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Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

– Proverbs 22:6

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## From the Principal

**This winter edition of the *Garru* beautifully showcases the rich educational offerings at our school. As I reflect on my first term as Principal, I am filled with excitement about the positive direction in which we are heading.**

Our dedicated staff, who are our most valuable resource, has expanded to include a new Head of Senior School, as well as additional teachers in Mathematics, PDHPE, English and HSIE. We also welcome a new Teacher's Aid and a Junior School teacher to our team.

Our high expectations learning culture is evident in every classroom. Beyond the classroom we have celebrated our students' achievements at our annual Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals, alongside numerous other Co-curricular activities.

Highlights of this edition include the P&F Colour Fun Run, our success in Debating and Macquarie's contributions to the Dubbo Show and the Dubbo Eisteddfod, NAIDOC Day celebrations and On Country Ochre-up event and photo shoot for our Indigenous students. Additionally, the Year 7 Waypoint Dinner and the Year 11 Leadership Evening were memorable occasions, as were the variety of camps and our success at the North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran.

I encourage you to explore this edition of the *Garru* as we celebrate the wide array of offerings at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, all aimed at nurturing the development of the whole child.

**Mrs Alison Mitchell**

Principal





# A New Principal for Macquarie

**We are delighted to announce that following a rigorous selection process, Mrs Alison Mitchell BMusEd, MEd, has been appointed as the next Principal of Macquarie Anglican Grammar School by the School Council and The Anglican Schools Corporation.**

Mrs Mitchell has been the Deputy Principal at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School since July 2021, and during that period has also performed the role of Acting Principal during 2022. Further, she has performed the role of Acting Principal from the commencement of 2024 following the resignation of Mr Mansour. Prior to 2021, Mrs Mitchell held a number of leadership positions at the Scots School, Albury, where she was actively engaged in prioritising improved student learning outcomes.

*"I am deeply humbled and honoured to have been appointed as the next Principal at Macquarie Anglican Grammar School. Serving the community in this capacity is a great privilege, and I am filled with excitement to collaborate with staff, students, and parents to continue enhancing our school's educational offering and experience. With trust in God guiding our path, I am confident that together, we will achieve remarkable growth and success." – Mrs Alison Mitchell, Principal*

Mrs Mitchell succeeds Mr Craig Mansour, who led the Macquarie Anglican Grammar School with strength, energy and a clear Christian faith for nine years, prior to his move to the role of Principal of The Riverina Anglican College in Wagga Wagga.

#### PHOTOS:

**01:** Mr Michael Sutherland, Rev Carl Palmer, Mrs Alison Mitchell, Mrs Elizabeth Shuttle, Mr Martyn Mitchell and Mrs Clare Pendlebury  
**02:** Mia Little and Joseph Erickson, Kindergarten

## Ochre-Up

In Week 9 Term 1, selected Indigenous students participated in the Ochre-Up Culture Through the Lens project. The Ochre-Up project is a one-day workshop for First Nations students to explore identity, belonging and ownership in a culturally safe setting whilst completing a photography workshop on Country. Students engaged in deep conversations about family connections and who they are and where they are from. They engaged in craft activities such as making their own headdress/belts and armbands from native plants, emu feathers and quandong seeds. Students experimented with painting techniques for designs on earrings and clapsticks for their shoot. They worked first-hand with ochre from Country, by grinding and texturing it before application for their photography portrait session. The students' work and photographs were showcased during our NAIDOC Week in Term 2.

## Indigenous Families Gathering

In the past years, Macquarie has held parent lunches every term. This is a time for parents and carers of our Indigenous students to come together with members of our Executive team and our Aboriginal Education and Engagement Officer. It is a chance for families to meet one another and have conversations that they might not get the chance to have.

In Term 1 2024, we hosted our first Indigenous Families Gathering for our parents and/or carers and students of Macquarie. This year we held a twilight event with a barbecue dinner.



## NAIDOC Day

NAIDOC Day 2024 was a vibrant display of cultural immersion, with activities ranging from traditional face painting and ochre exhibitions to food sampling, Indigenous games and captivating Indigenous art.

We are deeply grateful to the community members who shared their knowledge and expertise with us.

**Miss Teaghan King**



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## STAFFING NEWS

**This year has been marked by the arrival of some new members of our staffing community.**

We began the year with great excitement, welcoming several new faces to our staff. Ms Penny Chilton joined us as the Head of Senior School, bringing a wealth of experience and leadership to the role. Miss Brianna Carlow became part of the HSIE faculty, ready to enhance our students' understanding of Human Society and Its Environment. Mrs Leanne Edwards joined the Science faculty, poised to spark curiosity and interest in the sciences. Mr Matthew Knight took on a role in the PDHPE Department, infusing continued energy into our physical education and health programs. Ms Marcelle Reichling came aboard as a new member of the English faculty, eager to foster a love for literature and language. Additionally, Mrs Jo Comerford started with us as a Teacher's Aide, offering invaluable support across various classrooms.

Term 2 brought further positive changes to our school community. We were pleased to welcome Mr Brad Ellis-Cole to the Mathematics Department, who brought a fresh perspective to our Mathematics curriculum. Mrs Kathryn Clancy joined us as a Stage 3 teacher, ready to support and challenge our students in these crucial learning years. However, at the end of the term we also said goodbye to Mrs Leanne Edwards, who relocated due to her husband's job. Her presence will be missed, and we wish her all the best in her new location.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, we are excited about the continued growth and development within our school community. We extend our thanks to both our new and returning staff members for their dedication and contributions, which help make Macquarie a thriving and dynamic environment for our students.

**Mrs Marina Simcox**

### PHOTOS:

**03:** Scarlett Mealey, Year 7 **04:** Sarah Chandler and Tia Allan, Year 10  
**05:** Audrey Richardson and Maggie Bagshaw, Year 2  
**06:** Hannah Veer, Lucy Keady and Elsie Adams, Year 7  
**07:** Ms Penny Chilton



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# Lest We Forget

On Monday 29 April, we acknowledged ANZAC Day and reflected on the service men and women who sacrificed their lives for us, and we showed our gratitude to them for protecting our Nation, so that we might experience freedom.

We were honoured to have Mr Shaun Graham (a veteran and father of one of our Year 5 students) join us at our assembly to share his knowledge and wisdom.

Thank you to all our students and staff who joined marches in Dubbo, Gilgandra, Wellington, Narromine and Mendooran on 25 April.



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## PHOTOS:

**01:** William Horton, Year 9, Charlie Duffy, Year 9, Molly Duffy, Year 11 and Chloe Horton, Year 7  
**02:** Kate Pendlebury, Aria Jacob, Alex Stiles and Lachlan Tucker, Year 6  
**03:** Kate Pendlebury, Year 6, Thomas Williamson, Year 12, Annabelle Stephens, Year 12 and Alex Stiles, Year 6  
**04:** Hugh Evans, Year 8, Parmeet Kaur, Year 7, Emily Newton, Year 7, Slohne Williams, Year 7, Archie McCauley, Year 8, Ibrahim Ridha, Year 8, Rhiley McCauley, Year 10, Jett Nicholls, Year 8, Zander Hibbard, Year 8, Adam Pendlebury, Year 8 and Jay Lundie, Year 8



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## CHRISTIAN LIFE

**"We love because he loved us." – 1 John 4:19**

At Macquarie, we want students to explore their faith in a personal and genuine way. We want students to know the truth of God's love for them, that Christ died for their sins and that he is "the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). However, we understand faith is a personal journey not to be forced but pondered. Our Christian Development classes provide students with an opportunity to learn the specifics of the Bible, ask questions and discuss their thoughts with others. Our age-appropriate chapel services offer students the opportunity to reflect on God's word, their relationship with God and outward response in their day-to-day lives.

In addition to our classroom activities, students are invited to participate in various groups and activities. Our Senior School Prayer and Hot Chocolate Group aims to provide students with a chance to check in with each other, pray for each other and actively care for their fellow students. A similar more energetic group runs with our Stage 3 Junior School Christian Discovery Club.

Students are also encouraged to actively serve their community. Numerous opportunities are given to students to serve the world around them in both formal and informal ways. Community gardening and cooking programs are some highlights in this space. One can also find service opportunities embedded in the informal life of our school. Students may be asked to read with younger kids, to clean a space or help a new student. These day-to-day service activities instil a culture of love and care for neighbours.

**Rev Tom Owen**



## DEBATING

Over the course of Terms 1 and 2, our Senior School Macquarie Debating teams participated in the Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) Debating competition, with great success across the three rounds.

Our three teams debated teams from Kinross Wolaroi School, The Illawarra Grammar School, Scots All Saints and Saint Paul's Grammar. Throughout the season, our teams showcased their skills in critical and creative thinking, public speaking and persuasive arguing. In each round, the debaters engaged with complex topics, showcasing their dedication to debating, and honed their debating skills when facing competitors with many diverse debating styles. The debaters received valuable feedback from the adjudicators, allowing them to further develop and enhance their debating skills, both individually and collectively as a team.

Challenging topics that our competitors engaged with included 'That financial literacy education should be compulsory in all Australian schools', 'That we should increase the Medicare levy for smokers', and 'That the government should provide free public transportation for all Australians'.

Our Macquarie students who participated showed great attributes of hard work, teamwork and resilience. Congratulations to Darcy Shanks, Ibrahim Ridha, Lewis Blizzard and Archie McCauley, Year 8, for their convincing win against Scots All Saints in Round 2, and to Slohne Williams, Nate Chown, Lila Albury and Orla Heggie, Year 7, for also emerging victorious in their Round 2 debate against Scots All Saints. A special commendation to our third Macquarie team of Noah Rich, Daniel Leary, Adam Pendlebury and Tyler Wang, Year 8, who made it to the first round of the finals.

Debating is a fantastic Co-curricular activity, which strengthens character, confidence, leadership, teamwork and public speaking skills, all vital for preparing participants for the future, both inside and outside of the classroom. Congratulations to the 2024 teams for another outstanding debating season.

**Annalise Somerville, Year 10**

# A Colour Explosion at the P&F Fun Run

**Thank you to our Macquarie P&F for organising the Twilight Colour Fun Run!**

Students and siblings from all Year groups, parents and staff joined in the colourful explosion of fun around the oval.

It was a fantastic way to get everyone together and say a huge thank you to the outgoing committee members for their dedication in organising this community event and to all the families who participated. It was great to see our Boarders actively involved, both in cooking the sausage sizzle and for their enthusiastic participation in the Fun Run!

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It was a fantastic way to get everyone together.

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**PHOTOS:**

**05:** Mitchell Carey, Year 7, Amber Azzopardi, Year 8 and Olivia McMullen, Year 7

**06:** Marley Betts, Year 4, Millie Murray, Year 5, Poppy Job, Year 4 and Lucy Bagshaw, Year 4

# Guiding our students

The Teaching and Learning Framework at Macquarie is a shared set of concepts and practices that guide our work with students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12.

The 4Rs of our Teaching and Learning Framework and their 'buttons' (Resourceful, Relational, Resilient and Reflective) are learning dispositions (or behaviours and attitudes) that research has associated with powerful learning.

Our work with the Teaching and Learning Framework continues, this year additionally apparent in classroom magnet sets. Each magnet set 'teases out' the elements of each learning disposition. Teachers, through the magnets, explicitly link lesson activities to elements of learning dispositions.

This semester, staff members have been trialling the incorporation of the 4Rs explicitly in their unit programming. Additionally, they are working hard on the production of a *4Rs Manual of Teaching and Learning Strategies*. The variety and depth of these approaches are testament to the learning energy in our Macquarie classrooms.

Mrs Lynne Fleming

Annabelle Stephens, Year 12 and Alice Crawley, Kindergarten



Edward Chapman, Year 12 and Carter Dyball, Kindergarten



## PRE-KINDERGARTEN

# The outdoor ad

### Dubbo Show

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students attended the annual Dubbo Show, which was a highlight for many. Students ventured through the Petting Zoo, and many enjoyed the opportunity to cuddle with the baby chickens. The students also had the chance to walk through the pavilions and view the amazing show entries. Pre-Kindergarten students were ecstatic when they spotted their watercolour flower artworks displayed! After a break for recess, the students participated in a dinosaur show, dancing and took turns riding in the model car at the RFS display. The Dubbo Show excursion was greatly enjoyed by Pre-Kindergarten, with many of them reporting that the best part about the experience was being able to ride on the big bus!





# ventures were enjoyed by all!

## Dubbo Eisteddfod

We entered the Dubbo Eisteddfod dancing to *Gitchee Gitchee Goo*. Students developed their dance skills, co-ordination and fitness as they used jazz moves to shine. We were so proud of the students for undertaking the challenge of getting up on the stage and performing for parents and audience members. They did a phenomenal job in recalling the dance movements and were able to perform all by themselves! Students were so excited to perform and receive first place in the preschool dance section.

## Child Studies Student Visits

During Term 1 and Term 2, Year 9 and Year 10 Child Studies students attended Pre-Kindergarten and engaged in a range of planned lessons and experiences for students. Students planned a range of small group sports, games, activities and experiences to reflect diversity around the world. Students further planned lessons to reflect health and wellbeing. Pre-Kindergarten students

were highly engaged in these experiences, developed a sense of community and formed connections with the older students through learning and discussion.

## Sport

This semester, Pre-Kindergarten students have undertaken weekly sport lessons in order to develop their gross motor skills. Students enjoyed the regular outdoor adventures that involved ball skills such as kicking and throwing, movement skills such as skipping, hopping and jumping, and dance skills such as balancing and free movement.

## Ms Jackie Smith

### PHOTO:

01: Tobias Rush, Carter Chapman, Oona O'Sullivan, Bridie Behsman, Annabelle McNamara, Gabriella Smith and Bowie Vaughan, Pre-Kindergarten

# Easter Hats on Parade

Our Junior School students had a wonderful time making their hats and were excited to showcase their masterpieces to friends and family on Thursday 28 March.



## GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our Macquarie community gathered together for our Grandparents' Day celebrations on Thursday 30 May.

Grandparents' Day not only honours the invaluable role grandparents play in our students' lives but also highlights the significant role that parents, grandparents and community members play in supporting our school's mission.

*Highlights included the 'Old Things' quiz responses shared in our Grandparents' Day Chapel Service and our students' concert performances and art exhibition!*

### PHOTOS:

- 01: Virginia McMahon, Year 1, Audrey Richardson, Year 2, Annabelle Dunkley, Year 1 and Lara Boland, Year 1
- 02: Florence Bagshaw and Sophia Fordham, Pre-Kindergarten
- 03: Ritson Kumar, Annabelle Brown and Jayden Liyanage, Year 1

# Adventures and Achievements for our Kindergarten Students

As we approach the end of our first semester, we are excited to share some of the wonderful experiences and milestones our Kindergarten students have achieved. It has been a joy watching them grow and thrive in their new learning environment.

Our students have made significant progress in their literacy skills, thanks to the Sounds-Write phonics program. This systematic approach to teaching phonics has helped our students develop strong foundational skills in reading and writing. It has been amazing to see their confidence grow as they master new sounds and words each week.

Some of the highlights for the semester include the Easter Hat Parade which was a colourful and creative celebration where students decorated their own hat and paraded for friends and family. One of the most heart-warming events this semester was Grandparents' Day where Kindergarten students performed *I Can Sing a Rainbow* in Auslan at the Junior School concert. Kindergarten students also performed a dance routine at the Dubbo Eisteddfod to *Working 9 to 5* and were awarded first place!

Kindergarten students enjoyed participating in the Junior School Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. These days were great opportunities for students to demonstrate determination,

perseverance and sportsmanship. Students participated in various events such as running races, sack races and relay races. It was wonderful to see them cheer each other on and celebrate each other's achievements.

Our Kindergarten students have been paired with older buddies in Year 6 and Year 12 who guide them through weekly sport activities and reading sessions. These interactions have helped our students build friendships, develop social skills, and foster a love for reading and physical activity.

As we look back on this semester, we are filled with pride and joy at the progress our Kindergarten students have made. Each event and program contributed to their growth, learning and happiness. We are excited to continue this journey in the next semester and see what new adventures and achievements await.

**Mrs Kelly Munge**



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**PHOTOS:**

- 04:** Corbyn Smith, Year 6 **05:** Delilah Smith and Harriet Kelly, Year 5 **06:** Connor Manson, Year 2
- 07:** Back Row: Patrick Carr, Joseph Erickson, Carter Dyball, Toby Christian, Oliver McMahon, Ted White, Harry Orford, Muhsein Haniff, Xavier Nott, Wilfred Elliott, Elizabeth McMahon, Oliver Spicer **Second Row:** Bella Lundholm, Alice Crawley, Jack Zell, Charlie Parkes, Harlem Miller, Andrew Mharadze Chifamba, Eleanor Steventon, Nicholas Lunney, Beatrice Garland, Bella Lundholm **Front Row:** Nicolas Cronin, Raymond Amatto-Shipp, Georgie Campbell, Mia Little, Abdul Hadi, Jack Rees, Payton Przerada, Maeve De Kaste, Wendy Zhu, Kindergarten
- 08:** Eleanor Steventon, Kindergarten
- 09:** Beatrice Garland and Bella Lundholm, Kindergarten
- 10:** Harlem Miller and Joseph Erickson, Kindergarten



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# Kindergarten and Year 12 Buddies

Kindergarten students are blessed to work with Year 12 buddies on a weekly basis. The buddy system is a powerful tool that enhances the educational experience for both our Kindergarten and older students alike.

Our buddies have been instrumental in helping students make a smooth transition into Kindergarten by providing a familiar face and a sense of companionship. Pairing students together as buddies fosters a strong sense of community. Our buddies provide a positive role model by demonstrating kindness, patience and respect. We have seen our Kindergarten students grow in confidence with the care and support of their buddies.

Kindergarten students have shared weekly reading time with Year 12 buddies during Drop Everything And Read (DEAR). Students are assigned buddies for the duration of the year, and it is truly lovely to see these relationships grow.

Mrs Kelly Munge



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## SRC FLURO DISCO

On Wednesday 12 June, our Junior School students gathered for a spectacular disco organised by the Student Representative Council (SRC)!

The theme was 'Fluro' with students donning their brightest neon outfits and lighting up the night with glowsticks, laughter and their best dance moves.

Thanks to the generous contributions from our school community, funds raised from the disco are being donated to the Anglicare Community Pantry and the Dubbo Hospital Children's Ward.

A special thank you to the wonderful Macquarie staff for volunteering their time to run the disco. A big thank you to the SRC committee for their hard work in organising this wonderful event and to all the students, parents and staff who participated and supported this initiative. It was truly a night to remember!

Mrs Jessica Diamond



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### PHOTOS:

- 01: Laura Wilcher, Year 12 and Cailee Costa, Kindergarten
- 02: Sullivan Larnach, Noah Stiles, Maxwell Chan, Farai Chitsunge and Fox Owen, Year 3
- 03: Charlotte Stevenson, Orani Parsons, Maya Cook, Ellie Brown, Evelyn Garland and Abigail Tucker, Year 3



# Year 6 Travel to Canberra

**Heading to Canberra in Year 6 is practically a rite of passage for many Year 6 students and our Macquarie students are no different. In Term 1, our Year 6 students travelled to Canberra for their four-day camp.**

Over the course of the week, students visited many educational and recreational attractions within Canberra. Our trip started with a visit to the National Capital Authority where students learned about the history of Canberra. It also happened to be Canberra's birthday on our first day there. Following this we travelled to the National Gallery of Australia and finished the day with a tour of the Australian Institute of Sport and the Sportex facility.

Day 2 saw students visit Government House, the Australian War Memorial, the National Museum of Australia and the CSIRO. The Australian War Memorial was an incredible experience with many of our students able to find members of their family on the wall of remembrance and place a poppy to remember them. The CSIRO gave students the chance to be hands-on as they raced around the facility completing a scavenger hunt. No Canberra trip would be complete without a trip to Zone 3 for some Laser Tag. Students, and staff, had an incredible time ducking and weaving their way through the course.

Thursday consisted of a tour past the embassies, a trip to the National Electoral Centre and a walk-through of Parliament House. Our final night involved a visit to Questacon where our students had sole access to the facility. Questacon was an incredible chance for students to engage in STEM-based activities and even challenge their bravery on the freefall slide.

**Miss Alice Barber**

#### PHOTO:

**04:** Back Row: Japneet Kaur, Kate Pendlebury, Aeva Maher, Delilah Nicholls, Milla Andrew, Eva Strahorn, Jett McCauley, Charlie Hawkins, Lachlan Tucker, Lilla Job, Georgia Batten Second Row: Finn Hyland, Dean Caulfield, Corbyn Smith, Kushaal Palaparthi, Eli Lundie, Cooper Hansen, Evelyn Jones, Eva Powell Front Row: Braxton Nichols-Rowe, Maya McCauley, Annie McDonald, Aria Jacob, Audrey Myles, Archie McGroder, Nathan Bell, Zachary Coles, Anthony Knight, Year 6

## PR1ME TIME FOR MATHEMATICS!

We have been using PR1ME Mathematics in our Pre-Kindergarten and Junior School classrooms since 2021. PR1ME is based on the Concrete Pictorial Abstract (CPA) educational approach and allows our students to work through mathematical concepts and problems, building their confidence and mastery. Aligning to the new NSW Mathematics curriculum, this program and our students' engagement with it, is only becoming stronger.

PR1ME is a program designed to build a strong foundation in mathematics for young learners. It integrates best practices from leading international math curriculum, ensuring that our students are not only learning mathematical concepts but also applying them in meaningful ways. The program focuses on problem-solving, critical thinking, and real-world applications, which are essential skills for our students' future success.

One of the standout features of the PR1ME Mathematics program is its hands-on learning approach. Students are encouraged to explore mathematical concepts through various interactive activities and manipulatives. This method of learning helps students to better understand abstract ideas by visualising and physically manipulating objects.

There is a common misconception amongst us that the use of maths manipulatives are only for learners who find mathematics concepts difficult. A perfect example of this is the student hiding their hands under the desk, worrying about being 'seen' by others counting on their fingers. Concrete resources can be used in a great variety of ways, at every level of learning. All students, regardless of their ability, can benefit from their use. Maths manipulatives promote reasoning and discussion, enabling students to explain and justify their answers to a problem, further deepening their understanding and contributing to mastery of a topic. It is absolutely okay to use your fingers to count! We should continue to encourage this process with our children if needed.

PR1ME Mathematics also places a significant emphasis on solving word problems. Word problems require our students to read carefully, interpret the information, and apply their mathematical knowledge to find solutions. By regularly practising word problems, students learn to approach challenges logically and confidently, preparing them for more complex mathematical tasks in the future.

**Mrs Keera Job**

# Subject Smorgasbord!

## Exciting Choices for Senior School Students

One of the great excitements about being in Senior School is choosing the subjects that you would like to study, and this process of decision making has been a key focus for students in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10.

Students who will be in Stage 5 in 2025, select two electives from a wide range of available options including technology related subjects, creative and performing arts, agriculture, design and technology, languages and humanities. Students in Year 11, 2025 make choices about the entirety of their Stage 6 program, beginning with options about their level of English and Mathematics, and extending to choices around School Based Traineeships or studying some technical courses through TAFE alongside their other subjects.

These choices can feel overwhelming, but students and parents were able to learn more about their options and narrow down their decisions through our Subject Selection Information Evenings, when they were able to speak directly with older students, teachers and Academic Leaders about the array of subjects available. As Mrs Mitchell said to Year 10 students and families, the best subject choices are those that combine student interest with individual skill and goals for the future, so it has been very exciting for students to have a chance to find out about subjects and ask questions as they consider what will be best for them.

**Ms Penny Chilton**

## MANDATORY TECHNOLOGY

**Mandatory Technology classes for Years 7 and 8 encompass a broad range of topics to ensure a well-rounded understanding of the Technology fields.**

Mandatory Technology Semester 1 has seen Year 7 completing their first two rotations between Agriculture, Timber and Digital Technology. Student have been immersed in an introduction of these subjects and have enjoyed the hands-on nature of the technology field. Continuing into Semester 2 they will complete the last subject on their rotation and then we will be moving onto Production lessons.

Mandatory Technology classes for Year 8 have included rotations of Textiles, Engineering and Agriculture. During Term 4 all students will complete their mandatory Digital Technology unit for Year 8.

**Mrs Nat Cole**

# Inspirational Science

**The start of 2024 came with much anticipation of new beginnings and great learning.**

We have such a wonderful team of staff members who are determined to create innovative and inspirational learning activities that engage students in the pursuit of science. Whether it is modelling cells or radioactive decay, conducting engaging investigations or interactive learning activities, our staff work collaboratively to refine and improve student outcomes in them all.

Term 1 welcomed our next batch of Year 7 scientists who will become our HSC Science cohort of 2029! They commenced by learning about high school science and conducted a research assignment on a famous scientist who they represented at our annual Famous Scientist Symposium.

Year 8 created models of cells from plasticine, Year 9 used M&M's to represent different isotopes of elements and Year 11 Biology replicated cell organelles.

Term 1 saw a selection of Year 9 and Year 10 students represent Macquarie at the annual Science and Engineering Challenge. Some of our teams won their groups at a variety of challenges, which resulted in Macquarie placing a close second out of the schools in the district.

However, the pinnacle of science for the year was the ecological fieldwork conducted on the Great Barrier Reef by our Year 11 students. It was an incredible opportunity to apply the skills learned in class (and on the school grounds) to a World Heritage Site.

***What an amazing start to Science at Macquarie in 2024!***

**Mr Brett Haddon**



## SENIOR SCHOOL SRC

The Senior School Student Representative Council (SRC) is a wonderful opportunity for students to work collaboratively with different year groups, gain experience in public speaking and to learn how to make a positive impact on our school and community environment.

The SRC has been very busy implementing a range of changes in our school this semester; from gaining permission for white ribbons to be worn in students' hair, organising for students to play board games at lunchtime on Wednesdays, and listening to and acting on some of the student body's everyday needs.

Our leaders of the SRC, Annabelle Stephens and Tom Williamson, Year 12, have many plans for the coming months including sporting, fundraising and social activities for the Senior students.

Thank you to our previous SRC members for lighting the way for our new members; Pippa Rogers, Year 7, Emma Cook, Year 7, Adam Pendlebury, Year 8, Brooke Beaton, Year 8, Mackenzie Finlay, Year 9, Lucas Fong, Year 9, Luke Osborne, Year 10, Sabrina Jones, Year 10, George Kidd, Year 11, and Kaela Croker, Year 11.

We look forward to seeing the future achievements of our SRC.

**Mrs Natalie Bowen**



# Growth Mentoring puts focus on goals

**Setting goals, making decisions and working through the process of future possibilities is an involved process and an important component of developing the independence needed to be successful in life beyond the school gates.**

For Macquarie students in Years 10, 11 and 12, those decisions and processes are supported by our Growth Mentoring program, with students working one-on-one with mentors Mr David Gates and Ms Penny Chilton as they take steps to understand the path and work through the decisions ahead of them.

These conversations start out very much led by the mentor, as students identify interests, articulate goals and seek input from their parents about choices for Year 11. As students progress in maturity and confidence, they take the reins of the conversation and bring their own questions and needs to ongoing consideration of post-school goals, managing workload, learning well and developing their leadership skills.

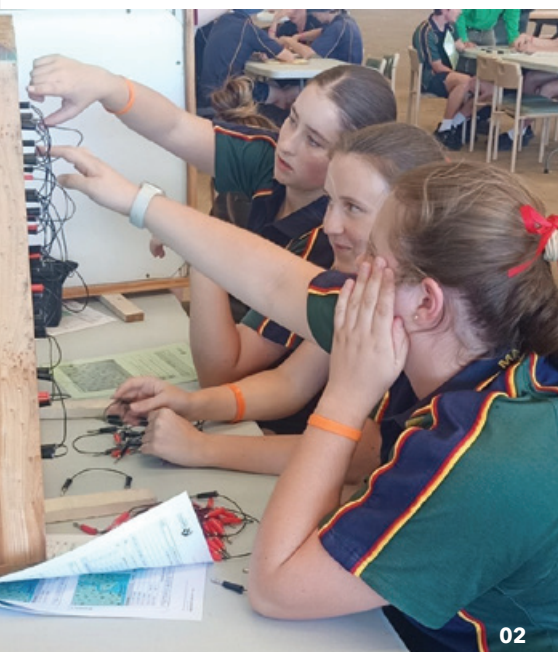
For Year 10 students just beginning on this process, having a systematic approach and mentor they know helps to navigate decisions about Year 11. For Year 12 students who have completed three years of Growth Mentoring, the increased confidence in articulating goals and communicating about themselves is profound. Mr Gates commented that "students get out what they put into this process, and it's exciting to see them pushing towards their own questions and needs."

We look forward to seeing how this program continues to support our students in their most senior years at school.

**Ms Penny Chilton**

PHOTOS:

**01:** Ella Taylor, Year 7 **02:** Caitlin Wilcher and Ella Binnie, Year 10  
**03:** Hudson Thornhill, Year 11 and Mr David Gates





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### EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS ON THE YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 had the opportunity to attend Somerset Camp in Week 2 Term 1.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to strengthen connections within their year group and explore the great outdoors. Both staff and students had an excellent time and laid a foundation of success for the year to come. We are looking forward to embarking on camp again next year!

Miss Prue Murray

*"After we hopped on the bus early in the morning, we travelled to Somerset for our Year 7 Camp. When we first arrived, we were assigned camp leaders and then we headed off to where we would set up and stay for the night. We all had to set up a tent with a partner. During the time we were there, we went through many activities such as high ropes, all aboard, hiking, Base 7, kayaking, night games, and many more things that pushed us out of our comfort zone. The whole of Year 7 had so much fun!"*

Ella Taylor, Year 7

# Senior School Camps

## YEAR 8 TAKE ON THE URBAN CHALLENGE IN SYDNEY

During the last week of Term 1, Year 8 travelled to Sydney for the Urban Challenge.

After settling into their rooms for the first night, the groups walked through the city and over the Sydney Harbour Bridge at nighttime.

The highlight of Day 1 was the Clue Chase around the city, which included a rehearsed dance off against one of the other teams. Day 2 involved a swim at Icebergs and a seafood lunch. Day 3 allowed the students to explore the beauty of the Northern Beaches, where the students got the opportunity to surf on Manly Beach. The week ended when all the groups met up for a lovely dinner to recount their adventures of the Urban Challenge.

Mr Patrick Connors

## ADVENTURE, NATURE AND CULTURE IN CAIRNS

The Year 11 Cairns Trip was an exhilarating blend of adventure, nature and culture that left a lasting impression on everyone involved.

Among the highlights was a visit to Hartley's Croc Farm, where students had the chance to encounter Australia's iconic reptiles up close. This educational experience provided insight into crocodile behaviour and conservation efforts, all while being surrounded by these impressive creatures.

Another thrilling aspect of the trip was canyoning, which offered an adrenaline-pumping adventure through rocky landscapes and cascading waterfalls. It was a perfect mix of excitement and teamwork, as students navigated through the rugged terrain and took daring leaps into clear pools.

Scuba diving and snorkelling at the Great Barrier Reef stood out as a truly unforgettable experience. Exploring the vibrant underwater world, with its colourful coral reefs and diverse marine life, was a highlight for many.

The group also enjoyed a relaxing day on Green Island, where pristine beaches and lush rainforests created a tropical paradise. Activities like beachcombing, snorkelling and nature walks allowed for both relaxation and exploration in this idyllic setting. It was here that we met Cassius, the largest living crocodile in captivity in the world. At 5.48m long, he was a terrifying beast who lived with a lot of his friends at Marine Land on Green Island.

A unique feature of the trip was the overnight stay at the observatory in the Daintree Rainforest. Away from city lights, students had the rare opportunity to stargaze and learn about the night sky, adding an astronomical dimension to the rainforest experience.

Cultural and culinary experiences were not forgotten, with plenty of opportunities to indulge in delicious ice cream and explore the vibrant Cairns night markets. These markets offered a lively atmosphere with a range of local food and unique souvenirs, adding to the enjoyment of the trip.

Overall, the Year 11 Cairns Trip was a wonderful mix of natural beauty, adventure and cultural experiences, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Mr Eli Kinscher

### PHOTOS:

01: Madeline Parkes and Ella Taylor, Year 7 02: Molly Hyland, Grace Murphy and Mia Betts, Year 8  
03: Arlen Quill, Samuel Brown, Calhoun Stevens, Tobey Cohen and Hudson Thornhill, Year 11  
04: Angus Johnson, Nicholas Sweeney, Jack Taylor, Hugh Mitchell, Tom Kerin, William Tink, Thomas Chrystall and George Kidd, Year 11 05: Eva Harris, Danielle Rice and Kaela Croker, Year 11  
06: Bridie Zell, Year 11 07: Jimmy Pirie, Ella Taylor, Scarlett Mealey, Isabella Hall, Evie Mace, Holly Fraser, Year 7 and Miss Prue Murray





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## A WAYPOINT OF SCHOOLING LIFE

Midway through Term 1, we had the exciting opportunity to invite Year 7 students and families to the 2024 Waypoint Dinner. The Waypoint Dinner is a chance for us to celebrate our Year 7 cohort's start to Senior School, a waypoint of the schooling life. It was wonderful to see our students and families mingling and making connections.

Miss Prue Murray

*"The Year 7 Waypoint Dinner was so much fun! It had great food and an amazing cake. We took heaps of photos and got our Year 7 commencement certificate. While having dinner, we sat with our friends and family and talked, making connections and sharing our experiences of Year 7 so far. We were then able to enjoy the evening with our friends before heading home for the night."*

Holly Fraser, Year 7



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## CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP: MACQUARIE YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP NIGHT

The Year 11 Leadership Night at Macquarie was a memorable event at the Outback Trek Café, which brought together students, teachers and families to celebrate the commencement of Stage 6. This special evening marked the transition of Year 11 students into their roles as senior leaders within the school community.

The night began with an inspiring speech from the Principal, emphasising leadership, responsibility and community engagement. Our students were encouraged to embrace the opportunities and challenges of their final two years of schooling.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of Senior ties and Bibles to each Year 11 student. The Senior tie symbolises the student's new status and responsibilities, while the Bible reinforces the values of faith, compassion and moral integrity.

The evening also recognised the support of teachers, parents and friends, emphasising that the journey through Stage 6 is a

collaborative effort. The event concluded with a social gathering, reinforcing the unity and camaraderie within the Macquarie community.

The Year 11 Leadership Night was not just a celebration of academic achievement, but also a recognition of the students' potential as future leaders. It set the tone for the next two years, encouraging them to aim high, stay engaged, and enjoy their senior years.

Mr Eli Kinscher

# New challenges and opportunities

At Macquarie Boarding, the first two terms of the year have been marked by vibrant activities, new initiatives and a strong sense of community. Here's a look at some of the key moments and developments that have shaped our dynamic Boarding experience:

## Building a Community Across All Ages

Fostering an inclusive and collaborative culture has been a cornerstone of Macquarie Boarding. Our Year 12 students took the lead by hosting a picnic for Year 7 students, easing their transition and forming meaningful bonds. Sleepovers in the senior lodge further bridged age gaps and provided younger students with a taste of upper-year life while strengthening community ties. Events like the Boarding Barbecue Dinner, led by Mr Kinscher, epitomised our commitment to inter-generational connections, creating a joyful environment of shared experiences and teamwork.

## Engaging Activities and Events

The semester was filled with diverse activities that brought students together. Highlights included the P&F Colour Run, where Boarders cooked, served and participated enthusiastically, and an Easter egg hunt orchestrated by Boarding Captain Emeline McCullough, Year 11, which added festive cheer. Students also enjoyed a scenic hike up Mount Arthur, cheered on their favourite teams during the State of Origin, and participated in a variety of sports, including netball, rugby and gymnastics.

## New Initiatives and Facilities

This year saw the introduction of the Boarding Representative Council (BRC), a student-led group aimed at enhancing our Boarding culture. We also added a new 39-seater bus, improving transportation for school runs and excursions. Additionally, professional tennis coaching sessions by Miss Molly Quilty every Monday helped students to develop their skills and stay active.

## Celebrating Milestones

Our Year 7 students were celebrated at the annual Waypoint Dinner, marking their transition into high school. This event brought together Day students and Boarders, reinforcing the sense of community that is central to Macquarie Boarding.

## Sports and Activities

Students engaged in numerous recreational activities such as fishing, lawn bowls, movie nights, handball matches and bike rides. The winter sports program kept everyone busy with competitive and team-building activities. Participation in the Dubbo Boarding Schools Expo allowed us to showcase our school and network with other institutions.

## Academic Focus and Relaxation

As Term 2 wrapped up, students focused diligently on their exams during prep time. The Exeat weekends provided much-needed breaks by allowing students to relax and recharge before diving back into their studies and activities.

## Looking Ahead

As we move into Semester 2, the Boarding community is filled with anticipation for the new challenges and opportunities that await. We look forward to continuing our journey of growth, friendships and excellence and welcoming back our students refreshed and ready for more adventures.



*At Macquarie Boarding, we remain dedicated to creating a nurturing environment where students can thrive academically, socially and physically and building a strong foundation for their future.*

**Mr Eli Kinscher**

**PHOTOS:**

**01:** Airlie Smith and Emeline McCullough, Year 12  
**02:** Kate Attenborough, Sophia Peart and Evie Peart, Year 8  
**03:** Hamish Webster, Year 10, Tobey Cohen, Year 11, Airlie Smith, Year 12, Emeline McCullough, Year 12, Billie Allan, Year 11, Nellie Spencer, Year 9, Amber Azzopardi, Year 8, Kate Attenborough, Year 8 and Darcie Watts, Year 9



PHOTOS:

- 04: Hugh Mitchell, Year 11
- 05: Angus Johnson, Year 11, William Horton, Year 9, Max Taylor, Year 9, Sam Chad, Year 10, Sophie Lockyer, Year 11, Tom Kerin, Year 11, Jackson Tucker, Year 10, Jack Taylor, Year 11, Hugh Mitchell, Year 11, Gracie Harland, Year 11, George Kidd, Year 11, Ruby Szymkow, Year 11, Nicola Millar, Year 12, April Butler, Year 10, Charlie Lockyer, Year 9 and Bayliss Diamond, Year 9
- 06: Nicola Millar, Year 12 and Tom Kerin, Year 11
- 07: William Horton, Charlie Lockyer and Bayliss Diamond, Year 9

## LIVESTOCK SHOW TEAM

### The Sydney Royal Easter Show

The highlight of Term 1 was the nine-day excursion to The Sydney Royal Easter Show with a team of 16 students and ten head of cattle.

### NSW State Finals

Tom Kerin qualified and competed in the Fruit and Vegetables Young Judges State Final. Nicola Millar, Ruby Szymkow, Angus Johnson and Jack Taylor qualified and competed in the Paraders State Final. Angus placed third in his heat and Jack placed fourth in his heat.

### RAS Youth Show

**Paraders:** Junior – Ella Taylor 4th; Intermediate Heats – Max Taylor 2nd, William Horton Highly Commended, Jackson Tucker 3rd, Charlie Lockyer 3rd, Bayliss Diamond Highly Commended, Hugh Mitchell 2nd, Angus Johnson 1st, Jack Taylor 3rd; State Final Heats – Angus Johnson 3rd, Jack Taylor 4th.

**Judging:** Junior – Ella Taylor 4th; Intermediate – Angus Johnson 2nd, Jack Taylor 4th, George Kidd 5th; Senior – Nicola Millar 1st; Reserve Champion Parader and Reserve Champion Junior Judge – Angus Johnson.

### Dubbo Show

The three-day Dubbo Show was our major show for Term 2.

**Paraders:** Champion Intermediate Parader – April Butler; Most Successful Shorthorn Exhibitor and the Overall Most Successful Exhibitor – Macquarie.

**Herdsmen:** Junior Reserve Champion – Ella Taylor; Sub-Intermediate Reserve Champion – Max Taylor, William Horton

Highly Commended; Intermediate Champion – Jackson Tucker; Reserve Champion – George Kidd, Gracie Harland Highly Commended; Grand Champion Herdsman – Jack Taylor.

### Wellington Show

**Paraders:** Novice – Chloe Harris 1st, Lainey Walker 2nd, Aaron Hegarty 3rd, Emma Lockyer 4th, Hugh Evans 5th; Reserve Champion Novice Parader – Chloe Harris; Under 14 Years – Harry Josephs 2nd; Under 15 Years – Max Taylor 1st, Charlie Lockyer 3rd; Under 18 Years – Tom Kerin 2nd, Jack Taylor 3rd; Open – Nicola Millar 1st.

**Junior Judging:** Finalists – Lainey Walker, William Horton, Tom Kerin 3rd; Champion Judge – Max Taylor.

### Warren Show

**Paraders:** Under 15 Years – Lainey Walker 1st, Emma Lockyer 2nd, Max Taylor 3rd, Hugo Klopper 4th, Ella Taylor 5th; Under 18 Years – Angus Johnson 1st, Jack Taylor 2nd, Ruby Szymkow 3rd, Charlie Lockyer 4th, April Butler 5th; Over 18 Years – Nicola Millar 1st; Grand Champion Parader – Lainey Walker; Reserve Champion – Nicola Millar.

**Judging:** Under 15 Years – Max Taylor 1st, Ella Taylor 2nd, Lainey Walker 3rd, Hugh Evans 4th, Harry Josephs 5th; Under 18 Years – Angus Johnson 1st, Gracie Harland 2nd, Jack Taylor 3rd, Bayliss Diamond 4th, Jackson Tucker 5th; Over 18 Years – Nicola Millar 1st; Grand Champion Judge – Nicola Millar; Reserve Champion Judge – Max Taylor.

**Mrs Brooke Taylor**



## BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

**Congratulations to Annalise Somerville, Year 10, for achieving the prestigious Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award!**

This internationally recognised youth development program empowers young people to challenge themselves, discover their potential, and make a positive impact on society. Through a combination of volunteering, physical activities, skills development, and adventurous expeditions, participants aged 14 to 24 engage in a journey of personal growth, building essential life skills such as leadership, teamwork, resilience, and communication.

In achieving this award, Annalise has demonstrated initiative, determination, care and resilience, cultivated new skills and experienced a wide range of opportunities. We wish her well as she continues this effort towards her Silver Award.



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**CHESS**

**On Tuesday 19 March, our Senior School Chess team travelled to St John's College Dubbo to participate in the first round of the NSW Junior Chess League Country Secondary Schools competition.**

Our 2024 team, consisting of Mitchell Cook, Year 12, Cooper Calder, Year 12, Mason Albury, Year 11, and Tobey Cohen, Year 11, anticipated strong competition as this was the same team that knocked us out in last year's competition. After some lengthy and hard-fought matches, we were unfortunately knocked out again with a final score of 1-3. Much credit to Mitchell who won his match against the highest ranked player of the opposing school.

On Friday 5 April, we hosted St Mary's Catholic School Wellington in the second round of the competition. Our team scored a resounding victory, winning all four games. We then travelled to Parkes Christian School, where once again we were victorious after some hard-fought games, winning 3-1. We then proceeded to the fourth round where we hosted Gilgandra High School. Despite tying 2-2, Gilgandra was declared the winner on count back.

Throughout the year, we also participated in the Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Chess Challenge, which saw students from both the Senior and Junior Schools participate. A fun day was had by all, and Mitchell Cook placed second overall at the conclusion of his seven matches.

In other chess news, during the Easter school holidays, Mitchell Cook travelled to Orange to participate in the Orange Autumn Holidays Junior Chess Tournament. Mitchell had strong competition and ended the day tied in first place with another entrant. On the countback Mitchell was declared the winner as he had defeated tougher competition throughout the tournament. Well done Mitchell!

**Mrs Bree Bailey**

**SUCCESS IN THE ARTS AT MACQUARIE**

**Our Junior School Choir had a very successful first semester in 2024. In June, they earned second place in their section at the Dubbo Eisteddfod with ten schools participating. Students sang beautifully and represented Macquarie with pride.**

The choir sang two contrasting pieces; *In Flanders Fields*, an arrangement by Roger Emerson, and a fun Australian song called *Emu*, by Sherelle Eyles.

Our Senior Choir also participated in the Dubbo Eisteddfod and won their section. The choir sang some challenging pieces involving complex harmonies. The pieces were *Keep Your Lamps* by Jay Althouse and *Sea of Berries* by Paul Jarman.

Both choirs received positive feedback from the adjudicator with comments about presentation, harmonies, and song choice. Thanks must go to Larissa Elder, Year 8, who accompanied the Junior Choir, and to Mrs Jodie Barber, Mrs Michelle Heggie, Ms Penny Chilton and Mrs Alison Mitchell for their work in preparing the choirs for the eisteddfod.

Our Macquarie Band made their debut at the Dubbo Eisteddfod this year and achieved a Highly Commended award. Mr Neill Ryan conducts the band, who rehearse every Tuesday morning before school in the music room. Students not only learn how to play different repertoire on their own instruments, but learn how to articulate their parts, blend their parts with others, and work together as part of a team.

**Mrs Michelle Heggie**

**PHOTOS:**

**01:** Mitchell Cook, Year 12 **02:** Orla Heggie, Year 7, Parmeet Kaur, Year 7, Chayse Parry, Year 8, Trinity Buxton, Year 11, Larissa Elder, Year 8, Lily Pedersen, Year 10, Ella Taylor, Year 7, Lila Albury, Year 7, Rayne Parsons, Year 7, Valentine Muchineripi, Year 9 and Alex Faponle, Year 9  
**03:** Billie Allan, Year 11 **04:** Chloe Harris, Year 7



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## NORTH WEST EQUESTRIAN EXPO

Our Equestrian team had an incredible year, marked by an outstanding performance at the North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran.

This year, we fielded our largest team ever, with nine talented girls from Years 7 to 12, under the leadership of our dedicated Equestrian Captain, Airlie Smith, Year 12.

Despite challenging weather at the beginning of the event which saw many disciplines postponed, the girls persisted and showed resilience and determination.

### Team

Chloe Harris, Georgia Allan, Elsie Mudford, Isabelle Mudford, Ruby Josephs, Tia Allan, Billie Allan, Charlotte Masonwells, Airlie Smith.

To cap off the week of competition, Macquarie was awarded the Forsyths Cup for Best Presented Small School. An exceptional week for Macquarie Equestrian!

### Mr Tom Blackburn

#### PHOTOS:

- 05: Saige Nixon, Anja Cannon and Blair Smith, Year 1
- 06: Kobe Toole, Joseph Garland and Walan Lane, Year 1
- 07: Tobey Cohen, Year 11
- 08: *Back Row:* Sophie Mwadaani, Year 5, Kushaal Palaparathi, Year 6, Aeva Maher, Year 6, Delilah Nicholls, Year 6, Aria Jacob, Year 6, Georgia Batten, Year 6, Evelyn Jones, Year 6, William Graham, Year 5, Chien-Yun Lin, Year 4 *Front Row:* Skye Elder, Year 5, Caitlin Elder, Year 5, Abigail Tucker, Year 3, Charlotte Stevenson, Year 3, Emilia Luck, Year 4, Eleni Rich, Year 4, Norah Wallace, Year 5, Olive Prceovich, Year 3, Zachary Lundie, Year 4, Ally Phillips, Year 2, Clara Lundie, Year 3, Edward Murphy, Year 2
- 09: Billie Allan, Year 11, Georgia Allan, Year 7, Elsie Mudford, Year 7, Isabelle Mudford, Year 9, Charlotte Masonwells, Year 11, Tia Allan, Year 10, Ruby Josephs, Year 10, Chloe Harris, Year 7 and Airlie Smith, Year 12
- 10: Olivia McMullen, Alexis Mitchell, Elsie Mudford, Olivia Carney, Evie Mace, Heidi Parnaby, Isabella Hall and Holly Fraser, Year 7

## JUNIOR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 1 May, our Junior School students participated in the annual Cross Country event at Macquarie. Congratulations to our Age Champions!

### Age Champions

- 8 Years Maggie Bagshaw and Mitchell Gadsby
- 9 Years Maya Cook and Noah Stiles
- 10 Years Mia Wright and Xavier Powell
- 11 Years Harriet Kelly and Dominic Gadsby
- 12 Years Eva Powell and Jack Murray

## SENIOR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Senior School Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 28 March was a wonderful day!

Blessed with beautiful weather, students from all year levels participated enthusiastically in their respective events, showcasing their athletic prowess and school spirit.

### Age Champions

- 12 Years Isabel Smith
- 13 Years Olivia Carney and Nate Chown
- 14 Years Sophia Peart and Jett Nicholls
- 15 Years Nellie Spencer and Spencer Simcox
- 16 Years Sarah Chandler and Jack Deveson
- 17 Years Airlie Smith and Jack Taylor
- 18 Years Laura Wilcher and Jack Szymkow



## JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

### Swimming

#### HICES

Congratulations to our team of Junior School students who competed in the Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES) Swimming Carnival in Sydney on Thursday 14 March.

#### Team

Marley Betts, Patrick Blackstock, Alistair Boland, Caitlin Elder, Dominic Gadsby, Mitchell Gadsby, Evelyn Garland, Dougal Kelly, Matilda Linehan, Sophie McAnally, Angus Murray, Jack Murray, Olive Prcevich, Madison Ray, Eleni Rich, Audrey Richardson, Alex Stiles, Noah Stiles, Hamish Watts, Jemima Watts, Poppy Windeyer, Mia Wright.

#### CIS

Mitchell Gadsby, Dominic Gadsby, Alex Stiles, Noah Stiles, Patrick Blackstock and Alistair Boland travelled to the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre to compete at the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Swimming Carnival. Congratulations!

### Cross Country

#### HICES

Congratulations to our Junior School Cross Country team who travelled to Scots All Saints in Bathurst on Tuesday 21 May to compete at the HICES Cross Country Carnival.

#### Team

Lucy Bagshaw, Maggie Bagshaw, Marley Betts, Patrick Blackstock, Maya Cook, Nayan Duncan, Caitlin Elder, Skye Elder, Kane Furney, Dominic Gadsby, Mitchell Gadsby, Charlie Hawkins, Aria Jacob, Dougal Kelly, Harriet Kelly, Sullivan Larnach, Allie Lundholm, Maya McCauley, Annie McDonald, Archie McGroder, Millie Murray, Angus Murray, Jack Murray, Elijah Newton, Scarlett Nicholls, Orani Parsons, Kate Pendlebury, Eva Powell, Xavier Powell, Olive Prcevich, Madison Ray, Ethan Rich, Blake Robinson, Toby Robinson, Alex Stiles, Noah Stiles, Abigail Tucker, Hamish Watts, Patrick Weekes, Mia Wright.

#### CIS

Congratulations to Harriet Kelly, Maya Cook and Xavier Powell who qualified for the CIS Carnival. Harriet finished 82nd and Maya 50th in their age groups. Such an impressive achievement!

### Netball

#### HICES

Congratulations to our Macquarie Netball students who participated in HICES. The girls played and trialled extremely well. A special acknowledgment to Eva Powell and Aeva Maher who made the HICES Netball team to compete at the CIS Netball trials in Sydney.

### Gymnastics

Matilda Wheatley and Annie McDonald attended CSSA Gymnastics Championships on Tuesday 11 June in Sydney. Both girls competed extremely well with Annie achieving a personal best on Vault and finishing 10th overall in the Girls Level 5 Competition. Matilda came 7th on the Floor Apparatus and finished 16th in the Girls Level 4 competition.

### Touch Football

#### HICES

Congratulations to Alex Stiles, Alexis Cook and Harriet Kelly who attended the CIS trials for Touch Football. Congratulations to Harriet for being selected in the CIS Girls team to compete at the NSWPSA Touch Football Championships!

## SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

### WAS Netball Trials

In Week 5 Term 1, Macquarie sent an Under 15 Years and an Opens team to Orange to trial for the Western Associated Schools (WAS) Netball teams. The day saw both teams play Kinross Wolaroi, Orange Anglican Grammar School and Scots All Saints.

Congratulations to Lucy Diffey, Isla Tink and Ruby Ivers who were selected in the Under 15 Years WAS team, and to Charlotte Masonwells who was selected in the Opens team.



**PHOTOS: 01:** Sullivan Larnach, Year 3, Noah Stiles, Year 3, Dougal Kelly, Year 3, Blake Robinson, Year 2 and Mitchell Gadsby, Year 2  
**02:** Tozula Yamba, Year 12, Julianah Hegarty, Year 11, Lauren Turnbull, Year 11, Olivia Simcox, Year 11, Emmerson Ferguson, Year 12, Emeline McCullough, Year 12, Gracie Harland, Year 11, Billie Allan, Year 11, Isabella Rufus, Year 12 and Charlotte Masonwells, Year 11 **03:** Holly Fraser, Scarlett Mealey, Henrietta Canning, Olivia McMullen, Madeline Parkes and Ella Taylor, Year 7 **04:** Lucy Diffey, Year 8, Ruby Ivers, Year 8 and Isla Tink, Year 9 **05:** Back Row: Isla Tink, Year 9, Andie McAnally, Year 9, Maddie Keady, Year 9, Isabelle Mudford, Year 9, Darcie Watts, Year 9, Ella Binnie, Year 10 Front Row: Tia Allan, Year 10, Kristy Azzopardi, Year 10, Hallie Cummins, Year 9, Alicia Fordham, Year 9 **06:** Mia Wright, Emilia Luck and Marley Betts, Year 4 **07:** Chloe Harris, Elsie Mudford, Heidi Parnaby, Alexis Mitchell, Madeline Parkes, Henrietta Canning, Jemima Tink, Scarlett Mealey and Harriette Quigley, Year 7

### AICES Netball Trials

Week 3 Term 2 quickly came around, with Charlotte Masonwells, Isla Tink, Lucy Diffey and Ruby Ivers travelling to Sydney to represent WAS at the Association of Independent Co-Educational Schools (AICES) trials. Isla, Lucy and Ruby played five games, winning two of them and losing the others by only a few points. Charlotte featured in the Opens team, with her team being extremely competitive. They won three out of their five games to come third.

### Netball Schools Cup

In Week 5 Term 2, the Netball Schools Cup was held in Dubbo. Macquarie entered two teams, a Years 7 and 8 team and a Years 9 and 10 team. Our Years 9 and 10 team had two wins after facing some strong teams from across the Central West. The Years 7 and 8 team had a very successful day and won all their matches leading into the final. The students represented the school with pride and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Junior School students attended their annual carnival on Tuesday 13 February. Thank you to our volunteers!

#### Age Champions

8 Years	Audrey Richardson and Mitchell Gadsby
9 Years	Olive Precvich and Noah Stiles
10 Years	Mia Wright and Patrick Blackstock
11 Years	Poppy Windeyer and Dominic Gadsby
12 Years	Annie McDonald and Alex Stiles

#### Record

Alex Stiles	12 Years Boys 50m Butterfly
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### SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to everyone involved in our Senior School Swimming Carnival! Thank you to our volunteers and special congratulations to our Age Champions!

#### Age Champions

12 Years	Isabel Smith
13 Years	Ava Wright and Harry Chapman
14 Years	Mia Betts and Hugh Evans
15 Years	Zali Lovett and Charlie Lockyer
16 Years	Zoe Shanks and Will Kerin
17 Years	Sophie Lockyer and Tom Kerin
18 Years	Isabelle Russell and Edward Chapman

### JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 28 May, Macquarie held its annual Junior School Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all students, staff and parent helpers who assisted in making the day a huge success.

#### Age Champions

8 Years	Abigail Tucker and Mitchell Gadsby
9 Years	Maya Cook and Churchill Bellotti
10 Years	Mia Wright, Xavier Powell and Nayan Duncan
11 Years	Harriet Kelly and Dominic Gadsby
12 Years	Eva Powell and Jack Murray

#### Records

Maya Cook	8/9 Years Girls Long Jump, 3.21m
	8/9 Years Girls 100m, 16.29
	8/9 Years Girls 200m, 36.84
Churchill Bellotti	8/9 Years Boys 100m, 16.29
Mia Wright	10 Years Girls Discus, 21.04m
Harriet Kelly	11 Years Girls, Long Jump, 3.33m
Senior Girls Relay 4x100m Relay, 1:05.44	Harriet Kelly, Alexis Cook, Eva Strahorn, Kate Pendlebury

### SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Monday 27 May we held our annual Senior School Athletics Carnival! Our students from Years 7 to 12 enthusiastically participated in a variety of track and field events.

#### Age Champions

12 Years	Willow Thomas and Benny Harley
13 Years	Olivia Carney and Joe Staggs
14 Years	Lainey Walker and Lewis Blizzard
15 Years	Rebecca Anderson and Ashton Green
16 Years	Sarah Chandler and Ollie Orth
17 Years	Billie Allan and Jack Taylor
Opens	Annabelle Stephens and Jack Szymkow

#### Records

Jack Deveson	16 Years Boys 800m, 2:28.10
Lachlan Murphy	15 Years Boys 800m, 2:29.90
Annabelle Stephens	18 Years Girls 800m, 2:54.86
Sarah Chandler	16 Years Girls 800m, 2:49.81
12 to 14 Years Girls 4x100m Relay (Dunlop), 59.6	Evie Peart, Lexi Trickey, Madeline Parkes, Sophia Peart

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