

# The Macquarie Memo

46 Bennelong Crescent, Macquarie ACT 2614

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## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 16 Sept**  
UNSW ICAS—English

**Tuesday 17 September**  
Board meeting

**Thursday 19 September**  
Kenny Koala—Preschool  
UNSW ICAS—Maths  
Book Swap  
Learning Journeys  
Reading Hour

**Wednesday 25 September**  
Assembly including  
Citizenship awards

**Friday 27 September**  
Last day of Term 3  
Pyjama day—SRC  
fundraiser

**Monday 14 October**  
First day of Term 4

## From our Deputy Principal

Dear Families and Friends

ICAS continued last week with both writing and spelling complete. This week we have our last two ICAS – English and Mathematics. Also last week our preschool students spent time at the Arboretum. They were very lucky to experience some beautiful spring weather on those days.

ACT Athletics ran smoothly thanks to the talented Ross. Congratulations to those children who participated and represented our school with such integrity.



Gardening Club have been busily planting in the Indigenous Garden. We had Adam Shipp come and talk about bush foods and the students selected appropriate plants and designed the layout for the space. This space is located behind the hall at the junior school end of the garden beds if you would like to admire the hard work of our students.

Staff participated in professional learning with Kath Murdoch last week to deepen our understanding and strengthen our

implementation of inquiry. We talked about strategies to support student transference of learning from one task to another or one setting to another. We also talked about supporting students to create open ended questions to drive their inquiry into a topic.

This week, on Thursday afternoon, we are celebrating student's growth and achievement through Learning Journeys. Learning Journeys are an opportunity for parents and carers to hear about the work that has been done this year. The students have been thinking deeply about the learning they have done, why the learning was important, what they achieved and how they can further progress. Parents and carers can help their child on the afternoon by using prompting question such as:

What did you do to complete this task?

What knowledge/skills/understanding does this demonstrate?

What was most challenging about this?

How is your work different now to at the beginning of the year?

What are your future goals for learning? What skills/knowledge/ understanding can you develop in the future?

Taking it deeper

What learning has been the hardest for you this year?

Why do you think that is?

What strategies do you use to help you persevere when you find learning challenging?

Of all the goals you have set in classes which one would you most like to accomplish?

How can I help you achieve that?

What strategies do you already know to help you achieve your goal? Are there key people who can help you too?

## Macquarie Directory

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Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary>

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## From our Deputy cont...

On the afternoon of the Learning Journey we will have a display of the school values review in the foyer. This will enable parents to have further discussion about what they believe are the most pertinent values for all our community. We are looking to identify core values which are shared by all our community - what values do we hope all our students can take from Macquarie Primary School to set them up for success in the future? Thank you to those parents who attended the Values Review parent consultation last Thursday. It was a very worthwhile discussion.

Also, in the foyer families can come and meet Ryan Cook, our Family Support Worker. Ryan joins us from Belconnen Community Services and will work at the school up to two days a week supporting families with family support groups, connecting with mental health supports, after school activities for children, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, advocacy and support, social support groups and activities, youth services, tenancy and housing advocacy just to name a few.

We have limited car parking at the school. This can cause some challenges at busy times. For some families it may be worthwhile having a family meeting spot outside of the school carpark to reduce traffic. If there are any issues, please report it to the front office.

Jodie



## The Reading Hour

Thursday 19th September  
3:30 - 6:00pm

After sharing in the learning journeys at school, please visit the school library to share a book.

*Special Guest Reader Appearance at 5pm*  
**Danielle Porter**

I wonder which story our principal will choose to read to us.

Milk and biscuits provided by the P&C.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Reading is my secret power!

**Reading offers an escape from the daily grind.** It offers a place to retreat and experience another reality.

### Book Swap Day

So many students have now brought in their pre-loved (good quality) books to swap for "library money" and are looking forward to choosing a new book on Thursday 19th! There is still time to bring books, best time being between 8.30 - 9.00 each morning. Please email [pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au) if you have any queries about the swap day.

### Borrowing eBooks

Our school library catalogue – Oliver – provides access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks that students can borrow from home. This has normally been done by logging into [www.backpack.ed.act.edu.au](http://www.backpack.ed.act.edu.au), clicking on Oliver and then searching, borrowing and reading the digital resources. This can still be used but there is now "SORA", an even easier way to look up and borrow the digital books.

Go to <https://soraapp.com> or download "Sora, by Overdrive" in the App store.

1. Find the centralised library name access - **ACT Education and Training Directorate** (NOT Macquarie Primary school)
2. Enter the student's ID number and password (the usual school computer sign on)

Browse, borrow, read or listen to 7000 digital resources!

**Thank you**

Thank you to our local Lions Club who donated books to our Library collection.



## ICAS Competitions this week

ICAS Competitions continue this week. Below are the dates and times for each competition. If your child is away on the day of the competition they may not get to participate as there are strict rules around when tests can be administered. We also will not be able to refund for tests due to absence as the tests have been pre-ordered.

Subject	Sitting Date and Time
ICAS English	Wednesday 18 September 1.40pm - 2.40pm
ICAS Mathematics	Thursday 19 September 10.00am - 11.00am

## SRC Fundraiser - Friday 27 September 2019 Pyjama Day for Buy-a-Bale



*'Our school is turning gold coins into hay for our drought affected farmers'*

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We challenge you to have a gold coin donation day too. Visit: [buyabale.com.au](http://buyabale.com.au)

RURAL AID INITIATIVE

As a School Representative Council (SRC) we have chosen to hold a fundraiser on **Friday 27 September** to support our drought affected farmers.

All money raised will go towards Buy-a-Bale which is a registered drought relief organisation that delivers truck loads of hay around Australia. Our donations will help the farmers and their livestock.

**What do you need to do?** Wear your pyjamas to school on Friday 27 September and bring along a gold coin.

## NOTES HOME

These notes can be found on our school website

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Camp Warrambui	Year 3/4	Final payment due 18 October
Camp Cooba	Year 5/6	Final payment due 27 September
Language Perfect	Yrs 3—6	Perm note ASAP
Class Dojo	All families	Response ASAP
Third party provider consent forms		
(Class creator & ACER)	All families	Response ASAP
Band payment	Members of band	Payment when possible
Voluntary contributions	All families	Payment when possible

## 2019 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$100 per family per year**

Thank you to the many families who have made voluntary contributions this year. Voluntary contributions are always welcome and can be paid at any time. Money raised through voluntary contributions is an important way that families can enhance the education program of the school. The Macquarie Primary School voluntary contribution amount is \$100 per family per year. Lesser amounts are welcome. Please note that your child will not be refused benefits or services if you choose not to make a financial contribution and individual records of contributions are confidential, as specified in the *Education Act 2004*.

Account Name:	Macquarie Primary School Management Account
BSB Number:	032 777
Account Number:	001586
Use reference:	<i>Child's Surname</i> VOLCON

If you would like to make a voluntary contribution, you can pay via the usual methods of payment:

### Option1: Electronic Funds transfer

### Option 2: Quickweb

Go to our school website and follow the prompts on the	
Use reference:	<i>Child's Surname</i> VOLCON

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

## CAMP REMINDER

### Year 5/6 Camp Cooba

Thank you to the parents/carers who have indicated that their child/children will be attending Camp Cooba from Wednesday 23 October to Friday 25 October. A reminder that final payments are due by Friday 27 September, unless a payment plan has been arranged. This will assist in confirming final numbers for the camp.

### Year 3/4 Camp Warrambui

A reminder that expressions of interest and deposits were due last Friday 6 September. Final payments are due on Friday 18 October. If you would like to arrange a payment plan please see Ann Walker, Business Manager.

## NEWS FROM THE P&C

### UNIFORM SHOP

Have you done some spring cleaning? Do you have school uniforms that your child has outgrown? The P&C Uniform Shop will gladly accept your pre-loved items. Donations may be left at the Uniform Shop during shop hours or at the Front Office.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is held each Friday morning from 8:45 am—9:00 am in Oasis for all students and their families. Please feel free to drop by for a piece of toast or some weetbix! Breakfast Club is subsidised by the P&C.

### CANTEEN

To avoid disappointment, after placing a Canteen order with Flexischools, be sure to open & view the confirmation email. If you don't see a confirmation email, the order will not be delivered.

If you have any enquiries or need to cancel an order please phone **Healthy Kids Association at 6248 0857**.

Please cancel your order by 9am Friday morning. For general enquiries please email [dicksoncanteen@gmail.com](mailto:dicksoncanteen@gmail.com)

Canteen is available every Friday - get your orders in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of 8.30am each Friday morning.



## Community Notices



### Kippax Kids Holiday Happenings

for Primary aged children

presented at

**Kippax Uniting Community Centre**

Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)

10 am - 2 pm

Thursday 03rd & 10th October 2019

**Different craft, games, stories and activities  
each day**

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more  
in a family (covers craft, morning tea and drinks)

**BYO lunch and hat.**

Bookings essential - 6254 1733  
An activity of Kippax Uniting Church



## Button batteries can KILL if swallowed



**Keep products with button  
batteries out of reach of children**



Thermometer



Watch



Car remote



Remote



Calculator

Phone 13 11 26 immediately if you think  
your child has swallowed a battery



**ACCC**  
AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION  
& CONSUMER COMMISSION

### PRO PERFORMANCE CRICKET SEPT-OCT HOLIDAY CRICKET CAMPS & T20S

#### PRO CAMP & T20S 1

2nd Oct - 4th Oct  
Gininderra Cricket Club, Kippax  
Oval, Hardwick Cres, Holt.

#### PRO CAMP & T20S 2

9th Oct - 11th Oct  
St. Edmunds College,  
110 Canberra Ave, Griffith

**TIMES: 9AM - 3PM EACH DAY**  
(8:30am early drop off, pick up  
no later than 3:30pm please).



**\$295 FOR 3 DAYS  
\$110 A DAY**

Catering for ages 7-15 we offer intensive  
individual and group skill development for  
all ages and stages across all facets of the  
game. With an excellent coach to player ratio  
and incorporating current and former first  
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for the kids to have heaps of fun, make new  
friends and take their game to a new level.

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each and every player achieve their  
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- Peter Neville
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- Trent Copeland
- Geoff Lawton
- Pat Cummins
- Chris Tremain
- Scott Henry
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- Kurtis Patterson
- Josh Lalor
- Jono Dean



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### Tennis Canberra Holiday Camps @ Old Parliament House Tennis Club

- Camp 1: September 30th, October 1st & 2nd
- Camp 2: October 9th- 11th
- Morning, Half & Full Day options available

Sign Up: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program)

### Free Trial - Term 3 - Give Tennis A Go!

We invite new players to our sport to a free trial before Term 4. This is a great opportunity for all students to see if tennis is the sport for them. Please e-mail [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au) to request a free trial and our team will get back to you with the best options.

### After-School & Weekend Coaching - Term 4

Run by Tennis Australia professional at a Tennis Canberra Club near you. Our coaches are excited to see many new players hit our courts in the Spring. Learn a sport they can play for life.

Sign up: [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis)

Email: [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au)

Phone: 0416 186 121

Kind regards,

**Your Favourite Tennis Coaches**