

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 18 February

Board Meeting 4.30pm

Wednesday 3 March

Assembly 2.15pm

Host - Les Fruits de Dragon

Thursday 4 March

Year 2-6 Swimming Carnival

Junior water fun day

Wednesday 10 March

Assembly 2.15pm

Host - Les Fraises

Monday 15 March—Friday 19 March

Year 2 & 3 Aquasafe Swimming Program

Wednesday 17 —Friday 19 March

Year 5/6 Camp Wombaroo

Wednesday 17 March

Assembly 2.15pm

Host - Les Citrons Verts & Les Oranges

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From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

It certainly has been a busy week at school with the 'getting to know you' interviews happening each day this week. These meetings in combination with the student information sheet provide teachers with a great starting point to support your children to be the best learners they can.

Earlier this week we sent out an email asking for interested people to volunteer to be the parent class rep for their child's class this year. This wonderful initiative commenced last year and did struggle a bit given the kind of year we had last year. We are all hoping that this year, with the easing of restrictions, we can use this mechanism to assist school volunteering and continue to build community connections across the cohorts of students.

Today an important note is coming home outlining a change in access to the Canberra International Church carpark. It states;

It is with much regret that the Canberra International Church which is located just next to our grounds is having to close their carpark to the use of the Macquarie primary community. They have sought advice and due to insurance implications they are no longer able to offer free access to their carpark. Please avoid this car park when dropping off or collecting your children.

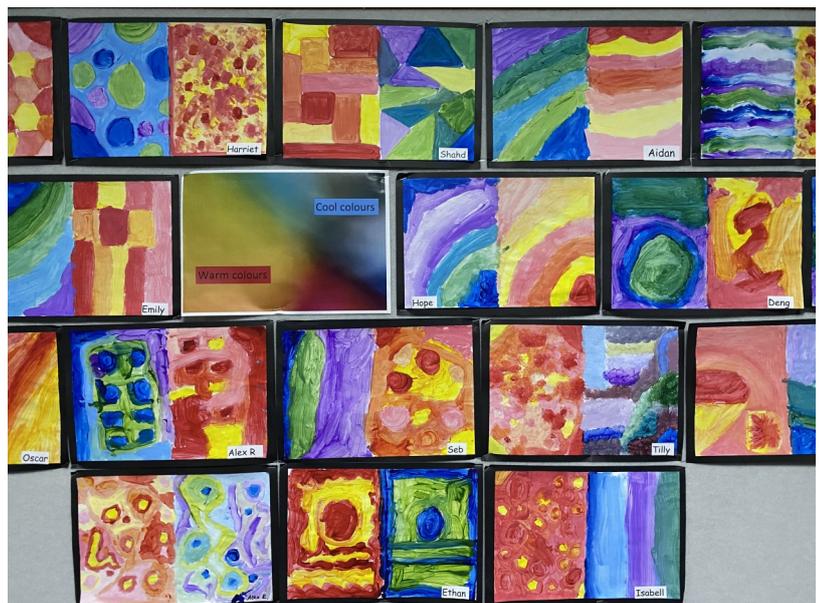
Please follow the directions of this change and park safely when dropping off or collecting children.

Unfortunately our year 5/6 camp has had to be delayed due to the venue being staffed by Victorian staff. The new dates are Wednesday 17 -Friday 19 March. We are sorry about any inconvenience and the camp is now providing morning tea and lunch on the first day, which originally families had to provide. Because of this school photo day has been rescheduled to Thursday 25 March (Les Cucamelons) and Monday 29 March (Les Kalettes and Kindergarten—Year 6).

We are looking forward to our upcoming swimming carnival and water fun day. For students in years 2-6 please make sure you remember to have sun safe hats and swimwear and all the food and water needed for a whole day out. The pool canteen will not be open and the same rules about food and drinks apply on the swimming carnival day as a normal school day. The carnival is scheduled for Thursday 4 March. Students in preschool, kindergarten, and year 1 will participate in a range of water play activities at school.

Have a great week,

Danielle



NEWS FROM THE P&C

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Welcome BBQ and P&C AGM last week. It was great to see so many new and familiar faces. A big thank you to our volunteers for helping to coordinate and run the BBQ on the night. We couldn't have done it without you!

The following P&C Committee members were elected for 2021:

- President: Christie Horsfield
- Vice President(s): Rebecca Richardson & Lauren Johnston
- Treasurer: Lauren Clancy
- Public Officer: Lauren Clancy
- ACT P&C Council representative: Naomi Sheehan
- Breakfast Club Coordinator: Nathan Gauci
- Canteen Coordinator: Tina Apps
- Class Parent Representative Coordinator: Alethea White
- Communications Coordinator: Fleur Roddam
- Grants Officer: Lauren Johnston
- Events & Fundraising Coordinator: Brendan Ding
- Gardens & Grounds Coordinator: Chris Hollins
- Uniform Shop Coordinator(s): Liz Watterson & Sheree Murray.



The following positions remain vacant:

- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Preschool representative.

Please let us know if you're interested in helping out with any of these roles.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to last year's P&C team and all our hard-working volunteers for their time and energy throughout 2020.

P&C MEETING: Our first P&C meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 17 March (Week 7).

WHAT IS THE P&C? The P&C is open to all Macquarie Primary families and community members. We bring together parents, citizens, students and staff. The P&C is a great way to get involved with our school and have a say.

The P&C contributes to the school and students through events, fundraising, canteen, uniform shop, gardens and grounds, breakfast club, special projects and more.

KEEPING IN TOUCH: If you have ideas, want to volunteer, or would like to know more please come along to our next meeting. You can also leave a note in the P&C box near the Front Office or email us at: macquariepandc@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP: The P&C Uniform Shop is located in the Tidbinbilla Building. It is run by volunteers and sells new uniforms as close to cost price as possible, and second-hand items for \$2 and \$5. Open times are:

Mondays 8:45 - 9:15am, Wednesdays 3:00 - 3:30pm, and Fridays 8:45 - 9:15am.

Cash and card payments are accepted. Orders can also be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au. No need to collect online orders - they will be sent home with students. Any questions can be sent to uniforms.mps@gmail.com

CANTEEN: Lunch orders are available each Friday for all students and staff via Flexischools: <https://www.flexischools.com.au> Please ensure your order is placed by 8.30am each Friday morning.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: How will you volunteer in 2021? If you aim to do 'just one thing' to help in 2021, think about becoming a Class Parent Representative. It will be a huge help to our P&C and the parents/carers in the School community. It is also a great way to engage with the school community. Class Parent Reps help to connect the parent/carer community with the school and the P&C, as well as with each other as Macquarie Primary parents/carers. In 2020, Class Parent Reps arranged class and year group catch-ups, coordinated end of year class gifts for teachers, called for volunteers for events and helped to connect the parent/carer community. Being a Class Parent Rep is not a time intensive role, and it would be great if we could fill up all of the Class Parent Rep places early in the year. Please volunteer ASAP by sending an email to: classparentrepmps@gmail.com.

GARDENS AND GROUNDS: A Working Bee is scheduled for Saturday 20 March. If you are able to volunteer some time to work on the school grounds at the Working Bee we will be working on the new community garden, the black top garden beds, preschool grounds and more if we get enough volunteers!

We had a great turn out for the last Working Bee and would love to build on that. Green thumb or not, we would love for you to join us. If you can make it, please let Chris know: grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS: Stay tuned for upcoming activities in the coming months. Don't forget to mention 'Macquarie Primary School' when you dine at the Canberra Southern Cross Club to earn cash credits for the school,

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES & NEWS

Two members of our school board will reach the end of their appointment in February 2021, creating one vacancy for a parent member and one vacancy for a staff member.

Our school board provides valuable input into strategic planning and monitoring across many aspects of our school. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or would like to know a little more about what is involved with being on the board, please contact our Business Manager, Ann Walker or talk to one of our current board members. Further information can also be found on the Education Directorate website : https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school_boards

The 14 day nomination period for vacant positions on our School Board will open at 11am on Monday, 8 February 2021 and closes on Monday 22 February 2021. Nomination forms are available at the front office and on our school website.

SICKBAY

As part of our environmental efforts we will no longer be printing sick bay slips for minor injuries or illness. We will continue to call you if there is a moderate or severe injury or illness and for any head knocks. We do keep a record of all attendees at the sick bay as part of our normal processes.

MACQUARIE COMMUNITY NETBALL TEAM

If your child (girl or boy) from year 2-6 is interested in playing Saturday morning netball this year, please pick up an application form from the school office. These must be returned by Friday 26 February 2021.

LIBRARY

Book Club

Issue 1 brochures have been distributed and orders are due back by tomorrow, **Friday 19 November**. Order online at www.scholastic.com.au/loop or enclose your order form and correct money in a sealed envelope and return to the front office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO MASTER SCHOOL PORTRAITS (MSP PHOTOGRAPHY)

On enrolment at Macquarie Primary School you provided the school with personal information that assists us to support the educational needs of your child/ren while they are enrolled in an ACT Government school. The ACT Information Privacy Act 2014 states that this information cannot be used or released without satisfying certain conditions. MSP Photography will be returning for school photos this year in term 1. They have requested your child's name, student ID and class. If you do not consent to include your child in this year's school photos please complete the slip below and return it to the Front Office as soon as possible.

I do not give permission for my child/ren _____ in class/es _____ to be included in the 2021 school photos.

Signed _____ Parent Name _____ Date ___/___/___

STATIONERY EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAW

Congratulations to the following families who have won the early bird prize for stationery.

These families will receive a refund for one stationery pack.

Les Petit Legumes winner - Lata

Les Agrumes winner - Jensen

Les Fruits Tropicaux winner - Imogen

Les Legumes winner - Alex

Les Baies winner - George

Payments for stationery can still be made at any time. Payment options are listed on page 5 of the newsletter.

The cost of each pack is:

Les Petit Legumes (preschool) - \$45

Les Agrumes (kindergarten) - \$70

Les Fruits Tropicaux (year 1/2) - \$60

Les Baies winner (year 5/6) - \$55

For a full list of items, notes are available on our school website.

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2021 Stationery supplies	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Medical Information & Consent form	All year levels	Friday 19 February
2021 5/6 Camp Wombaroo	Year 5 & 6	Wednesday 10 February
Swimming Carnival	Year 2—6	Friday 19 February
Kindergarten Health Check	Kindergarten	As soon as possible
Aquasafe Swim Permission Note	Year 2 & 3	Friday 5 March
Enrichment program	Year 1-6	Thursday 11 March

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

Have a sniffle? Carry around your own handkerchief instead of using disposable tissues.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts.

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
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Email:	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (P-Yr2)	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
Website:	www.macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (Yr3-6)	Veronique Canellas	veronique.canellas@ed.act.edu.au
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary	Business Manager	Ann Walker	ann.walker@ed.act.edu.au
P&C President	Christie Horsfield	Board Chair	Amy McGuire	
	macquariepandc@gmail.com			

Attention Kindergarten Parents!

Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a **FREE** health check



VISION CHECK



HEARING CHECK



HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND
BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)



If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



FIND — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1



SIGN — Complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



RETURN — To your school by **1 March** 2021

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.