



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Happy NAIDOC week! We have been celebrating through learning how to weave, reading books, our static display and part of this week's assembly being focused on this important part of the year. You may not be aware that each Monday at morning lines one of our senior students shares their personally composed Acknowledgement of Country. These were developed after Bush Tucker students inquired into the significance of Country, and how we can acknowledge First Nations Peoples contributions to, on and for our land.

We are trialling students being able to access the basketball court during recess and lunch now that the rings have been refurbished and put back up. It is nice to be able to use that space more frequently. The warmer, wetter weather is making keeping up with the grounds challenging. Thanks to the people who have let us know where needs mowing – we are working hard to get on top of it!

We have recently had the school tested for lead paint and the results indicate there is the presence of lead paint in areas of the school. The testing has not indicated that any areas need to be cordoned off and we are working with the repairs and maintenance section of the Directorate to remediate identified areas. We will provide further information as we have notice of any works.

This week teachers have been busy starting to write the end of year reports. It has been a busy second semester, with lots of learning and growth to report on. Your child's reports will be emailed to your family's nominated preferred contact on Thursday 10 December for students in years K-6 and sent home on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 December for preschool students.

We have just about finished creating classes for 2021. As always, this process takes time while we consider both the academic and social needs of all students. We will maintain our multi-age structure for students in years 1-6. I am pleased to let you know that staff will be teaching in the following areas next year:

Preschool	Maree Sweeting
Kindergarten	Rebekah Graham and Reannon Sorbie
Year 1/2	Lauren Green, Nicole Chapman, MaryAnn Cremen, Monique Dar- ragh and Ami Grover
Year 3/4	Rebecca Spoors, Meg Signor, Chlo Sutherland and Brooke Brown
Year 5/6	Melanie Pollack, Emma Murphy, Patrick Kien and Ross Dennis
Specialist Roles	Lynda Leigh, Ross Dennis, Cynan Brace, Shirley Larsen, Kathy Jones, and Ami Grover

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch through our usual communication channels.

Have a great week,

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For the latest information regarding COVID-19 in the ACT visit <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/home>



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NEWS FROM THE P&C

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to Bunnings, Belconnen Fresh Foods Markets and our bakers

The P&C Committee has sent certificates to both Bunnings in Belconnen and to the Belconnen Fresh Food markets for their generous support in allowing us to run a sausage sizzle and bake sale. It's so great to have the support of these local businesses.

I'd also like to again thank our bakers, cooks and the crews that ran the stalls. You are all heroes.

Slower Streets

I'm pleased to announce that the P&C has now been approved to participate in the Territory's 'Slower Streets' Program. This will give us a chance to signpost areas around the school urging drivers to slow down.

I will be collecting signs this Thursday and invite people to discuss where they would be best placed. If you are interested in participating, please drop me an email at president.mpspandc@gmail.com

Container recycling

Another great effort by the community in recycling this week. We have now returned 1603 cans, bottles and other drink containers. Golden Wattles are holding their lead with 551, but Winter Cress are hot on their heels with 497.

Just two more recycling days left this year. The next container recycling date is **Friday, 20 November**. See our flyer for how to participate.

Whoever wins the pizza party will certainly deserve it.

Have a great week

Brendan Ding

President, Macquarie Primary P&C



P&C FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Readathon

The Readathon finished at midnight Friday, 6 November, so now is the time to collect your sponsorship money and deposit it either through [Flexischools](#) or in the P&C collection box at the front office. Also finalise your reading list and drop it in to the P&C collection box to see if you've won one of the great prizes available. A big thank you to Book Passion at Belconnen Markets and QBD Books Belconnen for their generous sponsorship. Prizes will be awarded after the **20th November** which is the deadline for book lists to be brought in.

P&C COUNCIL COLOURING IN COMPETITION

To celebrate NAIDOC week, the P&C Council are holding a colouring in competition. There are Great Prizes including books, and family passes to Canberra Reptile Zoo, Canberra Walk-In Aviary, Dinosaur Museum and more.

There are 4 age categories: Preschool-Year 1, Years 2-4, Years 5-7, and Years 8-10. For more information including details of how to enter, click the link [here](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cherry Drive—volunteers needed

Macquarie Primary School has been generously offered a table to sell cherries at the Cook Shops on **Saturday, 28 November** from 9.30am-2.30pm. To make this a great success, we need some volunteers to help us out on the day. If you can assist, please email macquariepandc@gmail.com

School grounds working bee

The P&C are holding a working bee to improve the school grounds on **Saturday, 28 November 2020** from 9am to 12pm. If you can assist, please contact chris.hollins@gmail.com

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Preschool Pop-up Uniform Shop next week!

School uniforms will be available to try on and purchase at preschool for two weeks on Tuesday 17 and 24 November and Thursday 19 and 26 November from **2:45 - 3:15pm**.

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Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open as usual on Mondays and Fridays 8:45-9:15, and Wednesdays 3:00-3:30 until Wednesday 9 December.

Online orders for 2020 through www.flexischools.com.au will close Tuesday 8 December.

For any questions, please email uniforms.mps@gmail.com.

LUNCH ORDERS

Be sure to get your order in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of **8.30am each Friday morning**. Orders are accepted via Flexischools only (sorry, no cash orders). Information about Flexischools and the canteen, including the menu, is available from the front Office.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held this **Thursday, 26 November 2020 at 6.30pm** by video call. All are welcome! Please RSVP to macquariepandc@gmail.com

The cherry drive is back!

Cost of cherries

1 kg Box \$20.00

2 kg Box \$30.00

5 kg Box \$55.00

Order via:

- *Flexischools* by no later than 5pm Friday, 4 December, *or*
- paper order form by no later than 3pm Tuesday, 1 December (check the newsletter for the order form).



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair

Thank you to all parents who supported our book fair. All the children loved coming in to browse through the books on offer. After finalising payments we earned over \$1000 to buy new books for our library!

Overdue books

We will be printing overdue notes next Monday to remind children to keep looking for any misplaced library books. To minimise paper waste please remind your child to return any books they have finished reading either tomorrow, Friday 13 or Monday 16.

Book Club Issue 8

We have been advised of an omission from the next book club brochure. David Walliams' brand new novel, Code Name Bananas, is available for \$18. To purchase, please make a note of it in your cash order or choose item #084 on LOOP orders.



Don't forget orders are due by:

27 November

There's something for everyone!



SCHOLASTIC

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE BOOKINGS FOR 2021 NOW OPEN

To enrol for 2021 visit: <https://childrens-services.ywca-canberra.org.au/yc-childcare-service/macquarie-primary-school/>

GIVING TREE DONATIONS—CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES (CRCS)

The school SRC are supporting the *CRCS Belconnen Christmas Giving Tree* and are asking our school community to generously donate items to help make the holiday season a little brighter for those less fortunate in our Belconnen community. Gifts and items should be new, in sealed packaging and unwrapped. CRCS have recommended gifts of \$10- \$15 in value.

Suggestions include: toys, games, vouchers, toiletries, books, puzzles, delicious Christmas treats, sports equipment, homewares, stationery gift packs, personal care gift packs and/or stocking fillers. Donations can be dropped off to your child's classroom or directly to the Front Office before Monday 30 November.

Bill Caddey from CRCS has prepared a video about the Belconnen Christmas Giving Tree

<https://youtu.be/0daJ3E2Hbxo>

Thank you for supporting those in our local community who will do it tough this Christmas.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS THIS WEEK

Preschool— This week, students will be investigating the question What is consent? After reading the story “Will Ladybug Hug?” We will discuss the importance of asking a person before we enter their personal space and touch them (e.g to give a hug, to play with their hair) and when we would like to touch or hold something that is not our own, like a toy. We will also role model situations to look at the way people use body language to tell people if they like or dislike a situation

Kindergarten—This week, the Acacias will be talking about consent by investigating the question: What does consent mean and why is it important? We will be thinkers who make connections as we explore the big idea that our bodies belong to us and we need to ask before we enter other people's personal bubbles.

Year 1/2— During week 5, students will be inquiring into the questions: What is gender? What is transgender? How do you know what gender you are? And, how can I help others feel accepted and happy?

Year 3/4—During Week 5, Year 3/4 will be focusing on developing strategies to assist in the coping with changes in the body.

Year 5/6—During Week 5, Year 5/6 will be exploring the topic of gender and discussing gender identities, norms and stereotypes. Students will be encouraged to question their thinking around this topic and detect and challenge the limiting nature of many traditional gender-norms.

MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who will receive a merit award at the senior assembly next Wednesday:

Silky Wattles	Hailey & Lucy
Golden Wattles	Rachael & Rose
Scribbly Gums	Nathan & Emme
Silver Dollar Gums	Imogen & Oliver
Red Gums	Haura & Safi
Snow Gums	Ella & Tila
Rainbow Gums	Yuol & Tayte

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

All notes are available on our school [website](#)

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2020 Stationery supplies	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2020 Voluntary contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2020 Band	Year 5 & 6 band members	Payments due now
Social Media and Website Permission	All year levels	As soon as possible
Mount Painter Excursion	Kindergarten	Friday 6 November
2021 5/6 Camp Wombaroo	Year 4 & 5	Friday 4 December
Year 6 Fun Day	Year 6	Wednesday 9 December

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Option 1: Electronic Funds transfer

Account name: Macquarie Primary School Management Account

BSB: 032 777 **Account number:** 001586

Use reference Child's Surname EXCURSION NAME

Option 2: Quickweb

Go to <http://www.macquarieps.act.edu.au/payment> and follow the prompts.

Use reference Child's Surname EXCURSION NAME

Option 3: Cash or cheque paid directly to the Front Office in a sealed envelope labelled with your family name

MEDICATIONS

In the interests of keeping all students safe, **medication that your child requires during the school day must be stored in the front office.** Macquarie's school office team manages first aid, emergency medical plans and medications for students. Please contact the front office team if you have any changes to your child's medical treatment plan.

For noting - ambulance

ACT School students who are injured or become ill at school or during approved school excursions within the ACT are entitled to free emergency ambulance services that includes medical treatment and ambulance transport.

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Are you making common recycling mistakes? Upgrade your lights. Light emitting diodes (LEDs) and compact fluorescent lamps (CLFs) will cost you far less than halogen and other incandescent lights. Energy-efficient CLFs can also last up to ten times longer than traditional ones. The light from these bulbs will give off light as bright as your old bulbs while saving money.

For more common recycling mistakes go to <https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2019/april/are-you-making-common-recycling-mistakes>

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts.

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