

Dates for the Diary

10– 14 August

Winter walk to school week

Tuesday 18 August

ICAS Science test

Tuesday 25 August

ICAS Digital Technologies test

Friday 28 August

ICAS English test

Tuesday 1 September

ICAS Maths test

Thursday 3 September

P&C meeting 6:30 pm

Friday 4 September

ICAS Spelling test

Friday 25 September

Athletics carnival

Last day of Term 3

Wednesday 28 October

P&C meeting 6:30pm

Thursday 26 November

P&C meeting 6:30pm

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

We had a lovely pyjama day last Friday (and Monday this week for the Snuggle Pots). We raised over \$550 for the Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre and collected lots of garden tools to support families in their garden rebuild. It is wonderful to see our community giving to others, especially in these difficult times.

Last week at the Board meeting, how we maintain high levels of communication during times when we have less face to face access was raised. If you have a suggestion about how we can communicate better, more efficiently and/or effectively please let us know through email (Danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au) or phone on 61421550. Also note that the 2019 Annual School Board Report is now available on the school website.

Hats are back on! It is so important in Canberra with our high UV levels that children have a sunsmart hat to wear every day at school. It is a necessary part of the school uniform. If your child does not have a hat for school they will have to remain in the sheltered areas of the playground and won't be able to play freely. Please leave caps for the weekends, as they don't provide adequate sun protection.

Winter Walk to School Week 10-14 August (week 4) aims to encourage students to walk, ride, skate, or scoot to school even in the colder months. During winter in Canberra it can be hard to stay motivated and to get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity that children need every day. Many schools have implemented new pick up and drop off procedures in line with physical distancing measures that may mean increased congestion in carparks. Encouraging students and their families to ride or walk to school to avoid congestion is just another good reason to travel to school this way. Teachers will meet students at Cook and Macquarie shops to accompany them to school on Friday 14 August at 8:30am.



Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions our water fountains are closed. It is essential that every child has a drink bottle at school each day to enable them to have adequate water. Please make sure your child has access to a water bottle. Given the situation in other jurisdictions the ACT Education Directorate is maintaining school restrictions at level 2.2 of the roadmap. Each family was emailed an updated copy in the first week of term and updates are available to look at on our school website homepage. At the moment we are limiting the numbers of adults within the school grounds, and if you come into the building we will require you to sign in so we have a record of who was here in the event that information becomes necessary.

Have a great week,

Danielle

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SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

As part of our continuous effort to improve ACT schools, each year the Education Directorate invites all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 to give feedback through the **School Satisfaction & Climate Survey**. The survey opens on Monday 10 August and closes Monday 31 August. Your responses will help our school to identify what it does well and how it can improve. The data will also be used to underpin school improvement practices and inform government priorities, as well as in research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of education services in the ACT.

Keep an eye out for the survey invitation, including a unique survey link, which will be emailed to all parents before the survey opens on **Monday 10 August**.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

NEWS FROM THE P&C—WEEK 3

Did you know ... that around 20% of the Australian population is enrolled in some form of education at any one time?

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Community,

I'm sure that we all hoped that life and school activities would have returned to normal by now. However, Covid-19 continues to frustrate us all.

I regret to advise, in order to keep us all safe and at the recommendation of the Education Directorate, the following activities will no longer go ahead:

Term 3 Disco

Election Day Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle

P&C school grounds working bee.

We also lost the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle scheduled for 25 July. However, Bunnings was kind enough to give the school \$500 worth of gift cards and promises that Macquarie Primary School will be first in line once they bring their sausage sizzles back.

Given the restrictions on in-person meetings and discussions, I would like to invite each parent/carer and members of the community to join me for online discussions via Microsoft Teams and/or Zoom. Subject to interest, I intend to hold online meetings with interested individuals and small groups to find out what people in the community would like to see happen in the final months of this year. If you are interested please email me at president.mpspandc@gmail.com or text me on 0423 069 625.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Brendan Ding

President

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Fridays 8:45-9:15, and Wednesdays 3:00-3:30. Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gladly accepted. Donations may be left at the Uniform Shop during open times, or at the Front Office.

Purchases can be made in the shop during opening times, online via flexischools.com.au, or place cash and order form (available in the front office) in the P&C mailbox at the office. Orders placed via flexischools.com.au or with cash and an order form will be sent home with students.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A big shout out to our wonderful parents/carers. Your P&C need volunteers for these events/opportunities:

Canteen Coordinator

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Canteen Coordinator has had to leave the role unexpectedly. As a result, the P&C are looking for a new Canteen Coordinator.

The Canteen Coordinator works with the team at Healthy Kids (our canteen service provider) and the School, manages a volunteer roster and reports on canteen activities and priorities at P&C meetings. The role doesn't take up a great deal of time and is a fantastic way to support your School community.

If you think that this position could be for you or you want to find out more, please get in touch at MPS mpspandcvc@gmail.com

Friday canteen service

Can you spare an hour on a Friday? To keep the canteen going and reduce the load on our regular volunteers, the P&C are seeking volunteers to assist the Friday Canteen Service. Even if you can only volunteer on one occasion during term 3, it would be a big help. Canteen volunteers give one hour of their time from 12-1pm on a Friday.

If you can assist, please email us at canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com for more information.



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NEWS FROM THE P&C continued

Father's Day Stall

P&C will be holding the annual Father's Day Stall. Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

Pre-school—25th August

K-Year 6—28th August.

Keep an eye out for a flyer in your child's backpack shortly.

Colour Run

The Macquarie P&C is super excited to bring The Colour Run to Macquarie on **13 November**. We will need parents/carers to assist in manning checkpoints and stalls. Stay tuned for more information.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is to be held on **Wednesday, 5 August 2020 (Week 3) at 6.30pm** by video call.

Please email Danielle to RSVP to the meeting and get the link at Danielle.Porter@ed.act.edu.au

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

When you dine at the **Canberra Southern Cross Club (Jamison, Tuggeranong, Woden or the Yacht Club)**, 7.5% of your meal and beverage value could be donated to the school. Link your membership card to the school at your local club or sign up using this link: <https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/z1yqzsiq0orxe0g/>

The **Athlete's Foot (Belconnen)** will donate \$5 to Macquarie Primary for every pair of shoes purchased in store—this includes all children and adult shoes. Please don't forget to mention our school when buying your next pair of shoes!

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

If you haven't already, please email your Class Parent Representative and provide them with your email address so that they can add you to their class contact list and begin communicating with you.

Your year group may have a parent WhatsApp or Facebook group that you can join to communicate with other parents/carers and stay in the loop. Reach out to your Class Parent Representative for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club has gone out to all students and orders are due in by this **Friday August 7**. If you need another brochure they are available from the front office, library or your class teacher. Please send exact change in a labelled envelope or complete orders online at www.scholastic.com.au/loop. Every order placed earns reward points for our school. It's a fantastic way for us to be able to purchase more books for our library!

Did you know...

We loan between 2000-2500 books per month.

There are 429 overdue library books this week.

Eight students have borrowed over 40 books this year! Jasper L, Cheryl, Mahtaya, Hanif, Nia, Talia, An and Isabella P certainly love reading.



Taste of Languages Competition

Free and open to students from preschool to Year 12

PRIZES (each category)

First	\$100
Second	\$50
Third	\$20

To Enter

- Choose a favourite meal or dish which involves another language
- Make a short video (up to 3 minutes) to illustrate how and when the dish or meal is prepared and/or eaten.
- Write a short piece (in English) – maximum 250 words, which
 - briefly describes the dish or meal and why you chose it
 - explains the meaning of the non-English names/words/phrases in the video or associated with the dish/meal
 - explains how the meal or dish relates to your life in Australia and/or to a particular culture or cultures.

Submission process

Email canberrabilingual@gmail.com with

- a link to your video
- written piece (max 250 words) and
- completed [Student Declaration Form](#)

NOTE: If you do not have an app to share videos or to create a link on your device, you can use <https://wetransfer.com>. Or contact us by email or mobile (0408 089 235) to discuss alternative methods to submit your video.

All entries must be received by
1 September 2020

Eligibility

Open to all students in the ACT and neighbouring NSW schools from pre-school to Year 12.

Only ONE entry per student

Categories

- Preschool – Year 2 (with help of parent/guardian)
- Primary (Years 3-6)
- Middle School (Years 7-9)
- Senior High/College (Year 10- 12)

Prizes in each category

1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50, 3rd prize of \$20.
Other finalists will receive a Certificate

Judging criteria

The judging panel will evaluate entries based on how well they:

- Illustrate the dish or meal and identify how or when it is prepared and/or eaten
- Explain its name in the relevant language and other special terms related to the preparation and/or occasion when the dish or meal is eaten
- Show the relationship between the dish/meal and a particular culture or cultures and/or your family, identity or life in Australia.

Up to 20 finalists will be shortlisted.

Winners will be notified by email and/or phone, and results will be posted on the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance website (<https://actbilingual.weebly.com/>)



Organised by the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) with support from Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc.(CMCF) and an ACT 2019-2020 Participation (Multicultural) Grant

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

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.

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

#RecycleRight is a campaign to encourage households to make some simple changes to our recycling routines.

Tip #1 is Keep it Simple and only recycle hard plastics, glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminium cans, paper and cardboard.

For more RecycleRight tips visit <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/recycle-right>

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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Help us make a children's book about bushfire smoke

Researchers at the Australian National University are looking into how we can communicate difficult topics like the health effects of bushfire smoke to children.

We're developing a children's story book this year (2020) and want input from parents/carers and educators of children aged 6-12 years whose primary language is English, Turkish, Arabic or Persian. Short (15 min) interviews will be conducted in Canberra and an interpreter can be provided upon request.

Want to participate? For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/bushfire-book>



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Piano Lessons

Piano teacher in the local Belconnen area.

Craig Mewett

All ages and all styles.

Beginners welcome.

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