

Dates for the Diary

17-21 February

Getting to know you interviews

Tuesday 25 February

Year 5 Band information session 8:30am

Wednesday 26 February

Scribbly Gums & Rainbow Gums to Hall School Museum

P&C meeting 6:30pm

Friday 28 February

School Clean Up Day 2pm

Red Gums, Silver Dollar Gums & Snow Gums to Hall School Museum

Thursday 5 March

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 11 March

Assembly hosted by Desert Roses

Tuesday 17 March

Preschool photo day

Thursday 19 March

Whole school photo day

Wednesday 25 March

Assembly hosted by Lemon Myrtle

From our Deputy

Dear Families and Friends

Over the next few weeks students will participate in inquiries into our school values – persistence, integrity and excellence. They will ask the question, *what does it mean to be part of our community?* and explore how the values help them be positive contributors to the Macquarie school community. They will discover what each value means and how they can apply it to their life each day. At home you can help your child/ren consolidate this learning by talking about what the values mean to you and how you apply them to the things you do. Point out to your children when they are showing the values to help them recognise the values in action.

Last year we sent home the Bringing Personal Electronic Devices To School procedure for consultation. That document has now been finalised and is attached to this newsletter. Please take some time to read this to support your child/ren in meeting these guidelines.

ILP (Individual Learning Plan) meetings will take place as part of the *Getting to Know You Interviews* next week. Teachers will book a double meeting time to discuss goals with families who have a child with an ILP. ILPs will be sent home for signing once written up.

Sometimes children need to be picked up from school for appointments during the day. If pickups occur during break times, 11.00-11.30 and 1.00-1.40, we ask that you let the teacher and/or front office know prior to break times so we can make sure your child is ready and waiting at the office. We understand pickups sometimes happen that are unplanned so in those cases please go to the front office and Jess will help you.

The carpark is very busy at pick up time. It is important that all parents and carers keep safety in mind as a priority. Some people are choosing to park or drive up onto the grassed area behind the Brindabella building. Teachers report that there have been some concerning close calls when those cars pull out of that area - across paths, increased traffic exiting that area. We kindly request that parents do not use the grassed area for parking or pick up. Please make use of street parking and walk in to pick up children if no car parks are available. If you drive through and pick up please be aware that when you stop, you hold up traffic. We encourage you to have older children meet you outside the school carpark where possible to reduce traffic congestion.

Children should be picked up at 3pm each day. We are noticing several children still here well after 3pm. This is a safety concern for us as teachers are not directly supervising children after school hours. After school care is available if you are unable to get to school at 3pm to pick up your child. Please see Jess at the front office if you need information about after school care.

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Macquarie Primary School clean up will be held on **Friday 28 February at 2:00pm**.

Community members and students are invited to meet on the Namadgi Blacktop to collect supplies before setting out to collect rubbish from the school grounds.

We have a limited amount of gloves so we encourage you to **bring your own gloves, tongs and buckets** to collect the rubbish safely and sustainably.

From our Deputy continued...

All the classes have scheduled time with buddy classes this year. Buddy classes involve students from different year levels doing activities such as reading, playing, mentoring and completing projects. Participation in buddy programs can enhance children's cooperative learning behaviours such as taking turns, listening, sharing knowledge, praising another's effort, helping one another, and completing a task. Building relationships across the school is an important step in further enhancing a safe, respectful learning environment. Buddy classes are listed below for your information.

Buddy class one (Senior)	Buddy class two (Junior)
Lemon Myrtle (5/6MPRD)	Scribbly Gums (1/2MD)
Chocolate Lilies (5/6RG)	Rainbow Gums (1/2BB)
Desert Roses (3/4RS)	Snuggle pots (Preschool M,T, odd week W)
The Royal Bluebells (3/4PK)	Cuddle pies (Preschool even week W, Th, F)
Grevillea (5/6EM)	Silver Dollar Gums (1/2ABMC)
Winter Cress (5/6ELCB)	Snow Gums/Red Gums (1/2 LG and AGMC)
Waratahs (3/4 MS)	Golden Wattles (Kindy AR)
Blue Gums (3/4 CS)	Silky Wattles (Kindy KT)

Jodie Rowell
Deputy Principal

NEWS FROM THE P&C

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MPS P&C Uniform Shop

Volunteers are needed for a half hour shift once a fortnight to help run the Uniform Shop. This is an excellent service that provides near-cost uniforms and pre-loved uniforms at bargain prices for our school community.

Volunteers are needed to help with shifts once a fortnight on Friday morning or Wednesday afternoon. Any questions or to register your interest, please email uniforms.mps@gmail.com

Friday Canteen Service

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the Friday Canteen Lunch Service. If you have time between 12 and 1 on a Friday, please help us by volunteering to help sort lunch orders. Even once a term is a great help!

Any questions or to register your interest, please email: canteen.mpsandc@gmail.com

FRIDAY CANTEEN SERVICE IS BACK FOR 2020

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 lasagne. Gluten free and halal options are also available.

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

Further information about Flexischools is also available from the Front Office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

We participate in Scholastic Book Club twice a term, and you will have noticed that the brochures for Issue 1 were sent home last week. If you would like to place an order you can either send the correct cash and completed order form in a labelled envelope to school, or order and pay online at www.scholastic.com.au/loop (online orders do NOT require the form to be sent to school). If your order is a gift you can choose the 'Gift' option on the website, or write GIFT on your cash order form, and I will let you know when your order arrives at school.

Orders are due in by Friday February 21. All orders earn reward points for our school which are used to purchase new resources.

NAPLAN UPDATE



NAPLAN Online will occur in our school between 12 and 22 May 2020 for students in years 3 and 5.

NAPLAN Online is a more engaging assessment that adjusts questions to each student's achievement level. It also delivers more precise results to schools and parents more quickly.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO MASTER SCHOOL PORTRAITS (MSP PHOTOGRAPHY)

On enrolment at Macquarie Primary School you provided the school with personal information that assists us to support the educational needs of your child/ren while they are enrolled in an ACT Government school. The ACT Information Privacy Act 2014 states that this information cannot be used or released without satisfying certain conditions. MSP Photography will be returning for school photos this year in term 1. They have requested your child's name, student ID and class. If you do not consent to include your child in this year's school photos please complete the slip below and return it to the Front Office as soon as possible.

I **do not** give permission for my child/ren _____ in class/es _____ to be included in the 2020 school photos.

Signed _____ Parent Name _____ Date ___/___/___

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Hall School Museum & Heritage centre excursion	Eucalypts	Friday 21 February
Swimming Carnival	Years 2 - 6	Thursday 20 February
2020 Stationery supplies	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Kindergarten health check	Kindergarten	ASAP
Student information check sheet	All students	ASAP
Medical Information and consent form	All students	ASAP

MACQUARIE COMMUNITY NETBALL TEAM

If your child (girl or boy) from year 2-6 is interested in playing Saturday morning Netball this year, please pick up an application form from the School Office. These must be returned by Friday 28 February 2020.

**Macquarie Primary is an
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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

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
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Healthy Kids Canteen Menu Macquarie Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Term 1
2020

Sandwiches & wraps

- # Salad: \$4.50
Layers of cucumber, lettuce, tomato, grated carrot
- # Egg & Mayo: \$4.00
Egg, mayo, crunchy lettuce
- Chicken & Salad: \$5.00
Chicken, tomato, carrot, lettuce, cucumber, mayo

Gluten free available on request

Toasted sandwiches

- # Toasted cheese \$3.50
- Toasted chicken & cheese \$5.00

Salad

- # Design your own salad from \$4.50

#+ meals

- # Pasta Napolitana \$4.50
(with or without cheese. Gluten free available)
- Beef lasagne \$5.00
- Crispy chicken or falafel sub
with lettuce and mayo \$4.50
- Veggie fried rice (with egg) \$5.00
- Lite'n Up Pies \$5.00
- Lite'n Up Sausage Roll \$4.50
- Chicken nuggets (6) \$5.00
- Mac and cheese \$4.50

= Halal

Snacks

- Fruit salad tub \$2.00
- Koala Popcorn: lightly salted \$2.50
- Banana bread \$1.70
- Fruit jelly cup \$1.50
- Fruit / jelly with custard \$1.50
- Homemade garlic bread \$1.50
- Homemade mini muffins \$2.00
- Fluffy chocolate mousse \$2.20

Drinks

- Water: 600ml \$2.00
- Juice (orange, apple, apple/blackcurrant) \$2.00
- Moove flavoured milk (choc, strawberry): 250ml \$3.00
- Plain milk \$2.00

Frozen

- Frozen juice cup \$2.00
- Twisted frozen yoghurt \$2.50

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Piano Lessons

Piano teacher in the local
Belconnen area.

Craig Mewett

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Mob. 0409 151 887.

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