



# The Macquarie Memo

Issue 34: 26 November 2020

## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Gosh we have had another busy week at MPS. With restrictions easing it is nice to be able to welcome the community back into the school more regularly. Our playground spaces are now open to families before and after school for your children to use with your supervision. I know many students have missed that play opportunity. The school bubblers have reopened – just in time for the warmer weather. It's still a good idea for everyone to have their own drink bottle which can be refilled so they have ready access to water.

We have finalised the classes for 2021 and lists will be available to look at from Monday 30 November in the front office area of the school. All k-6 students will participate in a class meeting with their new teacher on Thursday 26 November where they will choose their class name for 2021. Thinking about 2021, stationery pack lists were sent home on Monday. We work really hard to keep these as reasonably priced as possible to enable every student to have what they need for learning.

We are implementing some small timetable changes for next year having two even play breaks over the day, 11:00-11:30 and 1:00-1:30. Students have 10 minutes before each of these break times to eat, so they are completely play focused during their outdoor time. We are introducing whole school multi-age enrichment next year, where students will choose what they are interested in investigating and experiencing over a 10 week period. This gives time to delve deeply into a topic, experience, or skill. If you have expertise or an interest in something that might be able to be shared with students and have a regular time on a Thursday afternoon next year, we would love to hear from you. Some of the areas which we are going to be able to provide experiences in are cooking, coding, gardening, painting, card making and dance.

We have been able to get the Check In Canberra App – so from now on when you visit for assemblies and the like you can check in via the app if you have downloaded it to your smart phone. The information is sent straight to ACT Health, we don't hold any of your information from the app. We will still have a manual sign on sheet if you prefer.

News just in, Ross Dennis has been successful in winning a position at Evelyn Scott school for next year. So after his involvement since 2008 at Macquarie as both a coach and teacher we will be farewelling him at the end of the year. I am sure you join me in wishing him well at his new position.

This coming Saturday morning we are having the last working bee of the year. It will be largely focussed in the preschool environment and we are hoping to get the cubby painted inside and out and a fair bit of garden clearing done. If you have a spare hour or two it would be great to see you there.

Have a great week,

Danielle

## Dates for the Diary

### Thursday 26 November

Board Meeting 4.30pm

P&C meeting 6:30pm

### Tuesday 1 December

Floral Emblems & Bush  
Tucker Netball Gala Day

### Wednesday 2 December

Assembly hosted by  
Kindergarten

### Wednesday 9 December

Assembly hosted by  
Bluegums & Waratahs

### Wednesday 16 December

Assembly Year 6 farewell

Year 6 fun day

Year 6 farewell dinner

### Friday 18 December

Last day of Term 4

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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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **Slower Streets**

We now have several large 'Slower Streets' signs the Government has authorised the P&C to put up around Macquarie streets reminding drivers to slow down.

We need to decide where these signs will be most effective. The P&C will be discussing this at the next meeting. I would love to have the Macquarie community's input on this matter. If you are interested in participating, please drop me an email at [president.mpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:president.mpspandc@gmail.com)

### **Container recycling**

We have now collected over 2,300 containers. The last container recycling collection day for 2020 is **Friday, 4 December**. Don't forget to bring your cans, bottles, juice containers and other drink containers to school. See our flyer for how to participate. The winning class for the pizza party will be announced in the newsletter on Thursday, 10 December.

Have a great week.

Brendan Ding

President, Macquarie Primary P&C



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### **Cherry Drive—volunteers needed**

Macquarie Primary School has been generously offered a table to sell cherries at the Cook Shops on **Saturday, 28 November** from 9.30am-2.30pm. To make this a great success, we still need volunteers to help out on the day. If you can participate, please email [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com)

### **School grounds working bee**

The P&C are holding a working bee to improve the school grounds on **Saturday, 28 November 2020** from 9am to 12pm. If you can help out, please contact [chris.hollins@gmail.com](mailto:chris.hollins@gmail.com)

## P&C UNIFORM SHOP

### **Get organised for 2021**

The main uniform shop in the Tidbinbilla building will operate as usual until Wednesday, 9 December. Tuesday, 8 December is the last day to order uniform items with [Flexischools.com.au](http://Flexischools.com.au) for delivery in 2020. Orders received after Tuesday, 8 December can be collected at our open times just before school goes back in 2021.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Be sure to get your order in via [Flexischools](http://Flexischools) before the strict cut-off time of **8.30am each Friday morning**. Orders are accepted via [Flexischools](http://Flexischools) only (sorry, no cash orders). Information about [Flexischools](http://Flexischools) and the canteen, including the menu, is available from the front Office.

## NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held this **Thursday, 26 November 2020 at 6.30pm** by video call. All are welcome! RSVP to [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

It's **YES-ember!** When you dine at the **Canberra Southern Cross Club (Jamison, Tuggeranong, Woden or the Yacht Club) this November**, 15 cents from every dollar from 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 by clicking [here](#).

## The cherry drive is back!

### Cost of cherries

1 kg Box \$20.00

2 kg Box \$30.00

5 kg Box \$55.00

Order via:

- [Flexischools](http://Flexischools) by no later than 5pm Friday, 4 December, *or*
- paper order form by no later than 3pm Tuesday, 1 December (check the newsletter for the order form).



## TRUCK DESIGN COMPETITION

Calling all students: design artwork for our waste trucks and you could win an iPad mini!

The ACT Government has two new collection trucks that are a blank canvas, waiting for a design that will inspire the community to think about recycling and resources. ACT school students are invited to pitch their design, with two themes to choose from. The winning designs will appear on the new ACT collection trucks for the whole community to enjoy. The two winners will also take home an iPad mini\*!

\*For competition terms and conditions see the entry form below.

<https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/design-comp>

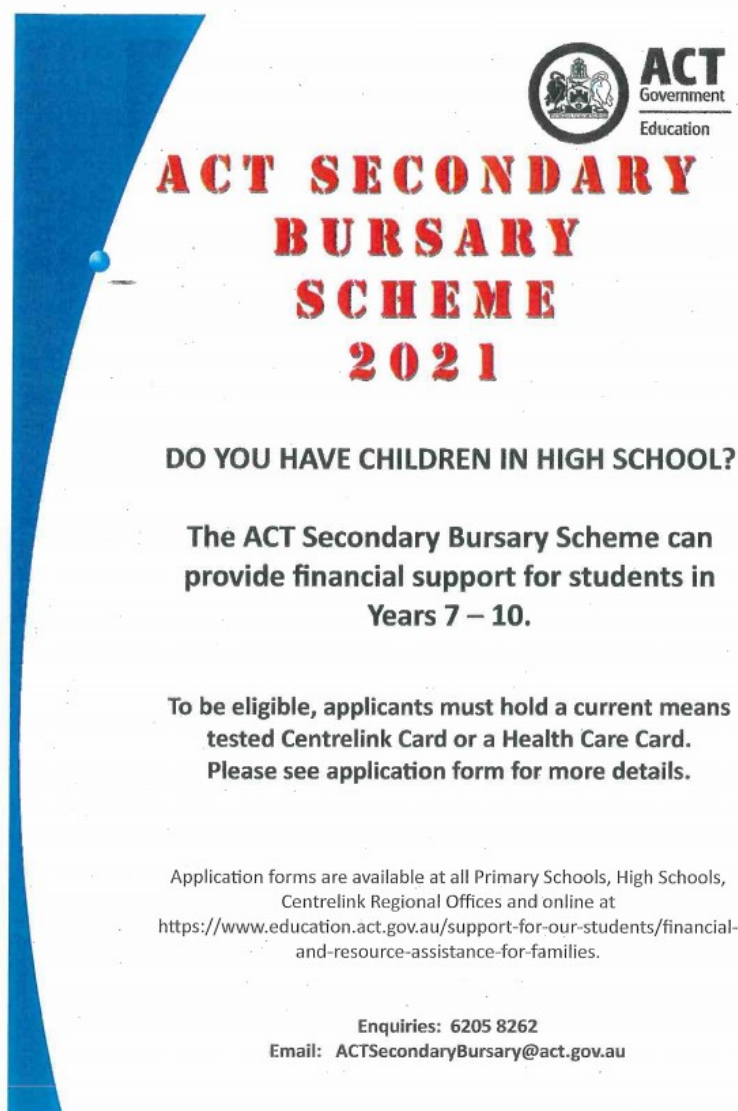
## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Club


Issue 8 orders are due in by tomorrow, **Friday November 27**. Please remember that if you need to place a secret order, make a note in your cash order OR select the 'Gift' option when placing an online LOOP order. Online orders can be made at [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

### Returning Library Books

Students have had an in-class reminder of ALL the books they currently have on loan that they need to return next week. The last overdue notes will be sent home during week 8, but it would be fabulous to have lots of books returned BEFORE the notes are printed! **All library books are due back by the end of week 8, Friday December 4.**



The poster features a blue curved graphic on the left side. At the top right is the ACT Government Education logo, which includes a crest and the text 'ACT Government Education'. The main title 'ACT SECONDARY BURSARY SCHEME 2021' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Below the title, the text 'DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN HIGH SCHOOL?' is centered. This is followed by 'The ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme can provide financial support for students in Years 7 – 10.' and 'To be eligible, applicants must hold a current means tested Centrelink Card or a Health Care Card. Please see application form for more details.' At the bottom, it states 'Application forms are available at all Primary Schools, High Schools, Centrelink Regional Offices and online at https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial-and-resource-assistance-for-families.' and provides contact information: 'Enquiries: 6205 8262' and 'Email: ACTSecondaryBursary@act.gov.au'.

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## GIVING TREE DONATIONS—CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES (CRCS)

The school SRC are supporting the *CRCS Belconnen Christmas Giving Tree* and are asking our school community to generously donate items to help make the holiday season a little brighter for those less fortunate in our Belconnen community. Gifts and items should be new, in sealed packaging and unwrapped. CRCS have recommended gifts of \$10- \$15 in value.

Suggestions include: toys, games, vouchers, toiletries, books, puzzles, delicious Christmas treats, sports equipment, homewares, stationery gift packs, personal care gift packs and/or stocking fillers. Donations can be dropped off to your child's classroom or directly to the Front Office before Monday 30 November.

Bill Caddey from CRCS has prepared a video about the Belconnen Christmas Giving Tree

<https://youtu.be/0daJ3E2Hbxo>

Thank you for supporting those in our local community who will do it tough this Christmas.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS THIS WEEK

Preschool— This week Preschool will inquire into safe and unsafe situations. We will discover the many ways our body lets us know when we feel unsafe. These are called our Early Warning Signs. We will discuss what trusted adults might be able to help us.

Kindergarten—This week, we will be looking at safe and unsafe situations. We will role play different situations and think about the adults on our trusted adults umbrella who might be able to help us.

Year 1/2— During week 7, we will be learning about stereotypes. Inquiry learning questions will include: What is a stereotype? Are stereotypes good? Why or why not? How can we talk and act respectfully?

Year 3/4—During Week 7, we will be focusing on how to maintain healthy relationships with others.

Year 5/6—During Week 7, we will be exploring respectful relationships and work to identify the behaviours and actions they value in respectful friendships and explore the key behaviours indicative of respectful relationships.

## MERIT AWARDS

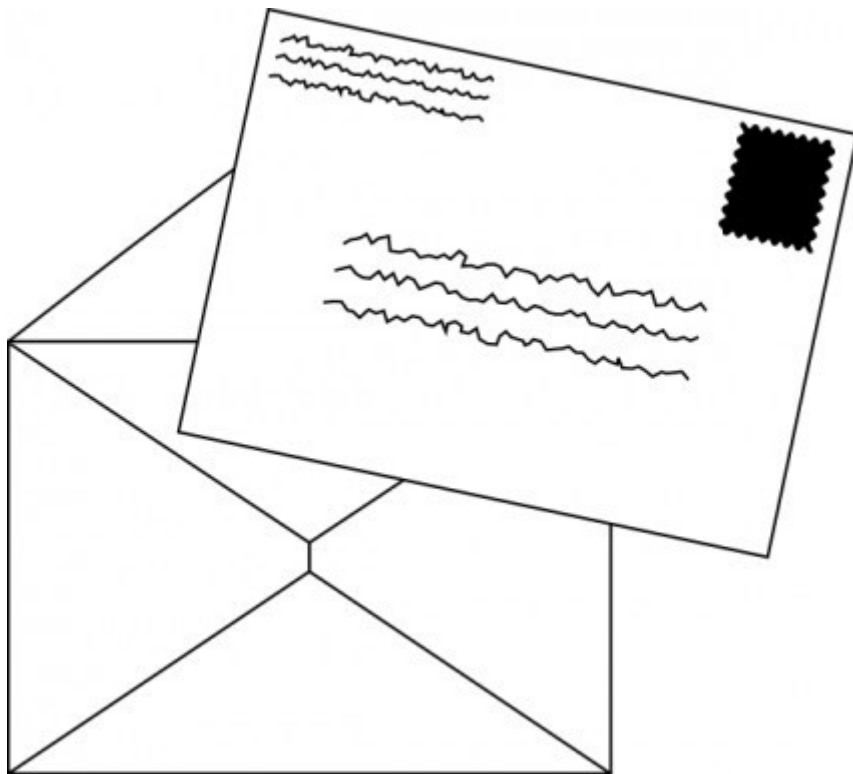
Please congratulate the following students who will receive a merit award at the junior assembly next Wednesday:

Silky Wattles	Zach & Laura
Golden Wattles	Alex & Dante
Scribbly Gums	Liam & Nyandeng
Silver Dollar Gums	Sebastian & Olivia
Red Gums	Ben & Cami
Snow Gums	Natalie & Miles
Rainbow Gums	Faith & Dan

# Floral Emblems Term 4

## Letters for Change

*This term we explored persuasive writing in the form of letters. We learnt about how we can express an opinion about something we feel passionately about and considered how our language changes depending on our intended audiences. We hope you enjoy reading some of our letters!*



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16th of November 2020

Dear Macquarie Memo Reader,

I am writing because I absolutely believe that Macquarie Primary School should certainly have a plastic free week. I believe this because plastic is hurting animals!

Animals like sea life are being harmed by people using plastic. If people litter or if rubbish falls out of the bin it can go in the ocean and sea life will think it is food. It can also hurt birds because they think it is food, and it can also hurt Earth. It can all gather up in a pile and some sorts of plastic will take at least 10 years to break down!

My solution to this issue would be for all students to bring nude food to school for one whole week. We could get rid of foods that use non reusable plastic such as Shapes or Tiny Teddies and put it in something reusable, such as a hard plastic container. Or even better we could bring foods that don't require any plastic use at all.

Kind Regards

Tia

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Parliament House

Monday the 16th of November 2020

Dear Macquarie Memo Readers,

I am writing because I strongly believe that Australia should make an impact on climate change, global warming, pollution, littering, deforestation and saving biodiversity.

When I was little I always dreamed of diving into the Great Barrier Reef, discovering more about animals and seeing the world of nature. However, I can't. WE are tearing up this planet. WE are the reason for global warming, climate change, pollution, littering and deforestation and WE can solve it.

Climate change, global warming, pollution, littering and deforestation are the reasons that we are EXTREMELY close to the next mass extinction. In fact, by 2070, 1700 species will lose 30-50% of the habitat ranges they have now. 886 species of amphibians, 436 species of birds and 376 species of mammals will be at an extremely high risk of extinction. All of this is caused by humans and their outrageous amount of land use.

Mass extinctions are really bad because they work like a chain reaction. For example, if earthworms become extinct, then trees won't have good soil. Without good soil trees can't grow. Without trees we won't have enough oxygen. Without enough oxygen we can't breathe. If we can't breathe, we go extinct. Even just one little species can kill everything. This shows that protecting every species is crucial, because this will be the 6th mass extinction that the earth has ever witnessed. 467 species have become extinct in the past decade, due to our inability to be sustainable.

To save the world we can; plant more trees, use less water, buy less plastic, not over-use, not litter, not pollute the environment, recycle and help breed endangered species. Just so you know I am not accusing you of not doing any of these.

Thankyou for reading my letter, I hope I have persuaded you to make an impact on saving the world. Remember, if you don't help now, by 2070, 1700 animals will lose 30-50% of the habitat they have now.

Kind regards  
Eva

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16th of November 2020

Dear Macquarie Memo Reader,

I am writing to you because I am extremely passionate about people polluting in the ocean.

About 1000 + turtles die a year because of plastic. Please be more sustainable and use it too. Join Coastal Clean-ups and reduce the amount of plastic in the ocean.

Can you use reusable plastic bags and containers? It's your responsibility to keep turtles safe.

My reasons are:

Firstly, turtles are dying because of human species so STOP!!!!

Secondly, fishermen are leaving their gear in the ocean.

Finally, can people stop polluting the ocean.

Yours truly Mark



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Crescent, Macquarie  
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Friday the 20th of November 2020

Dear Macquarie Memo Readers,

I am writing to you to let you know about animal cruelty. I feel overwhelmingly sad about what we are doing because again, and again, and again, we are not doing enough to stop this extraordinary heartbreaking crisis.

The only thing I feel good about now is that when we are extinct, nature will find a way to thrive again. I do not find we are doing many things to stop animal loss or to protect their habitats. As an example, tigers in particular, but also a lot more animals, are being raised and killed for their parts. I think we should have more safe places for them and lots of space to be comfortable in the wild.

I am writing this because animals are dying in the act of us not thinking enough to prevent habitat destruction. I think it is not fair because animals have a life that is worth as much as our own or even more because we are not respecting theirs.

Another example is ships destroying ice that all these animals need: penguins, polar bears etc. I also think we are fishing too much, so think of all those arctic animals that can not get enough food to survive!

I hope you will consider all written above.

Yours faithfully,

Isobel Walter from Bluegums.

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11th of November 2020

To Macquarie Memo Reader,

I am writing with the reasoning that if we don't want 2021 to be as heated as 2020, we should reduce the amount of cars that drive by in the school vicinity. The amount of co2 making its way into the air and it makes the students not focus as easily as they would without the car's fuel rising into the air.

Every Students education matters, they're actions can affect the world in positive ways. Every good scientist mathematician started in primary school where everyone should begin their careers. A child could figure out a way to cure cancer, they can find ways to slow the spread of contagious viruses and countless of people's lives, they can make a HUGE impact on the environment, and even slow the extinction of endangered animals.

By just driving around a car the fumes and speed can KILL trees, animals and people, cars are only needed to drive long distances. Such as going to another part of the country or going into another suburb, if you're only going a few streets away you don't need a vehicle to get there!

My neighbours and I can walk to school and it only takes a few minutes, I know, many people that are the same, others may need to take a car or a bike but riding is a LOT better than a car.

Doing this could inspire others to save the planet and it will make a difference to the world's climate, with less people driving cars there will also be less loss of lives. With less cars and less vehicles the heat of next year will lower and we can replant all the burnt trees and nature around our homes and cities.

-Claudia, Macquarie Primary School

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18/11/20

Dear Parents and carers,

We need your help to unban bringing Chromebooks/laptops to school. If we could bring our Chromebooks to school again, we wouldn't have to spend all the school money on more Chromebooks!

Here are a few reasons,

1. Some people are very sensitive about germs and don't like touching Chromebooks that other people have used.
2. If parents can't afford a Chromebooks, we will still have our school chrome books for them so they don't feel left out.
3. If students use irrelevant content without permission like YouTube and non educational games, their Chromebooks will be sent home.
4. We need more Chromebooks to help develop IT skills like typing, coding, research and a lot of other skills.

And now I need your help to unban this problem by going to <https://forms.gle/nd6XKn2c8vy1opvb7> or click [here](#)

Thanks for your time,

Lucas Roddam, Macquarie primary school student.

**Dear Scott Morrison,**

I am Annika Olbrich from Macquarie primary school and I want to talk to you about how water pollution is affecting our lovely beaches and oceans. Water pollution is a HUGE problem in the world and we need to stop it. These are some reasons why we need to stop water pollution . . .

1. Lots of our lovely underwater animals are dying because of rubbish in our beautiful oceans
2. Our outstanding Coral reefs are dying because of climate change
3. 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic are in our ocean this year (That's a lot of plastic in our oceans)

Now to talk about how the animals are dying , turtles are dying because they think that pieces of plastic are jellyfish and they eat it. Land animals are dying too, bears are eating fish that have eaten plastic. Globally, 100,000 marine mammals die every year because of plastic in the water. This includes whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea lions and many more. It's horrifying, right.

Can you **MAYBE** tell people about water pollution and try to stop it please? Now these are some things we can do to stop it . . .

1. Avoid using the toilet as a waste basket
2. Don't pour fat from cooking or any other type of fat, oil or grease down the sink
3. Only run the dishwasher or clothes washer when you have a full load
4. Use the smallest amount of detergent and/or bleach when you are washing clothes or dishes
5. Try to avoid non-reusable plastic containers because lots of underwater animals eat the plastic (they think it's food)

I would like to say **Thank you,** Thank you for reading this Email scott Morrison. If you can try to stop water pollution I would really appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,

**Annika Olbrich**

To whom it may concern,

I want people to open their eyes to climate change and I feel like not enough is being put in place to slow it down. Did you know that in just one day, one! We could fill the whole Bondi beach with our plastic waste, and that's only the plastic waste! Sometimes on my bus to school, there are some people who just chuck their plastic bottles and soda cans on the ground and don't pick it up! It infuriates me that they can get away with that!

Right now we are living in the Anthropocene era. In Greek, "anthro" means man and "cene" means new. Technically, the Anthropocene era is the era us humans have the most impact on the world, in both bad and good ways. Mother earth has looked after us for uncountable decades, but the tables have turned, for once, we have to look after it.

Minamata bay was a small town on the west coast of Kyushu island, located in Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan. It was a happy village, full of seafood-loving villagers and fish as silky and tender as any other. Minamata was peaceful, that was at least until they met Chisso corp. Chisso was a chemical factory, initially producing fertiliser. They used a substance called Methylmercury (mercury) in their workings, and some of this mercury was found unsupervised smack-bang in the middle of Minamata's clean water, why? That was a question to ask Chisso. The mercury poisoned and infected the waters of Minamata, unfortunately affecting the fish and sealife too. The stray animals of the town ate and drank out of the contaminated water and caught a sickness in which we call today "the Minamata disease". It was a climate disaster, dogs started foaming in the mouth, seagulls and local birds fell stone-dead out of the sky, some say the cats started walking backwards! Foolishly, the villagers paid no attention to the new and unusual habits of the animals and the housewives set out to catch fish for them, and their husbands and kids supper like any other day. Whenever I come to this bit I cannot help but notice a sting heading to my heart and a tear drooling from my eye. Oh well, I bet you've already guessed what happened to Minamata's poor villagers (and don't forget the animals!). 900 people died and 2,265 people were certified as having directly suffered from mercury poisoning, the symptoms include very high fever, convulsions, psychosis, loss of consciousness, coma, and well, death! Chisso was fined much for their damage, US \$86 million to be exact, and was not caught dumping waste in Minamata bay ever again.

We can save this mess we have unlocked, this tangled pile of string in which we must untangle, this monster we have unleashed. We can save this, but only together. So here's a list of things that you, yes you, can do to help:

- Reduce your plastic waste, that'll decrease the amount of landfill
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- Eat less red meat, agriculture contributes a lot to greenhouse gasses
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- Try eating more sustainable meat, such as kangaroo
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- When you're not using electricity, try flipping the switch
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- Have a go at composting and worm farms, maybe even plant a tree!
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- And last of all, persuade more people to do the same! Face-to-face with your friends/colleagues, do a speech, or write a letter like what I've done here!
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We are all custodians of this flabbergasting planet we call earth. Do some research, try out some of my tips! And remember, there is no planet B.

Yours faithfully, Ling B.

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2614 Macquarie ACT

*To the Macquarie Memo Readers,*

I am very passionate about changing how we are endangering more animals by pollution and causing climate change. We are melting ice and cutting down too many forests, causing animals to find new homes and threatening nature.

These are three strong reasons why we should stop polluting, things you could do to help my opinion and a link about saving the environment:

1. Scientists have guessed logically that if we keep using fossil fuels too much, then we will run out of fossil fuels in 2060. That's when devastated Antarctica will melt and many animals like penguins and polar bears will become extinct. Our major cities and countries will drown sadly. This is the chance to stop global warming and climate change as we will save our world from certain sadness!

2. I am aware that coal and fossil fuels are very useful ; factories, energy etc. Think about the other side, animals that are dying because of our pollution even though we can fix it easily. Great things can happen if we stop using too many fossil fuels. It is certain that our planet will become a more sustainable and happy world.

3. Something that is going to certainly happen if we run extinct too many animals: devastated humans will be unhappy and our world would be a mess: no animals, dirty air. *Do you think this is a good thing for us and our earth? Once more, we should stop this ridiculous pollution problem and there is no doubt.*

If you support my reason, it would be great riding a bike or scooter to school or walk because cars make horrible stinky gas. Here is a link to a link that is about Greta Thunberg. She has a lot of good information on climate change. [Click here](#)

Have a great day,

Jennie Lee, Primary School Student

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November 2020

Dear Macquarie memo,

I am writing to you because I am passionate about raising a dog or puppy at school.

My first reason is if someone comes to our school and they are blind or have a disability the dog could be trained for a guide dog.

My second reason is someone could make a club and in the club students will train the dog and play with it. We should also get a special dog trainer and the dog trainer could help us train the dog to be a guide dog

My third reason is if someone is stressed after recess or lunch and needs help not from a person but from an animal like a dog. If someone can't control their emotions then the dog could calm them down.

I am highly aware that some people are scared of dogs and some people have allergic reactions to them. But for people who are scared of them it would be a great experience for them. The people with allergic reactions to them would stay away from it and people who have touched it would wash their hands. I am also highly aware that it would be hard to pick a name. My solution to that is we would vote on it.

Now the money. I know that someone would ask me where the money would come from. And my answer would be ' a fundraiser'. Yes, a fundraiser. It would make a lot of money. We would make something and sell it for one or two dollars and if we need extra money we would get some pocket money. If students want a dog they have to help pay for it!

SLEEP

Where would it sleep?.

My solution to that is: someone would take the dog home for a week and look after it and they would bring it back on the monday. If some families don't like dogs or can't look after one they would not take it home

POOP STINKS:

The dog will poop and it will stink. Students would pick it up twice a week and put the poop in the bin.

Have a nice day

Emily Moller

67 Banana St  
Page, Act 2614

To the Macquarie Memo Readers,

I am positive that the Melbourne Cup is animal cruelty and here are my reasons why.

Firstly, every year horses are forced to race in this ridiculous race.

Secondly, horses are whipped with lashes. How do you think they feel what if those horses were us we would die of pain?

Thirdly, all that people want from it is money, that is all they care about.

Fourthly, this racing is killing our beautiful horses. Maybe they should take a moment to stop and think about this and you should too.

Here are some real facts that you need to know.

- 8 horses have died as a result of the Melbourne Cup
- 2-3 year old thoroughbreds that are used for racing reported that 85 per cent from at least on episode of illness or injury
- In 2020, Anthony Van Dyck died after sustaining a fractured fetlock
- In 2018, The Cliffs of Moher died after having after experienced a broken shoulder
- In 2017, Regal Monarch died after fall in race 4
- In 2015, Red Cadeaux euthanized after a bone fracture in his left front fetlock
- In 2014, Admire Rakti suffered a heart attack and in that year Araldo euthanized after breaking his leg post race
- Horses run 3,200 metres

Because of all these statistics we need to make a change. This is killing horses and horses are beautiful.

I need you to stop watching the race every year, stop wasting money on the race, sign this petition <https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-horse-races-stop-the-melbourne-cup-save-the-horses> , follow this link to stop sponsorship for the cup <https://secure.peta.org.au/page/67333/action/1?locale=en-AU> and talk to your friends, family and kids about animal cruelty.

Yours sincerely

Aluel, Primary School Student



27 Basnana PL  
Belconnen ACT

To the Macquarie Memo Readers,

Hello there

My name is Annabelle and I'm here to tell you that I'm passionate about reducing pollution.

If we continue this awful behavior, we won't be alive for much longer. I am concerned about what is happening to our remarkable earth, Our earth is becoming more extinct by the minute.

Here are some reasons to stop people from shattering our outstanding earth:

- Its dreadful for ours and animals health
- If we stop pollution we won't have poor air quality and we won't get a awful diseases like lung cancer
- If we stop this diabolical pollution we can eat more than we think

A healthy ocean regulates climate and reduces climate change impacts. The ocean also absorbs over 90% of heat and approximately half of the carbon dioxide emissions produced by human activities.

We need to stop treating our planet's resources as though they are infinite because they aren't, soon enough we will lose all our needful items

Here's some things you can do to save our remarkable planet:

- We can reduce the number of trips we take in any type of vehicle
- We can avoid burning leaves, trash and other materials
- We can avoid using gas-powered lawn and garden equipment
- We can look for energy star label when buying home or office equipment
- We can consider gas logs instead of wood
- We can reduce or eliminate fireplace and wood stove use
- We can turn off electrical lights when not used
- Use fans instead of air conditioners
- We can use less dreadful plastic
- We can recycle and reuse plastic containers

Thank you, I hope you will help me and share this message with other people

Annabelle

## 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
2020 Voluntary contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2021 5/6 Camp Wombaroo	Year 4 & 5	Friday 4 December
Year 6 Fun Day	Year 6	Wednesday 9 December

### 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

Grow your own herbs, fruit and vegetables even if it's just a few pots around the house, it all helps!

For more common recycling mistakes go to <https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2019/april/are-you-making-common-recycling-mistakes>

### SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

**Office hours:** Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

**Macquarie Primary is an  
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

*Avoiding all nuts.*

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