



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

We have been working through our processes of how we communicate with families and getting some feedback about what works best. While there is probably no perfect way to ensure that everyone is getting messages, we do try and convey information through a variety of channels. We use the weekly newsletter, our school Facebook page, class dojo, SMS, email, phone calls, in person and notes home to give information or seek permission from families and carers. Moving forward we are going to use the following channels to give information or seek permission:

Newsletter – goes out each Monday has information about current and upcoming events

Facebook page – on Sunday afternoon the week ahead with upcoming events, plus reminders during the week, photos of events we have hosted

Class Dojo – regular class updates and evidence of learning

SMS – cohort information or reminders, for example bus from camp time change

Notes home – to seek permission for an event, excursion or participation in a program

Email or phone call – specific information pertaining to your child

In person – to discuss specific information pertaining to your child.

We send notes home on Mondays and Thursdays – these are the days to check school bags to make sure you are up to date with information. We are making a conscious effort to reduce the amount of paper we use to be kind to our environment. Please let us know if you think of any further ways we can increase or enhance our home school communication.

Our year 5/6 students are participating in a walking excursion to Canberra High School on Wednesday to see a play written and performed by Canberra High students. This annual event is lots of fun for our students and part of our connection with our local high school.

This week on Thursday we are holding a parent workshop focused on bullying, it will be led by Johanna Hooijer our school psychologist and Jodie and I will be in attendance to talk about school procedures. We really hope to see many of you there at 5:30pm in the staff room.

We are in the process of planning for 2020 now. Thank you to all those families who returned the class placement hands. This is a valuable tool in helping us form supportive class groupings for your children. We ensure that all children have one nominated child in their class, sometimes there are more, but is not always possible to make that happen. All our classes work closely together so across the course of the year children see their previous classmates and have opportunities to build new relationships. To support our class placements this year we have sent a note home seeking permission to use a program called 'class creator'. This program helps us to more evenly distribute year levels and genders. If you haven't already returned this note, please do so as soon as possible. If you know you will not be returning to Macquarie next year, please let us know, and also if you know of anyone moving into the area and wanting enrolment please encourage them to contact the school.

This week many of our middle primary students will be attending camp at Warrambui near Murrumbateman. I have heard many excited whisperings about it, and I hope they have a wonderful experience. Our year 2 students commence Aquasafe swimming lessons for the next two weeks. Don't forget your swimmers and a towel each day.

Have a lovely week,

Danielle

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4 November

Aquasafe program begins—Year 2s

Year 6 Farewell Committee meeting 6pm in the staffroom

Tuesday 5 November

Meup Meup swimming lessons

Wednesday 6 November

Year 5/6 to Canberra High School

Thursday 7 November

Outdoor Classroom Day

Students depart to Camp Warrambui

Parent workshop on bullying - 5:30pm staffroom

Friday 8 November

Students return from Camp Warrambui

Tuesday 12 November

Meup Meup swimming

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LIBRARY NEWS

Our Book Fair was a huge success and we would like to thank all the families who came and supported their child's love of reading. It gives us great satisfaction to see children so excited to take a book home. The final figure is not in, but we have received hundreds of dollars to spend on new books for the library.

Overdue notes

Next week we will print overdue notes again, to try and encourage students to keep looking for missing books before our end of year stocktake. ALL library books are due back at the end of week 8, Friday December 6, but of course books can be renewed until then if your child hasn't finished the book.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Preschool Pop-up Uniform Shop

Tuesday 12 November - Thursday 28 November

School uniforms will be available to try on and purchase at preschool every Tuesday and Thursday **9 - 9:30am** from Tuesday 12 November until Thursday 28 November (weeks 5, 6 and 7).

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 11th December.

Online orders for 2019 through www.flexischools.com.au will close Friday 6th December.

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

Breakfast Club *every Friday*

Join us in Oasis in the Brindabella building for free toast and weetbix at Breakfast Club every Friday morning from 8:45 am—9:00am. It's open to all students and friends of MPS and is subsidised by the P&C.

Canteen *get your orders in by 8:30am Friday*

Canteen is available every Friday. Register via www.flexischools.com.au to view the full menu and to make an order before Friday 8:30am (sorry no cash orders). Choose from a selection of sandwiches, salads and warm meals such as fried rice and chicken burgers. Gluten free and halal options are also available. Further information about Flexischools is also available from the Front Office.

Last day of canteen for 2019 will be Friday, 13th December.

Online safety resources

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has recently updated their website. There are many excellent resources for parents and carers about how to keep your kids safe online and what to do if there is cyberbullying occurring. Visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au> for more information.

Sheree Murray

P&C President



NEWS FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Belconnen Community Service (BCS) Giving Tree

The SRC are proud to be partnering with Belconnen Community Service to make Christmas a little brighter for families in our community. For many, the Christmas season can be a difficult time. Some families, individuals and young people struggle to make ends meet. You can make Christmas a little brighter for someone in Belconnen by giving generously to the BCS Giving Tree.

Each year, with generous donations from our community, BCS prepare and distribute up to 100 hampers to households in Belconnen. A hamper contains some delicious treats, special decorations and a gift for each family member.

Please bring all donated items to your child's classroom. The donated items will be collected by Belconnen Community Service.

We ask that all donations are received at school by **Friday 29 November**.

Giving Tree Donation Suggestions:

Store and movie vouchers

Children's toys

Delicious Christmas treats

Christmas decorations

Sports equipment

Interesting stocking fillers

Homewares

Books

Board games

Stationery gift packs

Personal care gift packs

Items appropriate for older children, young people and adults are encouraged.

To help BCS provide a dignified and respectful service, they kindly request:

All goods must be new and not wrapped.

Second-hand items cannot be accepted.

They do not require everyday food items.

Please note, BCS cannot accept items that do not meet current safety standards or have been recalled.

Thank you for your donations

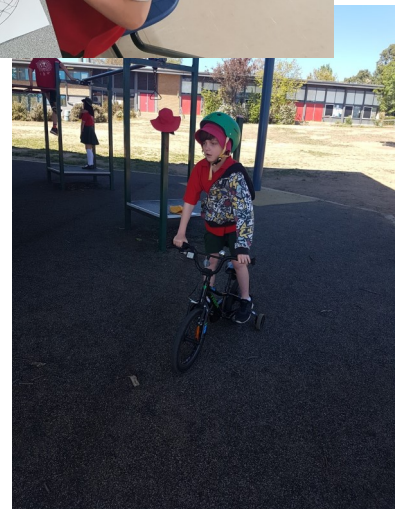
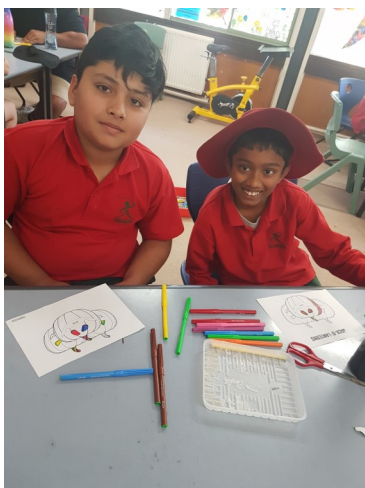
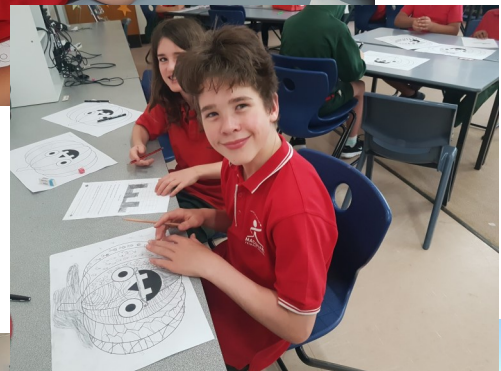
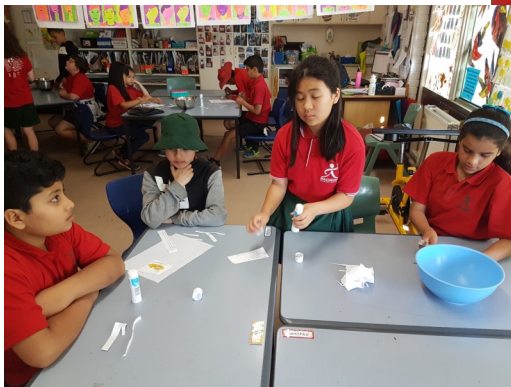
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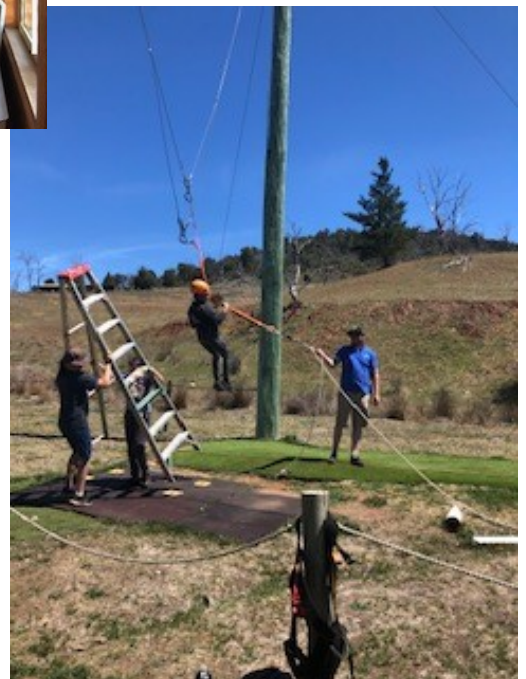


Year 5/6

On Wednesday 23rd of October, some of our 5/6 cohort had the opportunity to go to Camp Cooba.

That left the rest of us to stay at school and have a great time building relationships as a smaller group. We did science experiments such as crystal growing and rockets, and made delicious waffles following a procedural text. We also had a blast helping out during 'Grandfriend's Day'.





Camp Cooba



Year 5/6 Camp 2019

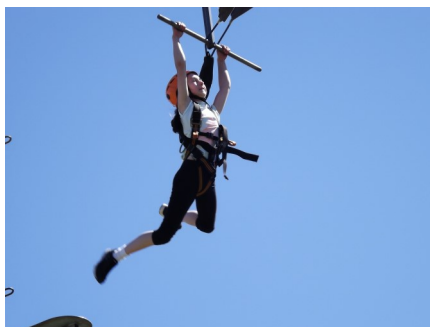
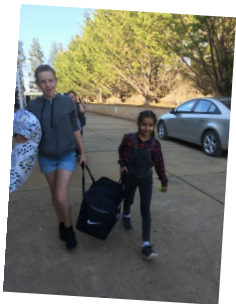
On 23 October at 8am the bus for Camp Cooba departed school.

After a few stops along the way, we arrived at camp just before 11am. We were led into the entertainment room to discuss the rules for camp and all the activities we would get to do. The cabin layout was exactly like a regular motel, with the boys cabins on the first floor and the girls on the ground floor. We were split into our activity groups & over the next few days did a big swing, took a leap of faith, knocked each other around in bubble balls, practised our mountain bike skills and took on a low ropes challenge course. For one of the activities, the gladiator course, all the groups came together to compete in a range of challenging obstacles where we got really wet and muddy!

Although it was exhausting (with a very quiet bus ride home), everyone did an amazing job of pushing themselves beyond their comfort zone, making sure we helped others along the way.



Samantha Nguyen-Aulmann



NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Camp Warrambui	Year 3/4	Final payment was due 18 October
Class Dojo	All families	ASAP
Class Creator and ACER	All families	ASAP
Band payments	Members of band	Payment when possible
Voluntary contributions	All families	Payments always welcomed

ATTENTION PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS

The ACT Government provides financial assistance to low-income families with student(s) in years 7 to 10 to assist with the costs of schooling. To be eligible, applicants must have a current means tested Centrelink card or Healthcare card. Application forms are available at the front office or online at https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial_assistance. Enquiries: 6205 8262 or ACTSecondaryBursary@act.gov.au

CAMP REMINDER

Camp Warrambui

A reminder that final payments were due on Friday 18 October. If you would like to arrange a payment plan please see Ann Walker, Business Manager.

RECEIVE THE MACQUARIE MEMO VIA E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the Macquarie Memo via email, please email admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au or contact the Front Office.

CLOTHING FOR THE SICK BAY

Occasionally students need a change of clothes at school. The sick bay supplies of clothing are getting low, particularly school shorts. If you have any uniform items that your children have outgrown but are still in good condition we will welcome donations to the sick bay supplies.

Macquarie Primary is an ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Avoiding all nuts and soft shell crab.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am
Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm
Friday: 8.45am—9.15am

Library

Open for families
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
8.30am—9.00am

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