



# The Macquarie Memo

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## From our Deputy Principal

Welcome back to term two. The students appear to have returned rested; they have been keen to reconnect with friends and have got stuck into some term two learning. Term Overviews will come home next week. The Overviews help families build a picture of what is being covered so connections can be made to the varied contexts of students' lives. You will also see in your child's digital portfolio, on Class Dojo, the progression of learning over time.

### Dates for the Diary

**Friday 23 April**

Year 3/4 endeavour excursion

**Monday 26 April**

ANZAC day public holiday

**Wednesday 28 April**

Assembly 2.15pm

Host: Les Brocolis & Les Pêches

**Thursday 29 April**

Les Cucamelon CMAG excursion

**Tuesday 4 May**

Les Kalettes CMAG excursion

**Wednesday 5 May**

Mother's day stall for Les Kalettes

Assembly 2.15pm

Host: Les Litchis

P&C Meeting 6.30pm

**Friday 7 May**

Mother's day stall for Les Cucamelons and K-6 students

Cross Country 1.30pm

As a staff we have been deeply exploring the teaching and learning of vocabulary across the school. This work has been part of our focus on the 10 Essential Literacy Practices. What we have discovered is the tight relationship between vocabulary learning and reading comprehension – strong word knowledge usually equates to enhanced comprehension. We have also learned that the early years are fundamental to future success in literacy – student trajectories are set early so this tells us the need for robust classroom instruction is vital. When looking at students' writing we can see the vocabulary they are using to convey their message. Some is basic, words that typically appear in oral conversations, children are exposed to these words readily and typically don't need direct instruction about them. Some is of a more mature nature, vocabulary a more mature language user might use. These words are targeted in vocabulary instruction. Some words are very specific to topics or domains and unless students have a strong interest in that topic, these words usually require direct instruction to understand and in turn use. The selection of vocabulary to teach is a complex process. A robust approach to vocabulary involves directly explaining the meanings of words along with thought provoking, playful interactive follow-up. Teachers will continue to explore and implement effective vocabulary practice across the year.

The first part of the day is very important in helping students transition into school and be ready for learning. It is always helpful if children have had a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, a routine to get ready and a punctual arrival at school. We are finding there is a long line of students requiring late slips at the start of the day. Supporting your child to arrive at school on time helps them with their day but also teaches them about time management and punctuality – two very important skills they will need throughout life.

Later this term parents can look forward to receiving reports and a chance to come and talk with the teacher about your child's progress. If you have concerns it's always a good idea to get in touch with your child's teacher early so please don't hesitate to call and ask the front office to have teachers call you back or email the teacher.

Don't forget year 3/4 are on the Endeavour Voyage excursion tomorrow. We look forward to hearing about the experience and what new learning they gain from the experience. Students in 3/4 won't be able to have lunch orders this week due to the excursion.

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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

**Gardens and Grounds:** Working Bee – Sunday 16th May 9am—12pm.

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
- \* more if we get enough volunteers.

Refreshments will be provided during the working bee. Please RSVP to Chris if you are able to help: [grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com)



**Fundraising and Events:** The P&C will be hosting a Mother's Day stall for students on Friday 7 May, and preschool Wednesday 5 May. Items will be between \$1 - \$10. If you are able to volunteer to help run the stall, please complete the volunteer form attached to this Newsletter and return to the P&C box at the front office by Friday 1 May.

**Parent Class Representatives:** We still need a parent representative for **Les Fruit de Dragons** and one for **Les Cucamelons**. Please email [classparentrepsmps@gmail.com](mailto:classparentrepsmps@gmail.com) if you are able to volunteer. It really is only 3 minutes of your time every week or so.

**Uniform Shop:** The P&C Uniform Shop is open: **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](http://www.flexischools.com.au). No need to collect online orders - they will be sent home with students.

Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times, or may be left at the front office. Any questions can be sent to [uniforms.mps@gmail.com](mailto:uniforms.mps@gmail.com)

**Canteen:** No lunch orders for 3/4 Les Legumes this week due to the Endeavor excursion. Lunch orders available as usual for the rest of the school. Be sure to get your orders in by 8:30am via Flexischools.

Don't forget that **Breakfast club** is on every Friday between 8.45-9.00am. Please remind your children to arrive on time as we don't want them to be late for class.

A photograph of three young children (two girls and one boy) sitting on a blue mat on a playground. They are all wearing school uniforms. The girl on the left is giving a thumbs up. The ACT Government logo is overlaid on the right side of the photo.

**EVERY  
ACT PUBLIC  
SCHOOL IS A  
GREAT SCHOOL.**

**ENROLMENTS OPEN 27 APRIL**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Overdue Books

Please remind your children to return all the library books they have finished with as we still have hundreds of books that were borrowed early in term 1. Overdue reminder notes will be sent home shortly, and as always it's better to reduce our paper usage and have books returned BEFORE the notes are printed.

## MANAGING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN MACQUARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The ACT Government is committed to ensuring all public school buildings are safe and have the infrastructure to support high-quality education.

Most ACT public schools were built at a time when asbestos and lead paint were widely used in the building industry. As [a recently published list of schools shows](#), 76 of our 89 schools have lead paint and/or asbestos. Nearly all asbestos in ACT public schools is non-friable, also known as bonded or sheet asbestos.

Macquarie Primary was opened in 1968 and both lead paint and asbestos are present at our school.

We know where these materials exist, or are likely to exist, we monitor the locations regularly and we have a management strategy in place to keep our school community safe. Detailed reports are kept at the front office in a Hazardous Materials Register which you are welcome to view.

If you have any general questions about how we manage hazardous materials drop by the front office, or come along to an information night at UC Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra on Thursday 13 May from 6-8pm.

The session will include members of the Education Directorate's Hazardous Materials Taskforce, and lead paint expert Professor Mark Taylor. He is one of the specialists guiding hazardous materials work in ACT public schools ensuring our management is informed by international best practice.

The ACT Government has committed \$15 million to remove hazardous materials from public schools during the next four years. This is in addition to a school upgrade budget of \$99 million which will also help manage lead paint and asbestos.

You can learn more about how hazardous materials are safely managed in our public schools [on the Education Directorate's website](#). It has a fact sheet about lead paint, details about the Directorate's commitment and approach to managing hazardous materials, and it links to a new [ACT Health fact sheet about lead exposure and your health](#).

## MERIT AWARDS

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

Les Peches	Alex S
Les Brocolis	Max R & Emily M
Les Aubergines	Layla A & Caleb H
Les Citrouilles	Cheryl H & Dinar Z
Les Concombres	Pranav N & Nika W
Les Groseilles	Razzaq A, Gitsen R & Camron C
Les Fraises	Rebekah M, Hossain A & Siale T
Les Sureaux	Elizabeth N, John M & Jasper L

## 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
Canberra Museum and Gallery	Les Petit Legumes	Thursday 30 April
Cross Country Information	Year 2-6	Friday 23 April
Combined band practice	Year 6	Friday 30 April
Year 6 shirt	Year 6	Friday 7 May
Camp Birrigai	Les Legumes & Les Pêches	Friday 21 May

## 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

Get rid of your home printer. This will encourage you to seek a printer when you absolutely need it.

## 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:	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary">http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary</a>	Business Manager	Ann Walker	ann.walker@ed.act.edu.au
P&C President	macquariepandc@gmail.com	Board Chair	Amy McGuire	

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### MoneySmart for Consumers and Investors.

The MoneySmart website was created by Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) to help all Australians to improve personal finances. The website offers impartial guidance and online tools to help users to be better informed when making financial decisions.

No matter your circumstances, ASIC's MoneySmart website has tips and tools to help you manage your money. The website has targeted calculators and many pages of guidance on:

- borrowing and credit
- superannuation and retirement
- budgeting and saving
- investing
- scams
- free and confidential financial counselling offered by community organisations, community legal centres and some government agencies.



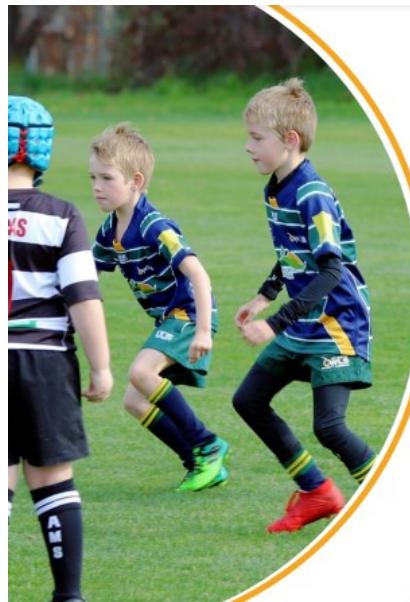
The MoneySmart website can be accessed at <https://moneysmart.gov.au/>

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CHALLENGE YOURSELF | 2021

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Under 7s - Under 18s  
Boys/Girls



**Training**  
Southwell Park, Lyneham

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or email  
[info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au](mailto:info@owlsrugbyjuniors.com.au)

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



The poster features a blue background with white wavy lines suggesting snow. At the top left is the Snow Australia logo, which includes a stylized snowflake icon and the words "snow AUSTRALIA". In the center, the words "SNOW SALE CANBERRA" are written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. Below this, the date "MAY 8" is displayed. To the right, there are two images: a person in a blue jacket and red pants snowboarding down a yellow curved ramp, and another person in a pink jacket and blue pants skiing. The bottom right corner contains text about the event's history and proceeds.

**snow AUSTRALIA**

**SNOW SALE**  
CANBERRA

**MAY 8**

**EPIC - Exhibition Park in Canberra**  
Flemington Rd & Northbourne Ave  
Mitchell ACT

**Sat. May 8 - 8.30am to 1.30pm**

**Drop off items for the Sale**  
Friday 7 May, 12.00pm - 5.00pm

**Collection of unsold items**  
Saturday 8 May, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

The Canberra Snow Sale has been running for almost 30 years and is a great opportunity to buy and/or sell new and pre-loved snow sports equipment.

All proceeds from the event go toward supporting local ACT snow sports programs and events.

**More information**  
[snow.org.au/snowsale](http://snow.org.au/snowsale)  
Wendy Olsen: [sale@snow.org.au](mailto:sale@snow.org.au)



## United Taekwondo Macquarie Primary

Taekwondo is an effective and fun martial art that can build confidence, coordination and respect for yourself and others. Students who participate in the Macquarie dojang taekwondo program will improve strength, flexibility and discipline in a safe and friendly environment.

Classes are conducted by  
Chief Instructor Brett, 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt

**TAEKWONDO on MONDAYS**  
**Starting from Term 2 2021**  
**6.15pm – 7.15pm in the school hall**  
**Children and adults welcome!**

**SPECIAL JOINING FEE FOR TERM 1 - \$180**  
(normally \$220)

*This includes membership, insurance, a full uniform and unlimited training at any of our dojangs in Canberra for the first term. Family discounts apply.*

**Try your first class for FREE!**



To book in for your FREE CLASS, please contact Instructor Sharon at  
[utkdcanberra@outlook.com](mailto:utkdcanberra@outlook.com)



The poster features a man with long hair and a beard, wearing a white tunic and holding a guitar, standing in a desert landscape with palm trees. The title "COLIN BUCHANAN" is at the top in large white letters, followed by "LIVE IN CONCERT" in orange and grey. Below the title, it says "AUSTRALIA'S NO.1 CHRISTIAN KIDS ARTIST". The date "SAT 15 MAY 2PM" and location "THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ST ANDREW 1 STATE CIRCUIT, FORRESTS, ACT" are listed. A ticket stub graphic shows "\$15" and the website "COLINBUCHANAN.COM.AU".

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