

Dates for the Diary

Tue 14—Fri 17 May
NAPLAN testing

Tue 14 May
Excursion to National Zoo & Aquarium

Wed 15 May
Assembly

Fri 17 May
Walk Safely to School Day
Cross Country Carnival

Sat 18 May
Election Day

Tue 21 May
Canberra High School Visit
P&C Mtg

Reminders

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

NEW DATE

Friday, 17 May

All welcome

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

A huge thank you to our P&C for the preparation and running of the Mothers' Day stalls last week. Wishing all mums and significant females in the lives of our students a happy Mothers' Day for yesterday.

It's not too long until reports come home for semester one. Teachers are doing further analysis of your child's progress to inform this process. Last week Macquarie teachers participated in a writing moderation process. Moderation is a process for developing consistency or comparability of assessment judgments. Teachers brought a range of student writing samples and discussed how each sample met criteria for A-E reporting. Parents can access more information about the Australian Curriculum and view work samples on the Australian Curriculum website - <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>

Many families walk to pick up and drop off children with their dog in tow. Please be aware that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. If you have a dog with you please do not bring them onto school premises. This is a legislative requirement and we have signs displayed as a reminder.

This week sees the start of NAPLAN. All testing is planned for the morning sessions so please ensure students are at school on time if they are participating in NAPLAN. If your child is sick during the testing period we will have a catch up session next week.

Expect term overviews to come home in school bags this week. Term overviews outline what the learning focus will be for students across the term and may include significant events.

Our Kindergarten and LSU students are visiting The National Zoo and Aquarium tomorrow as part of their learning program. What a fun way to learn! I'm sure parents will have very excited children on Tuesday evening.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm



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From our Principal continued ...

Finally, but very importantly, Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday this week. Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Children and parents can walk with Macquarie staff from Cook shops at 8.30am or Macquarie Shops at 8.40am.

Have a great week.

Jodie

PRESCHOOL CARPARK

A funeral will be held at the International Church tomorrow, Tuesday, 14 May 2019. It will commence around lunch time and will most likely finish sometime after school pick up.

Parents are advised that the carpark may be taken up for those attending the funeral.



NEW BUS NETWORK FEEDBACK

The ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (the peak body for the school's P&C) is collating feedback on travelling to school using the new bus network. They would like to hear from any public school parents, carers or students about difficulties or concerns and will represent these to Transport Canberra. Send a message with your specific feedback to contact@actparents.org.au

MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who will receive merit awards at Assembly on Wednesday, 15 May.

Michael & Jirence (Meup Meup); Jasper & Marram (Buruguns); Elijah & Alaya (Gula); Adam & Ella (Burus); Tyler & Aelwynn (Tamariki); Jason & Callum (Yurwin); Aroush & Ryan (Jooba Budgiel); Dan & Cheryl (Whanau); Oliver & Anika (Woggbaliri); Harrison & Freya (Gurumbul); Ling & George (Wollway); Henry & Aluel (Maliki); Mason & Gabriella (Birrigai); Tommy & Nibras (Ohana); Gemma & Tony (Komiti Reta); Logan & Laura (Daramoolen).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB TERM 2

Orders due Friday, 17 May

Every purchase from Scholastic Book Club helps the school to buy extra classroom resources.

Scholastic Book Club orders for Term 2 are now open and will close on Friday, 17 May.

The easiest way for families to order and pay for Book Club is to use the online **LOOP** platform. This will ensure that students get their orders, which are delivered to school for free, and that the correct payment is received. Please use the link to register and start your order www.scholastic.com.au/loop

LOOP is also available as an app, for both apple and Android devices.

Families who order via LOOP will receive a free reusable book bag with their second order for the year, and a poster and bookmark for those who place their third order.

For cash payments, please ensure you have the correct money and that the envelope is securely sealed with your completed order form. Orders can be handed in to class teachers or the Front Office.

Overdue Books – Please help your child remember to return their library books on time. Books can be borrowed for two weeks and need to be returned or renewed after that time. Reminder notes will be sent out soon.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge – Every year our Chief Minister puts out a challenge to ACT students to read a set amount of books in a set time period. Our school will participate in the challenge, and students will be encouraged to read 30 books by mid-September. Class teachers will keep the recording forms in the classrooms for students to fill in, and you are welcome to add to this form any books that your child reads at home. A new initiative this year is a reading challenge, which can be found along with other CMRC information [here](#).

Pamela
Librarian



SUSTAINABILITY SNIPPETS

Get the newsletter emailed to you.

NOTES HOME

EVENT DETAILS	YR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
National Zoo & Aquarium Excursion	Kinder & LSU	Perm & payment ASAP
Combined Band Practice	Yr 5	Perm note by 24/5
Election Day Stall	All families	Action as necessary
Uniform Shop Special Order	All families	Action as necessary
Mt Painter Walk	All families	Action as necessary
Language Perfect	Yrs 3–6	Perm note ASAP
Band payment	Members of band	Payment when possible
Class Dojo	All families	Response ASAP
Voluntary contribution	All families	Payment when possible

NEWS FROM THE P&C

A huge THANK YOU to all the helpers at the Mothers' Day stalls last week. The children had a lovely time choosing a gift for the special females in their lives.

Thanks also for the support of our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser last term. Final pledge money is being tallied and we'll let you know soon how much we raised for a new adventure playground for our children.

ELECTION DAY STALL AT MACQUARIE

Macquarie Primary School is a polling place for the Federal Election on Saturday, 18 May, so we will be hosting an Election Day stall. We will be offering a BBQ, cake stall and book stall (pending volunteer numbers). If you are able to help out on the day, please click on the following link and add your name to the appropriate time slot(s): <https://signup.zone/dDwZiQZNf2Lhb8oTp>

If you don't have access to a computer, please complete a volunteer's form found at the office and place in the P&C box.

A plate was sent home with each family last Friday, so if you are able to make some goodies to sell at the stall, please bring this to school on Friday, 17 May between 8.30 – 9.00am or 2.45-3.15pm. Items can also be dropped off on the morning of the Election. Please remember – no cream or custard!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: FULL OF DISCOUNT OFFERS

These are being sent home with each family today. You will be able to keep the book for one week, to decide if it is something you would like to purchase. Simply follow the instruction on the envelope if you wish to keep the book, or return it and purchase a digital copy if you prefer. You are able to return the book to the office if you do not wish to purchase it. Online orders are available at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/245s52>

CANTEEN ORDERS

To avoid disappointment, please be sure to open and view the confirmation email that comes to you after placing a canteen order with Flexischools. If you do not receive a confirmation email, you must return to your Flexischools account page and click on "Send/Resend Order Confirmation Email".

UNIFORM SHOP

The cool weather is here and we've got you covered. All jumper sizes are back in stock!

Special Winter Items - Order warm winter items via Flexischools or order form at the front office. We are offering gloves, beanies, scarves and winter jackets for a short time.

DON'T FORGET

- Canteen is available every Friday - get your orders in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of 8.30am each Friday morning.
- Breakfast club is on every Friday at 8:45am in Oasis (next to the Uniform Shop). All welcome for some extra breakfast before school starts.
- All of our P&C activities depend on volunteers so we'd love to have you involved. Contact canteen.mpsandc@gmail.com if you'd like to help with either canteen or Breakfast Club and president.mpsandc@gmail.com if you'd like to help out with any of our other activities.

SAVE THE DATE

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21 May in the staffroom.

COMING SOON

A walk on Mt Painter will be held on Sunday, 26 May at 10am. This will be an easy (approximately 1 kilometre) walk with Friends of Mt Painter to the Aboriginal scar tree, Mt Painter Nature Reserve. All welcome.

Sheree Murray, President

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

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

RECEIVE THE MACQUARIE MEMO VIA E-MAIL

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