



# The Macquarie Memo

Issue 29: 22 October 2020

## From our Deputy

Dear families and friends

Yesterday the School Leaders hosted the Junior School Assembly. The students learnt more about Book Week events, the band played and children received merit certificates. It was great to be together again, celebrating the learning of our students. We look forward to the senior school assembly next week.

This week is one of our most exciting weeks of the year. We've had a range of activities to celebrate Book Week 2020. Students have had story time in the library before school and guest readers doing stories over the speaker system. Probably the favourite activity though is the dress up day which occurred today. Great fun was had so thank you to parents who spent time and energy creating outfits. Be sure to have a look on Class Dojo where teachers will post some images of the day.

Gardening Club planted some native plants in the garden bed where the rope was added during the working bee. The plants we used were propagated from our school native shrubs and trees. Students learnt how to take cuttings, use rooting hormone and pot the cuttings. They then spent three months caring for the plants while they developed roots, ready for planting. We hope to do more propagation when we have our new greenhouse as part of the grant we won for a community garden.



Next week Canberra Institute of Technology horticulture and landscaping students will begin work on our community garden. The garden will span from the large gum tree near the entry to the school all the way across to the wicking beds we already have built. We ask that parents not park on the grassed area as cars are compacting the ground where we will be planting. We will have large trucks making deliveries between now and week four and starting from week four we will have various machinery doing ground work.

Goodluck to the year 6 students playing touch football at Lyneham today. I'm sure you will make us proud with your positive attitudes and efforts.

Have a great end to the week,

Jodie

## GRANDPARENTS DAY—SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER



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# NEWS FROM THE P&C

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear community,

We've had a great start to Term 4. Kicking off with our first event, the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle last Sunday (18 October). A very big thanks to Bunnings Belconnen, the team of volunteers who assisted to help make this event possible, and to the community who came along and supported Macquarie Primary School by buying a sausage. We're still calculating how much we have raised and will report on this in the next few weeks.



### *Container recycling*

Our next container recycling day is this **Friday, 23 October**. The Golden Wattles are still out in front on the Leader Board, but it is still anyone's game. The class with the most containers will win a pizza party for the second last week of Term 4. See our flyer for how to participate.

### *Cake stall*

The Belconnen Fresh Food Markets has provided Macquarie Primary School P&C with a spot to hold a cake stall on **Sunday, 25 October**. If you can help out by manning the stall on the day, please contact [president.mspandc@gmail.com](mailto:president.mspandc@gmail.com)

A paper plate in a plastic bag should have come home in each child's bag early this week. If you can assist, please complete the ingredients list. **Please, no cream, custard or ganache** (that is, things that will spoil easily/quickly as they need refrigeration. Unfortunately, these cannot be sold). Items may be frozen beforehand so long as they are clearly marked as such. If you require additional plates, please email [president.mspandc@gmail.com](mailto:president.mspandc@gmail.com)

Please drop your cake/baked goods to the front office on **Friday, 23 October by no later than 3pm**, or you can drop your treats at the Belconnen Markets on Sunday, 25 October from 8.30am—10am (just email at [president.mspandc@gmail.com](mailto:president.mspandc@gmail.com) to let us know).

Thank you for your support.

Brendan Ding

President, Macquarie Primary P&C

## P&C FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

### *Readathon*

The Macquarie Readathon started Monday, 19 October, so no doubt you haven't heard a peep from your children while they're exercising their reading muscles whilst raising money for a good cause—unless of course it's to ask for sponsorship.

Don't forget to make sure your child records each book they've finished on their book list page, as at the end of the readathon on the 6th of November, we'll be asking them to return their book list to the P&C collections box at the front office to see who wins a prize for reading the most books in their year.

A big thanks to [Book Passion](#) from the Belconnen Markets for supporting our readathon.

Happy Book Week, and happy reading.

### **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](#) or with cash and an order form will be sent home with students.

### **LUNCH ORDERS**

The canteen is back for Term 4 Friday orders, so be sure to get your order in via [Flexischools](#) before the strict cut-off time of **8.30am each Friday morning**. Orders are accepted via [Flexischools](#) only (sorry, no cash orders). Information about [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 **Wednesday, 28 October 2020 at 6.30pm** by video call. All are welcome! Please RSVP to [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Book Week

What a great Book Week we are having! Our students are enjoying the focus on books and reading, and today's dress up day has been fantastic. There has been Book Week craft, buddy reading, stories over the loudspeaker, extra borrowing from the library, and the whole school has been voting for their favourite short-listed books.

Photos and videos from dress up day will be shared with you online. There have been many excited book characters in our school, and it is lovely to see their enthusiasm and love of books. A big thank you to all the families who helped make this a special memory for the children.

### Book Club

Please remember that Issue 7 is available online and there were no paper copies sent home. The brochure can be found at <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/> and orders can be placed before Friday October 30th.

### Book Fair

Not long to go until our next exciting library event! The Book Fair will be at school from Tuesday November 3 - Friday 6. For students there is not much change to how it will operate - each class will still have time to visit the fair and write wish lists to take home. However it will be quite different for parents and carers, being a 'virtual' fair. More information will be sent home shortly.

## YEAR 6 CANBERRA HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION VISIT

On Tuesday the 3rd of November (Week 4), Year 6 students will be walking to Canberra High School to participate in a transition visit and watch the annual drama production. Students will be leaving around 9am and will return at 11:45am. It will be a great opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with high school and experience some of the classes and activities available.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS THIS WEEK

Preschool—This week, we will begin to focus on our body. Students will use mirrors to look closely at their features (e.g. hair and eye colour) and share how they are the same and different from each other.

Kindergarten—This week, the Acacias will be investigating 'How do our bodies change over time?' We looked at this concept earlier in the year, and will connect to our learning from earlier in the year and expand upon it by looking closer at all the things that have changed to our bodies this year. The Acacias will be thinkers and investigate how using timelines and charts can help us organise our thinking.

Year 1/2—The Eucalypts will be learning about the concept of private versus public places. We will read a teacher-made book called: *Private vs Public at Macquarie Primary School*. This should support learning through a common and familiar place. This learning includes what these words mean, why we need privacy and how to stay safe.

Year 3/4—During Week 2, Year 3/4 will be exploring the question: "why does my body need to change". This will involve students building their understanding of what triggers change in the body and why these changes are necessary for healthy human development.

Year 5/6—For weeks 2 and 3 we will be splitting into gender groups. During week 2, female and male students will be focussing on the physical changes that occur to their bodies.

## MERIT AWARDS

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

Bluegums	Luke, An & Pippi
Waratahs	Annabelle & Hamish
Royal Bluebells	Caleb & Alex
Desert Rose	Hamish & Tyler
Winter Cress	Hayeda & Amelia
Grevillea	Rebekah & Tanush
Lemon Myrtle	Isabella & Isaiah
Chocolate Lilies	Jameel, Janardan & James
Bottle Brushes	Benny & Callum

# BOARD NEWS—Establishment of Library Trust Fund

The board would like to acknowledge and thank all families who have paid their voluntary contribution this year. The school appreciates all contributions made which go towards building and maintaining quality resources for our students.

To assist families in supporting the school, the School Board recently established a **Library Trust Fund**. All donations over \$2 to the **Macquarie Primary School Library Trust Fund** are tax deductible for Australian tax payers. The funds will be used for the specific purpose of preserving and maintaining our library resources which includes the purchase of new materials and improvements to the library setting. The funds will be administered in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office requirements and the board will monitor the status of the fund at the regular board meetings.

Going forward families may choose for their voluntary contributions to go either into the Library Trust Fund (tax deductible) or a regular voluntary contribution. Please specify your choice on payment so that the funds are allocated correctly and correct receipts are produced. Receipts will be sent home for your tax records.

The suggested Voluntary Contribution amount for 2020 is \$100 per family. Lesser amounts are welcome. The board is keenly aware that many families have been impacted financially as a result of COVID-19 and want to emphasise that all contributions are completely voluntary. Your child will not be refused benefits or services if you choose not to make a financial contribution. Individual records of contributions are confidential, as specified in the *Education Act 2004*.

If you would like to make a voluntary contribution OR a contribution to the Macquarie Primary School Library Trust Fund, please see below for methods of payment.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### Option 1: Electronic Funds transfer

**Account name:** Macquarie Primary School Management Account

**BSB:** 032 777 **Account number:** 001586

**Use reference:** Surname LIBRARY TRUST FUND or VOLCON (please specify)

### Option 2: Quickweb

Go to <http://www.macquarieps.act.edu.au/payment> and follow the prompts. **Use reference** Surname LIBRARY TRUST FUND or VOLCON(please specify)

**Option 3 - Cash or cheque paid directly to front office** in a sealed envelope labelled with your family name.

Enclose the slip below with cash or cheque payments

**Please circle : Voluntary Contribution / Library Trust Fund**

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Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of youngest child: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ACT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM—PRIMARY CONCERT CHOIR 2021

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 4 to Year 6 in ACT public schools in 2021 to audition for IMP Primary Concert Choir.

Auditions will be held at the ACT Instrumental Music Program Rehearsal Room (adjacent to UC High School Kaleen), Baldwin Drive, Kaleen.

Choir auditions will be in Term 4, Week 8 (30 November-4 December), with audition times to be allocated in mid-Term 4.

All audition requirements will be available on the IMP website by mid-Term 4.

The IMP Primary Concert Choir is an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The group is an active performance ensemble, and the families of students auditioning will need to be prepared to make a strong commitment to rehearsal and performance attendance for the year.

Further details and information about how to apply for an audition are available from the Instrumental Music Program website at [www.imp.act.edu.au](http://www.imp.act.edu.au). The application form can be accessed through this site or by clicking on the links below.

Information cards and posters are available at your child's school.

**Complete your online application at:**

<https://forms.gle/qS26k7zkpRBxFKEZ9>

or scan the QR code for a direct link.



Applications are now open and close Friday 13 November.



## 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
Social Media and Website Permission	All year levels	As soon as possible
2021 Hand	Kindergarten—Year 5	Friday 23 October
Mount Painter Excursion	Kindergarten	Friday 9 November

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## 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

**Are you making common recycling mistakes?** Install a water efficient showerhead. Save money and energy with a water-efficient showerhead which uses 40 per cent less water. Free replacement of old showerheads with water saving showerheads is an eligible activity under the Victorian Energy Saver Scheme. Speak to your local water retailer to see whether they can do this for you.

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

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Macquarie Primary After School  
Piano, Guitar & Violin  
Lessons Term 4 2020

Celtic Arts Agency offers private 1/2 hour after school music lessons at Macquarie Primary School in piano, guitar and violin. Lessons are timetabled from 3.05 every half hour on a Tuesday and Wednesday and cost \$306 for a 9 week school term. Lessons are booked on a per term basis.

To see available spots for piano, violin and guitar please see our website  
<https://celticartsagency.com/lesson-timetables/macquarie-primary/>



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