

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 1 July

Cross Country

Friday 3 July

End of Term 2

Monday 20 July

First day of Term 3

Friday 24 July

Acacias excursion to
Botanic Gardens

Thursday 30 July

Board meeting 4:30pm

From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

It seems that each week we are carefully able to get more and more of the regular school events back up and going. On Tuesday we sent home information about school events moving into the second half of the year in the form of a roadmap and a letter from the ACT Chief Health Officer.

In term 3 we plan to welcome back our families for events such as small assemblies with physical distancing and hygiene measures in place. However, where possible parents and carers should still routinely avoid entering school grounds and ensure they practise physical distancing around adults at schools.

Many people welcomed the return of the lunch orders last Friday, a big thanks to the P&C and hardworking volunteers who make this happen each week. With the easing of restrictions we will be able to move into more school based events and I look forward to see what the P&C have planned for us all.

Next week your child's mid year report will be emailed to your registered email address. Tomorrow (Friday 26 June) a test email will be sent to ensure we have your up to date email address. If you do not receive an email from the school by 12:00pm on Friday. Please call the school on 6142 1550 to check we have your correct email address.

Early next term we will be holding parent teacher interviews. There will be the option for either face to face meetings, Monday to Wednesday 27-29 July or telephone or video calls on Thursday 30 July. We will use the PTO online booking system to support this. A note is coming home today about this process.

Have a great week,

Danielle

Safe and Supportive Schools

Our Safe and Supportive School Contact Officers (SASSCO) are Patrick Kien and Monique Darragh (pictured).

The SASSCOs are trusted people to whom students and teachers can bring concerns about bullying, racist, sexist and discriminatory behaviours which they have experienced or observed in the school. The SASSCO will investigate the concern, work with the involved students and monitor their progress as well as contact families as required.



To support students who wish to speak with one of our SASSCOs in a discreet manner, Monique is available in the library on first lunch duty every Wednesday and Friday. She welcomes any student who would like to come and check in or have a chat about concerns they or a peer may be experiencing.



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FRENCH NEWS

During learning from home at the start of the term 2, students in years 3-6 had the opportunity to participate in the Language Perfect World Championships as part of their French program. The championship began on Tuesday 28 April and finished on until Tuesday 5 May. The on-line global event was extremely popular with over 2,155 schools participating worldwide.

Macquarie Primary School achieved excellent results coming first in the ACT for French in our category (101-250 students) and fourth overall for French in the ACT. A huge congratulations to our students who participated and for demonstrating excellence.

We received a total of 15 awards as follows:

Emerald Award (more than 5,000 points)

Julia D

Gold Award (more than 3,000 points)

Zoe C, James B

Silver Award (more than 2,000 points)

Maverick S, Rebekah M

Bronze Award (more than 1,000 points)

Gabriella Z, Tyler R, Sofia C

Credit Award (more than 500 points)

Nina V, Jennie L, Ruby W, Io L, Jitshen C, Mia R, Nika W

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Did you know ... two thirds (67.5%) of students in Australia are were enrolled in government schools in 2019.

From the President

Dear community,

With the ACT slowly emerging from the COVID-19 lockdown, it's time to look at what the P&C Committee can do for the rest of the year. The Committee met on Wednesday 24 June and discussed a number of events to involve the students, parents and friends of the school. We aim to build community engagement, have fun, and support school projects. I hope to provide more details next week.

I am pleased to note the new Adventure Playground is up and running and seems to be a hit with students. I would like to recognise the efforts of past years' P&C Committees who raised \$20,000 to contribute to the cost of these facilities.

Have a great week.

Brendan Ding

Friday Canteen Service

Can you spare an hour on a Friday? To keep the canteen going and reduce the load on our regular volunteers, the P&C are seeking volunteers to assist the Friday Canteen Service. Even if you can only volunteer on one occasion during Term 3, it would be a big help. Canteen volunteers give one hour of their time from 12-1pm on a Friday.

If you can assist, please email us at canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com for more information.

Class Representatives

If you haven't already, please email your Class Representative and provide them with your email address so that they can add you to their class contact list and begin communicating with you.

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NEWS FROM THE P&C continued



Uniform Shop

Red or green scarves and beanies are available for winter!

The Uniform Shop is operating on an order only basis for the remainder of Term 2. Regular opening hours will commence in Term 3.

Uniforms can be purchased 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

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/z1yqzsjq0orxe0g/>

TRANSPORT CANBERRA UPDATED TIMETABLES

From Saturday 18 July 2020, Transport Canberra will be updating timetables for bus services.

These changes will help make public transport in Canberra easier to use by providing more services and increased frequency, to ensure that people have greater opportunity to spread out their travel across the day as we recover from COVID-19.

Transport Canberra has worked closely with the school community and are providing increased frequency and additional services for school students across Canberra.

As a new timetable is being introduced, there will be minor changes for all students travelling to and from school on public transport across Canberra from the first day of Term 3, 2020 (Monday 20 July 2020). In most cases, this will mean that students will catch the same service from the same stop, but the times that services arrive and leave may change.

All schools, parents and students can find out more about the specific changes by:

- checking the information packs for each school, which are online at www.transport.act.gov.au
- checking timetables for each route (including school specials), which are online at www.transport.act.gov.au
- calling 13 17 10.

Macquarie Primary information pack is attached to this newsletter.

Updated public transport timetables

START 18 JULY 2020

Commencing Term 3, 2020 minor changes will apply to some dedicated school services, regular route services and timetables for buses.

COVID-19 restrictions may have eased but your responsibility hasn't.

transport.act.gov.au

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Youth & Family Support Program



Capital
Region
Community
Services

Hi I'm Rob,

I am a Youth & Family Support Worker with Capital Region Community Services that will be working out of Macquarie Primary School up to two days a week. I have experience working with a variety of young people and families to support them in accessing services and programs in the ACT. If you have an interest or need information about topics such as: cyber safety, parenting, housing, returning to work and many other areas, I am happy to meet with you to discuss them. I will be at school on Friday mornings for a coffee, if you are interested, feel free to drop in for a chat from 9:00am in the staff room.



What supports are available?

The Family Support Program provides:

- Early Childhood Education groups
- Access to Parent Education groups
- Skill development and support groups
- Case management and case coordination

When does the program operate?

The Program operates Monday to Friday from 9am till 5pm 50 weeks in the year from various locations in Belconnen. Rob is available on Fridays from 9am at the Macquarie Primary School Staff Room during school terms.

How much will it cost?

The Family Support Program is a free service.

Family workers can provide information; help families to identify goals; work with other services to achieve the best possible outcomes; and provide supported referrals to groups and programs that promote positive parenting, mentoring and personal development.

For more information about our Youth & Family Support Program please call **0458 240 950** or email: robert.mcgregor@crs.com.au

For referrals to Youth & Family Support Case Management and other support services across the ACT, please contact Onelink on 1800 176 468 or visit www.onelink.org.au

The CRCS Youth & Family Support Program is an ACT Government Funded initiative



Capital Region Community Services 1 Swanson court, Belconnen

02 6264 0200 | contact@crs.com.au | www.crcs.com.au |  / Belconnen Community Service

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
ICAS competitions	Years 3—6	Thursday 2 July
2020 Band	Year 5 & 6 band members	Payments due now
Botanic Gardens excursion	Acacias	Tuesday 21 July

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.

CARBON DIET

Act on climate change - cut carbon now

Bought drinks lead to a lot of carbon emissions. Making, bottling and transporting juice, soft drink and water all have an impact. Drink tap water instead. Carry your own water bottle and fill it up from the tap or bubbler.

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/>.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts.

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
Phone preschool:	02 6142 1570	Deputy Principal	Jodie Rowell	jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au
Email:	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (P-Yr2)	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
Website:	www.macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (Yr3-6)	Veronique Canellas	veronique.canellas@ed.act.edu.au
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary	Business Manager	Ann Walker	ann.walker@ed.act.edu.au
P&C President	Brendan Ding	Board Chair	Amy McGuire	
	macquariepandc@gmail.com			

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CANBERRA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

FREE telephone counselling sessions Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Sessions via Zoom or Skype
Limited availability for FREE face-to-face counselling sessions

Sadly our groups and training are temporarily suspended

Contact us for a FREE confidential chat

 **6287 3833** 

 parentline@parentlineact.org.au



Piano Lessons

Piano teacher in the local Belconnen area.

Craig Mewett

All ages and all styles.

Beginners welcome.

Ph. (02) 6278 7382.

Mob.0409 151 887.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The Holiday Happenings Winter Edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

