look forward to our weekly PE lessons.

Our big event in Term 4 was Kindergarten Orientation. What a great week we had! Each day we spent until lunchtime in the Kindergarten rooms familiarising ourselves with the teachers and routines. We made new friends and explored new areas of the Junior School that we hadn't been to before. It was a big week and we were all very tired after all the learning that happened.



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PHOTOS:

- 01: Emily Davies, Malahkia Baxter, Poppy Job, Hemish Solanki, Eleni Rich, Aria Tuckey and Dami Kuku, Pre-Kindergarten
 02: Lainey Simcox, Pareeza Nurnyn, Poppy Job and Malahkia Baxter, Pre-Kindergarten
 03: Malahkia Baxter and Hemish Solanki, Pre-Kindergarten

“ Overall, the evening was a great success. ”



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JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Christmas Musical

The Junior School Christmas musical was a fitting celebration of the Christmas season and an opportunity for the Macquarie community to come together and enjoy some entertainment to end 2019.

The concert was called 'From Bethlehem to Bondi - A Christmas Pageant' and was performed with permission from Bushfire Press. Each class was involved in a choral item as well as the finale, with several students taking on main roles to help link the items together.

Overall, the evening was a great success. Special thanks must go to the parents that assisted with costuming, Mrs Keera Job for co-ordinating the production and Mrs Brooke Taylor for her stage direction. It was a thoroughly enjoyable night and now we look forward to the whole school musical in 2020!

Mr Tim Chalmers



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PHOTOS:

- 01: Isaac Finlay, Year 6
- 02: Lexi Cook, Archer Mealey, Ruby Bowen and Isla Walker, Kindergarten
- 03: Maya Cassidy, Lily Pedersen and Sabrina Jones, Year 5
- 04: Lexi Cook, Solly Day, Michael Pepper and Delilah Smith, Kindergarten
- 05: Ateef Farooq, Year 3 and Nicole Hodgett, Year 4



Year 3 Zoo Snooze



Lila Powell, Benjamin Palmer, Lachlan Munro, Alexis Rufus, Charlotte Cox and Emma Roberts, Year 3

YEAR 3 ZOO SNOOZE

The Zoo Snooze excursion was a fabulous success for our Year 3 students.

We camped at the Billabong Camp site at Taronga Western Plains Zoo. Students loved camping in the tents with their friends. In the evening we went on a guided tour of the Zoo and were able to learn more about and watch animals in the night. After a not-so-early bed time, we all fell asleep to the noises of the animals surrounding us (including the lions!). Everybody arose at the crack of dawn the next morning for an early morning visit to the monkeys and otters. Students learnt about the impact of the Palm Oil trade and the impact of deforestation on some of the endangered forest friends. It was also wonderful to see the otter pups on display – a big hit with everybody. After a hearty breakfast we set out to explore the zoo for the day and were lucky enough to have an up close display put on for us by the elephants and lions.

There were many tired faces and exhausted feet by the time we arrived back at school. A great time was had by all, with memories that will last a life time.

Ms Fallon Wheeler



Hugo Furney, Spencer Jimcox and Archie Bannon, Year 4

YEAR 4 BURRENDONG CAMP

During Term 3, Year 4 went on an exhilarating excursion to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre. The excursion took place over three 'action-packed' days in which students had a taste of all that the Recreation Centre had to offer.

They were accompanied by Miss Spencer and Mr Pluck as well as some guest appearances from Mr Chalmers and Ms Wheeler. All of us were given fantastic treatment by dedicated outdoor recreation staff that made the excursion a truly memorable experience.

Throughout the excursion, students participated in a range of exciting activities. These activities were led by the outdoor recreation staff who inspired the students to attempt new skills and challenges. The activities included archery, grass skiing, orienteering, damper cooking, rock climbing, a low ropes course as well as the ever-so-high flying fox. Students did a great job of showing enthusiasm and motivation to participate in these activities, even if they felt a bit out of their comfort zones. Through these experiences, students developed confidence to try new things and expand their repertoire of skills. They had a whole lot of fun with these activities and enjoyed engaging in them alongside their peers.

The facilities and meals available to students throughout the excursion were also wonderful. During allocated free times, students were able to use the multi-purpose hall, tennis courts, volleyball courts and table tennis equipment to enjoy some quality fun with their peers. After busy days, they were able to use the ample amount of outdoor space to relax quietly in the gentle sunshine. Students were also provided with a bountiful amount of food to replenish their energy levels and satisfy their appetites. One of the favourites was the classic Spaghetti Bolognese.

All-in-all the Burrendong excursion was a superb experience for our Year 4 students. While they were tired at the end of the three days (Mr Pluck has evidence of this), they were satisfied with a truly memorable experience. The 2020 Year 4 cohort has some great things to look forward to!

Mr John Pluck

Year 6 Waypoint Celebration

The Year 6 Waypoint Celebration for 2019 was a truly special evening at the end of Term 4. It was a time of reflection, a celebration of the fine young people that our Year 6 cohort have become, and a moment to dream of the future with hope and enthusiasm.

The evening included the presentation of certificates by Mr Dugald Saunders, speeches from our Junior School Captains and former Kindergarten teacher Mrs Natalie Cole and a delicious dinner.

Thank you to Miss Clara Stevenson for the hours of planning and organisation that she dedicated to making the night a success. Thank you also to the Stage 3 staff and Year 5 parent volunteers that all pitched in to make the evening the unique occasion that it was.

It was a great honour to be present on the night to witness the pride in the eyes of the families in attendance, and they have every reason to be proud, our 2019 Year 6 cohort has done excellent things. I have no doubt that the fine young men and women that we celebrated with will go on to meet and rise above the challenges of Senior School and beyond.

Congratulations to the Year 6 class of 2019!

Mr Tim Chalmers



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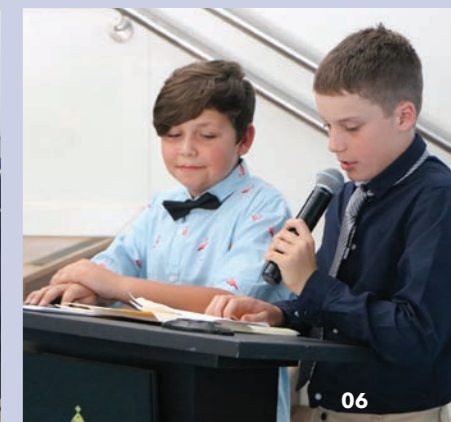
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PHOTOS:

- 01: Cloud Zheng, Eva Harris, Year 6 and Vincent Yin
- 02: Gracie Harland, Maddison Doran, Kaitlyn Cox and Danielle Rice, Year 6
- 03: Belinda, Lachlan, Year 6 and Peter Hollingworth
- 04: Hannah Ryan, Year 6 and Peter Ryan
- 05: Grandma, Darron Sivakaran, Year 6 and Priyanthie Shanmugalingam
- 06: Harper Webb and Charlie Sutton, Year 6



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Farewell to Year 12

At the end of Term 3, we farewelled our 33 Year 12 students. Students attended a Farewell Assembly, where they were presented with a teddy bear by their Kindergarten buddy, a breakfast cooked by Staff, a Valedictory Service and the Valedictory Dinner.

Each year at this time we reflect on the impact a group of young people have had on our school. Yet the greatest impact will be yet to come. We at Macquarie believe that our measure should be the impact our alumni have on the world at large. It is with great care that we have prepared our young people for the HSC. It is with even greater care that we have joined with you their families to prepare them for life. Our mission statement is "Developing resilient young people ready to change the world."

Mr Craig Mansour



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YEAR 12 RETREAT

Year 12 travelled to Toukley on the Central Coast in the last week of Term 3 for a three-day retreat. The last week of their formal schooling was a significant time, which presented the opportunity to reflect on the past 13 years of school and to look forward to the next stage in their lives as they move out into the world.

A mix of activities saw plenty of outdoor time being engaged in surfing, snorkelling and stand-up paddle boarding. The cool conditions scared off some of the more faint-hearted from these water activities, but a few hardened campaigners joined Mr Owen, Ms Childs and Mrs Lane in showing off their surfing and paddling skills. Everybody enjoyed the coastal walk past the Norah Head lighthouse and along the nearby beaches, collecting shells and spotting the many tankers lining up on the horizon for their turn in the port of Newcastle.

Several sessions, facilitated by Mr Owen and James Grady, provided the chance to reflect on the memorable events through our cohort's time at Macquarie as well as the things that are important to remember as we move out of school - the difference between mates and friends. Students were particularly engaged in Gerard Hanna's presentation on rules and conventions of etiquette for dress codes and formal dining. Understanding how to interact properly and present ourselves to the world in our dress, behaviour and deportment is a key part of navigating the adult world. Tom and Josh gave an award winning tableau of how a couple interact when preparing for the school formal.

The Retreat was a great opportunity to know each other better and to reflect on our journey so far and on what is about to come.

Mr Andrew Thorne

“ Understanding how to interact properly and present ourselves to the world in our dress, behaviour and deportment is a key part of navigating the adult world. ”

In the last week of Term 3, all of the Year 12 students attended their end of year Retreat. It was a wonderful time spent together having fun, reflecting on our time together and looking forward to what lies ahead.

James Grady spoke to the students about healthy minds, bodies, souls and relationships. We think we would be hard pressed to find a Year 12 student that did not get something useful out of our time together on camp as they look forward to their life beyond school.

Mr Tom Owen

PHOTOS:

01: Zac Towart, Oscar Walker, Baye Wallace and Ebony Watson, Year 12
 02: Ruby Bowen, Kindergarten and Eloise Bell, Year 12
 03: William Graham, Kindergarten and Angus Bodiam, Year 12
 04: Hayden Jones, Baye Wallace, James Batten, Charlotte Brander, Rhys Beauchamp, Thomas Oriol, Oscar Walker, Sophie Rogers, Sarah O'Rourke, Kiarna Diggs
 Front Row: Abbey Cusack, Sally Payne, Eloise Bell, Tristan Bush, Year 12



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“ There was a palpable gratitude among the entire Macquarie community ”



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Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was once again a significant day on the school calendar for 2019. Held on 11 November, the day included a visit to the town ceremony by our Junior School and Senior School Captains, as well as a formal ceremony for all students in Henderson Hall.

We were honoured to have army veteran Mr Shaun Graham in attendance to give the address. His speech was knowledgeable, engaging and thought provoking. Students listened attentively to a beautifully recited version of the famous poem *In Flanders Fields* as well as *The Last Post* and *Rouse* played by our resident trumpeter, Year 9 student Hamish Price. This was complemented by a stirring rendition of *The Band Played Waltzing Matilda* sung by members of the Senior School Choir.

The day was a respectfully sombre occasion and turned out to be a time of unifying reflection for students from Kindergarten through to Year 12. We are lucky to enjoy the freedoms that we do and have those who have gone before us to thank. There was a palpable gratitude among the entire Macquarie community on Remembrance Day 2019.

Mr Tim Chalmers and Mr Andrew Thorne

PHOTOS:

01: Remembrance Day

02: Taine Marchant, Year 11 and Hamish Price, Year 9

03: Isabella Walker, Year 8, Payton Ramsay, Year 8, Hamish Price, Year 9 and Gerald Chitsunge, Year 8

04: Taya Millington, Year 7, Sarah Thornton, Year 8 and Nate Henry, Year 8

05: Lana Barclay, Year 9, Araminta Hurford, Year 9, Isabella Walker, Year 8, Payton Ramsay, Year 8 and Amelia Chapman, Year 9

06: Mr Shaun Graham and William Graham, Kindergarten

STUDENTS EXPLORE SPORTS SCIENCE

Our annual Sports Science excursion in Term 4 for students continuing PDHPE in their HSC year provided terrific opportunities for students to explore the latest technologies for athletes to reach their physical and mental peak.

Students conducted fitness tests on cardiorespiratory endurance, power, speed and agility as well as explored the use of strength training and recovery methods to prepare for elite competition. In between, students were able to apply a variety of biomechanical principles in activities such as surfing lessons and indoor rock climbing. On top of this we were treated to a visit to the Australian Rugby Union HQ, organised by Macquarie parent Angus McDonald, to learn about their sports science program, and we even got to watch a training session of Aussie Women's 7s players who are the current Olympic champions. If that wasn't enough, students got face to face with another current Olympian, Annaliese Rubie (200m sprinter), who went into great detail about her current training, psychology and nutritional habits that she is implementing in preparation for Tokyo 2020. We will all be watching with a keen eye to see how these athletes perform when the Olympics begin in July.

Mr Wade Richardson



PHOTOS:

- 01: Second Row: Taine Marchant, Jackson Bailey, Danny Barber, Annaliese Rubie (Olympic Athlete), Myah Wallace, Erin Barclay, Laura Kiel, Abbie Mills, Wusulu Yamba, Olivia Berryman, Gabriella Lydon Front Row: Mumeet Chowdhury, Jack Bell, Year 11
- 02: Isaiah Hooper, Year 11
- 03: Sara Kiel and Amelia Chapman, Year 9, dressed in traditional kimonos at the Samurai experience
- 04: Thomas Peacock, Year 10 and Matthew Tremain, Year 11, with their host brothers Minokamo home stay
- 05: Su Wai Lwin Hninn, Year 10, Sara Kiel and Amelia Chapman, Year 9, at Tokyo Skytree



Japan Trip

After two years in the making, 14 students, three teachers and four parents finally found their way to Japan in the October holidays. Nervous excitement followed us everywhere we went as we began our journey in Osaka, a city known for its rich food culture.

We spent two days in the region and tried a range of different foods from takoyaki (battered octopus balls) to green tea ice-cream sandwiches. Even the pickiest eaters were eager to try things a bit out of their comfort zone. Thankfully, the amount of walking was sufficient to counteract the overeating in Osaka!

Hiroshima was the next stop on our trip. Many students didn't know what to expect from this famous landmark and were able to broaden their understanding of the effects of WWII upon the Japanese people and the horrors of war. Students pondered these ideas solemnly throughout our visit to the Hiroshima Peace Museum and the Genbaku Bomb Dome, but were able to contrast this against the present of lush Hiroshima full of hope and thousands of paper cranes. We finished this day, as we did most days, on a more light-hearted note. Mr Dubois had been hyping the traditional Japanese pancakes called Okonomiyaki all day and was hopeful that the students would like the dish as much as him. Students in Stage 5 Japanese were having flashbacks of the time that Mr Dubois attempted to make these on the school barbecues, only to come out a floury mess.

With heavy hearts and bellies, the students departed the next day for Kyoto, the old Japan. We spent the next few days exploring temples, transforming into Samurai (and receiving our Samurai licenses) and analysing which side was the correct side of the escalator to stand on. This last idea is still a mystery even to the most observant of our students.

Our time in Kyoto was spent largely with nature, engaging with the Japanese practice of shinrin-yoku or forest bathing to prepare ourselves for the coming hustle and bustle that would be Tokyo. We visited a mountain town called Arashiyama to learn how to make traditional Japanese sweets, hooking a number of students on the taste of sweet red bean paste. Then everyone conquered a 30 minute hike to arrive at the top of Mount Takayama, greeted by a remarkable view of Kyoto and something else a little furrier, monkeys! The monkeys ran around the park located at the top of Mount Takayama, a station that researches the lives of generations of the Japanese Macaques that are native to the region. Students were overcome with excitement and quickly raced into the station to get a chance to take photos and feed the monkeys. When finally locked inside the mesh room, students fed their new monkey friends peanuts and bananas.

That evening students returned to the hotel exhausted and counted monkeys in their sleep.

Students thought themselves expert monkey handlers, especially with their previous experiences with the deer of Nara. The day before, we visited Nara, famous for its bowing deer, giant Buddha and the world's largest wooden structure, a massive temple. Although initially nervous, students were able to exchange many bows with the deer of Nara, aided through bribes of deer biscuits which the deer chased with hungry delight. After getting our fix of deer, we travelled to Todai-ji which is the world's largest wooden structure and houses a giant Buddha. So big was this Buddha that students were able to successfully climb through a hole the size of its nose. A few got a little stuck but we were able to pull them out.

We moved on to what most will think of as the highlight of our trip, the Minokamo home stays. Students spent the rest day at Nishi Middle School and were greeted by a chorus from the whole school, with student conductors, singers and pianists. It was unlike anything we had ever experienced in Australia and it can be safely said that everyone was in awe. Students then moved to their new classrooms and learned about the lives of Japanese school students, making new friends with a level of popularity that they may never achieve again. Our time in Minokamo was full of great experiences such as practising Japanese calligraphy, kendo and after school clubs. One teacher even enjoyed the local cuisine, meat sushi (it's horse)! Our last few days in Tokyo were a rollercoaster of shrines, theme parks and shopping. During the free day, many of the boys accompanied Mr Dubois and Ms Phimmachanh to a man-made island called Odaiba. This is probably the wackiest place in Japan and is home to the Gundam, a giant robot that towers 20 metres over the Japanese and the many foreigners who come to visit.

The trip came to an end with many ready to come home and see their favourite people (their pets) and sleep in their beds. Students, parents and teachers all had a great experience and will cherish the fond memories of vending machines, animal experiences and convenience stores that we made along the way. Sayonara!

Mr Sean Dubois



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Macquarie P & F

What an amazing year 2019 was for the Macquarie Parents and Friends (P & F). We started the year with an ambitious plan to reinstate the Spring Fair and to raise the funds to provide the School Hall with Evaporative Cooling. We raised \$1,000 at Grandparents' Day, no doubt the heat in the hall really brought home how much the school really needs the cooling.

While fundraising is always big on the P & F agenda, we also love to engage the school community on a social level. In partnership with the school, we enjoyed hosting several events for our community throughout 2019, starting with the Tissues and Tears morning tea for new families, the welcome back to school barbecue at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre early in the year (which unbelievably had to be rescheduled due to rain), and the Grandparents' Day afternoon tea.

The school community came together in the most extraordinary way to bring us the Spring Fair. It was humbling to experience the generosity of the school community through donations both large and small and

countless volunteer hours that were provided to enable it to come to life. Despite the howling dust storm, the Spring Fair was a tremendous success, the weather did not deter the Macquarie Community from coming out to play. This shows the exceptional spirit of our wider school community and we are enormously grateful to everyone who supported both in the lead up and on the day.

It was a proud moment at the last P & F meeting of 2019 when the executive committee voted to give the school \$40,000 towards the evaporative cooling!

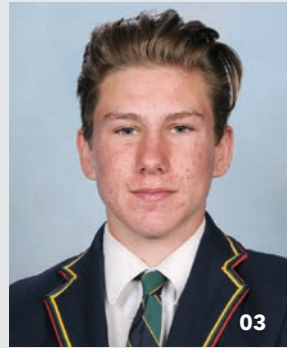
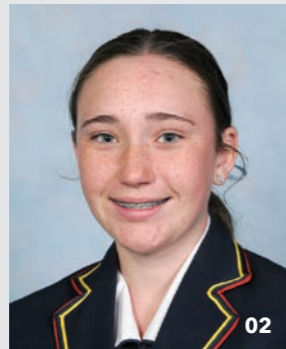
Mrs Priya McDonald and Mrs Rebecca Hinks

SPRING FAIR RESULTS

Inflatables All Day Passes	\$235.00	Dog Kennel Silent Auction	\$205.00
Lollies & Slushies	\$2,322.20	Cattle Weight Guessing/ Waratahs Jersey	\$201.45
BBQ	\$1,414.00	Nerf Challenge	\$188.00
Kindy Cake Stall	\$1,312.40	Escape Room	\$140
Book Stall	\$1,013.00	Grand Bazaar	\$99.00
Pirate Ship	\$887.00	Busking	\$27.05
Plant Stall	\$857.50	Trikes	-\$102.00
International Cuisine	\$851.00	Face painting	-\$10.10
Churros	\$656.40	Unspent MAGS Money	\$781.40
Animal Farm	\$576.70	Clothing Pool	\$560
Pick A Nose	\$410.00		
TOTAL			\$12,625.00

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PHOTO:
01: Mason Olney, Year 7 and Clair Stiff, Year 9



Rowan Stevens, Year 4, Samuel Attenborough, Year 3, Talen Ramsay, Year 4, Darcy Shanks, Year 3, Zander Hibbard, Year 3, Liam Tamsett, Year 4, Stone Cole, Year 4, Harry Bourke, Year 3 and Noah Rich, Year 3



Gigi Windever and Isla Croyston, Year 3



Airlie Edmed, Year 9



Jack Taylor, Year 6

GIRLS RUGBY SQUAD

In 2019, the Macquarie Girls Rugby Squad continued to grow in size and ability. Throughout Term 2, under the guidance of Angus McDonald (NSW Rugby Development Officer) and Mr Simon Murphy, the squad trained regularly during lunchtimes and Tuesday sport afternoons.

The team participated in friendly fixtures against St John's College and competed in the Waratah Cup and Coast to Country Cup, and progressed through to the State Finals in the Under 15 Years age group. The State Finals, held in Newcastle, were hotly contested by a range of public, catholic, independent and sports high schools from around the state and our squad performed extremely well due to their dedication to prepare throughout the early stages of the year.

Looking forward to 2020, there will now be a Girls Rugby 7s pathway in AICES and CIS as well as a proposed Rugby 7s tournament which will include all of the Western Associated Schools such as Kinross, Orange Anglican and Scots All Saints.

We would like to thank Mr Simon Murphy for his dedication to beginning this program and wish him all the best as he moves into his new role in Far North Queensland.



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SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Barely a week goes by without it coming to our attention that students are excelling above and beyond in their chosen sport. Not all sports, or age groups, have a dedicated pathway through the schooling system so we would like to recognise those students who have had great success in recent times.

Danny Barber, Year 11

Fresh from a stellar Under 17 Years seasons where he set and broke his own Australian record in the Junior Track Cycling Championships, Danny began his Under 19 Years season with a bang. Competing at the Oceania Cycling Championships in Invercargill (New Zealand), Danny was crowned Under 19 Oceania Sprint Champion and Under 19 Oceania Keiran Champion, while picking up a silver medal in the Team Sprint.

Isabelle Russell, Year 7

Another terrific young cyclist from Macquarie, Isabelle Russell, has been setting the track alight throughout 2019 as well. After scoring two silver medals at the NSW Track Championships, making her Nationals debut and winning another silver medal in the Under 15 Years NSW Championship Road Race, we can confidently say this has been a very successful season for Isabelle. For all her achievements in 2019, she was also rewarded with a sporting achievement award at the annual Dubbo Regional Sports Awards.

Anthony Atlee, Year 8

The Atlee name is almost synonymous with cricket, so to see Anthony achieve continued success in the sport might come as no surprise. During 2019, at the age of 14, he became a regular in the RSL Colts First Grade side in the Whitney Cup, and during the offseason he has been dedicating his time training as a member of the Western Zone Cricket Academy. With selection in the Country NSW and NSW Pathways program only adding to his recent string of successes. Anthony is also a member of the Blacktown Mounties Cricket Club where he competes in the AW Green Shield Competition. This competition is considered by many to be the toughest Under 16 Years competition in the world and is a breeding ground for future test cricketers. We wish Anthony all the best with the upcoming summer of cricket.

Thomas Atlee, Year 12

The eldest Atlee, Thomas, having recently completed his HSC, has begun his Sydney Grade Cricket career with the Blacktown Mounties Cricket Club. After a couple of fine performances in second grade, he was rewarded with selection to make his first grade debut against Mosman where he took 3/25 in their bonus point win. Thomas also represents Blacktown Mounties in the Poidevin-Gray Shield (Under 21 Years competition) and the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Competition. The latter competition includes former NSW and Test players Ed Cowan and Trent Copeland as well as former South African test player Morne Morkel. We look forward to seeing him progress even further with his cricket.

Mr Wade Richardson

PSSA FOR YEARS 3 TO 6

In Term 4, Macquarie students from Years 3 to 6 participated in Public Schools Sports Association (PSSA) sport on Friday mornings. The students competed against other Public and Catholic Schools from across the Dubbo region in a variety of sports. The sports included Touch Football, Cricket, T-Ball and Softball. The students thoroughly enjoyed PSSA and the opportunity to compete against other schools. They were able to make new friends, continue relationships with existing friends and learn new skills each Friday.

Overall, the students of Macquarie participated enthusiastically and displayed appropriate sportsmanship throughout the competition. I would like to thank all students for their responsible and respectful attitude towards umpires, referees and staff members. A special thank you to the staff at Macquarie for your support, dedication and commitment for making PSSA such a successful and smooth transition into the sport curriculum.

Mr James De Lyall

CATTLE SHOW TEAM

Over Term 4, we have rounded off our year of showing by attending the Shorthorn Youth Heifer Show in Dubbo. Students attended the three day event over the long weekend during the School Holidays. They were involved in a range of workshops and demonstrations including governance, marketing, cattle preparation and presentation, and new technologies in the agricultural industry. Students competed in breed classes, junior judging and paraders. We were very proud to exhibit a class winning heifer with all cattle placing competitively. Students represented the school with pride, showing wonderful team spirit. Kasey Bogie, Year 11, took out Reserve Champion Intermediate Parader and Tyler Jones, Year 8, was presented with Reserve Junior Herdsman.

During Term 4 we also had the opportunity to attend the Australian National Field Days and take part in the Central West Beef School's Competition. A range of informative workshops were held and students had the opportunity to explore the field days and learn more about the agricultural industry. The afternoon culminated in an interschool Junior Judging Event. Jack Taylor, Year 6, took out Champion Junior Judge in the experienced class with Airlie Edmed, Year 9, receiving a Highly Commended placing.

For the remainder of the term we turned our attention to preparing for the Sydney Royal Easter Show 2020, with students breaking in some of the junior heifers that will be attending. Further progress was made in the Ag Plot with the new crush being installed and new yarding and fencing being erected.

Ms Fallon Wheeler

PHOTOS:

01: Danny Barber, Year 11 02: Isabelle Russell, Year 7 03: Anthony Atlee, Year 8 04: Thomas Atlee, Year 12 05: Back Row: Tabitha Hignett, Savannah Braithwaite, Year 5 Second Row: Maddison Doran, Year 6 Front Row: Danielle Rice, Year 6 06: Back Row: Ella Gibson, Year 9, Payton Ramsay, Lucy Dawson, Ally Bogie and Heidi Walters, Year 8 Front Row: Kate Turnbull, Mille Wright, Georgia Cudmore and Olivia Hall, Year 8

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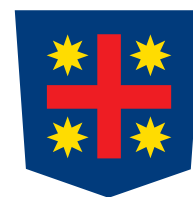
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