



The Macquarie Memo

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Dates for the Diary

Thursday 21 May

Board meeting 4:30pm

Monday 25 May

3-4 classes return

P&C meeting 6:30pm

Monday 1 June

Reconciliation Day (public holiday)

Tuesday 2 June

5-6 classes return

Monday 8 June

Queens Birthday (public holiday)

Friday 3 July

End of Term 2

From our Deputy

This week we welcomed back the Snuggle Pots, Cuddle Pies, Silky Wattles and Golden Wattles, Rainbow Gums, Silver Dollar Gums, Snow Gums, Scribbly Gums, Red Gums and Bottle Brushes to on-site learning. Students have positively engaged in the return to regular school and spending time with friends and their teachers again. Teachers in 3-6 have been busy preparing for students' return to on-site learning while continuing to provide online learning for students. Year 3/4 students will return on Monday, 25 May and 5/6 on Tuesday, 2 June (with Monday being a public holiday).

The new protocols for drop off and pick up have been working well and we would like to thank parents for helping us limit the number of adults on-site, using the entry and exit doors correctly and making contact with teachers via email and phone. Also, dropping off close to school start time has also been very helpful. Students have been regularly handwashing while at school and we continue to implement additional cleaning protocols on-site.

Wellbeing is a continued priority for all here at Macquarie. On return to school students will participate in the Social Emotional Learning program, being mindful, maintaining perspective, encouraging optimism and appreciating happy experiences. If you have concerns about your child's current wellbeing, return to school or outlook, please access the online wellbeing hub through the following link

<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/> and contact your child's teacher so we can implement supports.

Preschool enrolments are now open for 2021. If you know of any families in the area who have not enrolled yet we would love to meet them and help them with the enrolment process. Please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Our returning children have enjoyed accessing our new adventure playground.



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SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

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| | macquariepandc@gmail.com | | | |

For the latest information regarding COVID-19 in the ACT visit <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/home>



NEWS FROM THE P&C

Did you know ... the ACT Parents and Citizens Association is the peak body for P&C associations in the ACT? It represents over 60,000 parents and carers in 86 public schools across the ACT.

Next P&C meeting

Your P&C will be holding the first meeting of Term 2 on Monday, 25 at 6.30pm in the school staff room. The P&C will be following the COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and physical places will be limited to 10 people. So that everyone can participate, the school will also be hosting the meeting by video call. Please email Danielle to RSVP to the meeting at danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au

Canteen service

The canteen will remain closed for the next few weeks. Watch this space for an announcement about when the canteen will reopen.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is not currently open for walk-in customers. Families can purchase new uniforms online via flexischools.com.au or by placing cash and an order form (available at the front office) in the P&C mailbox at the office. Items will be sent home with students.

Second-hand items are available for purchase in the front office for \$2 or \$5.

For any enquiries please contact the uniform shop coordinator uniforms.mps@gmail.com

Share your ideas with us

Have you had a fantastic idea about something that could:

- build the MPS community spirit
- create a fundraising opportunity for the school (especially during COVID-19 restrictions!)
- ways to improve the school grounds, or
- any other MPS initiative that would be great for the Macquarie kids?

Then your P&C want to hear from you! Get in touch with your ideas at president.mpspandc@gmail.com

P&C Secretary

The P&C still needs one fabulous person to take on the role of Secretary. The role doesn't take a lot of time—just a little each week to help keep our P&C working well. For more information, contact us at macquariepandc@gmail.com

Class Representatives

The P&C are excited for the return to school for our teachers and students. During Term 2, we are enthusiastic to get our Class Representatives program up and running. So far, 11 out of our 18 classes now have parent representatives. There are only 7 more slots to fill.

Please consider volunteering if you have children in:

Rainbow Gums, Waratahs, Royal Bluebells, Desert Roses, Grevillea, Chocolate Lilies and Winter Cress.

It will not be much work and will help build a sense of community at Macquarie.

For more information about becoming a MPS Class Representative, please email your friendly P&C at mpspandc@gmail.com

Community partnerships

Remember that when you dine at the **Canberra Southern Cross Club (Jamison, Tuggeranong, Woden or the Yacht Club)**, 7.5% of your meal and beverage value is donated back to Macquarie Primary. Link your membership card to our school at your local Club or use the link below to sign up online:

<https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/z1yqzsiq0orxe0g/>

CARBON DIET

Act on climate change - cut carbon now

If you put food scraps in your household bin, they end up in landfill and release carbon emissions. Throw less out. Cook up a big soup or curry to use leftover vegetables. Compost any scraps or feed them to chickens.

These tips have been sourced from Jo Clay's website The Carbon Diet. Jo is a member of our school community who has been running this ACT Government sponsored project on cutting carbon for the past two years.

For more information on the project go to

<https://www.carbondiet.com.au/> .

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Enrolling in Preschool in 2021



Education

If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at education.act.gov.au



2021 school enrolments now open



Education

1. Go to education.act.gov.au for information on your local school and to enrol online.
2. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.



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