



The Macquarie Memo

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Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 9 December

Assembly hosted by
Bluegums & Waratahs

Wednesday 16 December

Assembly Year 6 farewell
Year 6 fun day
Year 6 farewell dinner

Friday 18 December

Last day of Term 4

Monday 1 February

New students

Tuesday 2 February

All students back

Tuesday 9 February

Welcome BBQ

From our Deputy

This week class lists were put on display in the front office. Each year we try to provide families with information about the following year to help with a smooth transition from one year to the next. Other things we do to support this include the hand where children identify 5 peers they work well with to help with class placement, step up visits to classes today, choosing a class name and teachers pass on a transition information sheet for every child. The transition information sheet includes strategies that help each child with learning, more detailed academic results, a writing sample and any other pertinent information that may help with a smooth transition. The staff here at Macquarie want every child to have a positive experience as they move along each year.

The Working Bee last weekend was a great success. So much so that we are planning for more next year. It's a great opportunity to come and work alongside other parents, getting to know the community. Thank you to all the parents who attended. I went to the preschool to talk with the children today and they identified so many things they loved about the garden area.

Next week at assembly both year 5 and year 6 band will be playing together. This is a tradition at MPS as the year 6 band hand over to the year 5 band. Please come along if you would like to hear them play remembering to sign in and social distance. On Thursday next week students in the year 6 band will be cleaning and handing back their instruments. They will not be bringing them home from the end of this week in order to gather them all back ready for return.

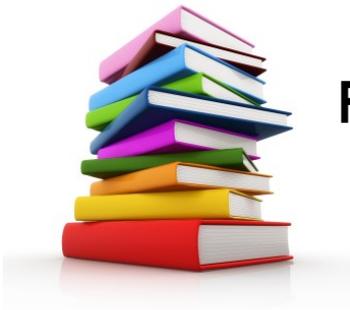
Have a great remainder of the week.

Jodie

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ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK TOMORROW

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

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



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NEWS FROM THE P&C

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Slower Streets

The P&C Committee proposes installing the Slower Streets signage at the locations set out in the map. The yellow marker are the locations for the large 120cm x 95cm and the black markers indicate the locations for the smaller 80cm x 60cm signs.

If you have an alternative location for a sign or want to help installing and looking after a sign, please let me know. Just drop me an email at president.mpspandc@gmail.com



2021 Welcome BBQ and P&C AGM

Next year's school welcome BBQ and P&C Committee Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 9 February**. The BBQ will commence at 5.00pm with the AGM starting at 6.30pm. We hope to see you there.

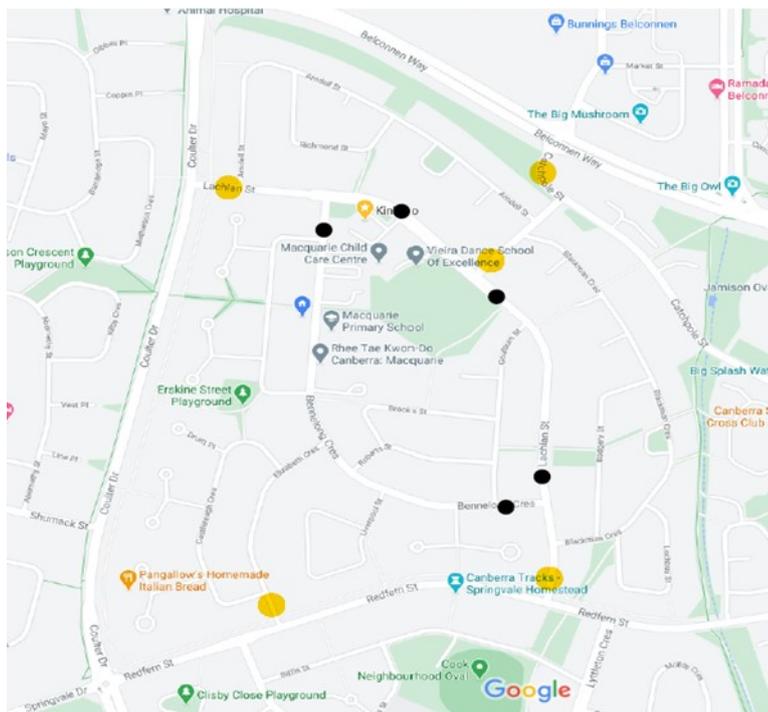
Container recycling

Friday 4 December 2020 is the last recycling day of the year. People say that the Golden Wattles are too far in front to catch, but there might still be a chance for a mighty effort from another class.

The pizza party for the winning class will be in the last week of term.

Cherry Drive Stall

A very big thanks to The Cook Grocer and the fabulous volunteers who held staff the Cherry Drive stall last Saturday.



Have a great week.

Brendan Ding

President, Macquarie Primary P&C

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Get organised for 2021

The main uniform shop in the Tidbinbilla building will operate as usual until **Wednesday, 9 December**. **Tuesday, 8 December** is the last day to order uniform items with Flexischools.com.au for delivery in 2020. Orders received after Tuesday, 8 December can be collected at our open times just before school goes back in 2021.

LUNCH ORDERS

Be sure to get your order in via [Flexischools](http://Flexischools.com.au) before the strict cut-off time of **8.30am each Friday morning**. Orders are accepted via [Flexischools](http://Flexischools.com.au) only (sorry, no cash orders). Information about [Flexischools](http://Flexischools.com.au) and the canteen, including the menu, is available from the front Office.

Cost of cherries	
1 kg Box	\$20.00
2 kg Box	\$30.00
5 kg Box	\$55.00

Order via:

- [Flexischools](http://Flexischools.com.au) by no later than **5pm Friday, 4 December**, or
- paper order form by no later than **3pm Tuesday, 1 December** (check the newsletter for the order form).

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READATHON RESULTS

A big thank you to all the students who participated in the readathon—a lot of the years came very close in how many books were read.

The money raised for the readathon so far is \$2,471, and there is still time to submit any more sponsorship money you collect. What a fantastic outcome for our school!

The prizes for most books read go to:

Pre-school: Kieran— 57 books

Kindergarten: Jack— 43 books

Year 1: Matthew— 21 books

Year 2: Zahra— 66 books

Year 3: Erash— 20 books

Year 4: Finley— 20 books

Year 5: Talia— 100 books.

Talia from Year 5 won the prize of most books read, and Samara from Year 2 raised the most sponsorship donations.

Congratulations to everyone. It was a fantastic effort by all.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

When you dine at the **Canberra Southern Cross Club** (Jamison, Tuggeranong, Woden or the Yacht Club), 7.5% of your meal and beverage value could be donated to the school. Link your membership card to the School at your local Club or sign up by clicking [here](#).

The **Athlete's Foot (Belconnen)** will donate \$5 to Macquarie Primary for every pair of shoes purchased in store—this includes all children and adult shoes. Just mention our school when buying your next pair of shoes!

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS THIS WEEK

Preschool— This week, we will revisit our Early Warning Signs through the story Jasmine's Butterfly. We will share that we feel safe when we have a group of trusted adults. They are people that are important to the child and care for them. The children will draw up to 5 trusted adults on an umbrella.

Kindergarten—This week, we will be inquiring into the question what is a secret. We will investigate the concepts of safe secrets which can be told to anyone, everyone is safe and healthy, and makes people happy (e.g. surprise) and unsafe secrets which could hurt people physically or emotionally, makes someone sad and doesn't keep everyone safe and healthy.

Year 1/2— Students will be learning about equal and not equal relationships. Inquiry learning questions will include: When is a relationship equal? When is a relationship not equal? Why is this important? What do I need to know? This follows on from learning about bodily privacy and keeping safe.

Year 3/4— We will be exploring how their bodies will change during puberty.

Year 5/6— We will be exploring how relationships change over time. We will also be discussing how to make problems smaller and when to keep a secret.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Two members of our school board will reach the end of their appointment in February 2021 creating one vacancy for a parent member and one vacancy for a staff member.

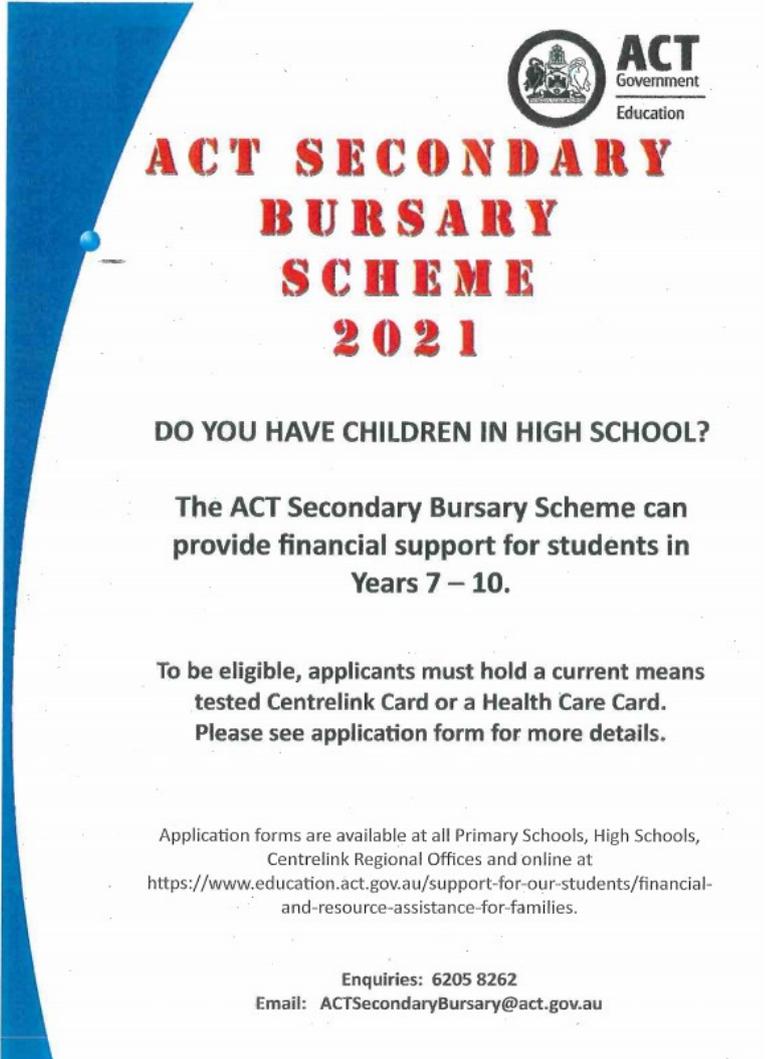
Our school board provides valuable input into strategic planning and monitoring across many aspects of our school. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or would like to know a little more about what is involved with being on the board, please contact our Business Manager, Ann Walker or talk to one of our current board members. Further information can also be found on the Education Directorate website : https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school_boards

The 14 day nomination period for vacant positions on our School Board will open at **11am on Monday, 1 February 2021**.

MERIT AWARDS

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

Bluegums	George, Archer & Tommy
Waratahs	Giovanni & Harriet
Royal Bluebells	Sobaan, Om & Aiden
Desert Rose	Ellison, Tia, Siale & Sanjana
Grevillea	Zacharie, John & Ruby
Lemon Myrtle	Mica & Noah
Chocolate Lilies	Anna, Linh, James & Mahtaya
Bottle Brushes	Aarav, Cayde & Jonty



**ACT SECONDARY
BURSARY
SCHEME
2021**

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN HIGH SCHOOL?

The ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme can provide financial support for students in Years 7 – 10.

To be eligible, applicants must hold a current means tested Centrelink Card or a Health Care Card. Please see application form for more details.

Application forms are available at all Primary Schools, High Schools, Centrelink Regional Offices and online at <https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial-and-resource-assistance-for-families>.

Enquiries: 6205 8262
Email: ACTSecondaryBursary@act.gov.au

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2021 Stationery supplies	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2020 Voluntary contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2021 5/6 Camp Wombaroo	Year 4 & 5	Friday 4 December
Year 6 Fun Day	Year 6	Wednesday 9 December

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.

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

Use a living Christmas tree. Every plastic Christmas tree will eventually end up in landfill but living Christmas trees are 100% biodegradable and easily recycled.

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

**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
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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
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P&C President	Brendan Ding	Board Chair	Amy McGuire	
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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

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

www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet

FUN & LEARN CRICKET TECHNIQUE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Date: 6-7 Jan 2021
Wed-Thur, 10 am-4 pm

Place: Harrison Cricket nets
Katoomba St., Harrison

Cost: **\$100** per player

PLEASE REGISTER AT
<http://canberracricketacademy.com.au/school-holiday-registration>

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- 3 NEWS
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After School Piano, Guitar & Violin Lessons Term 2021

Celtic Arts Agency offers private 1/2 hour music lessons after school at Macquarie Primary School in piano, guitar and violin on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.15pm onwards.

Lessons are booked by the school term and cost \$340 for a 10 week term.

Enrolments are being taken now for the 2021 intake.

More information is available on our website: www.celticartsagency.com



Contact Sharon Casey on
E: musicfun@jocresswell.com or
T: 0404 217 528

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Attention Year 6 Parents



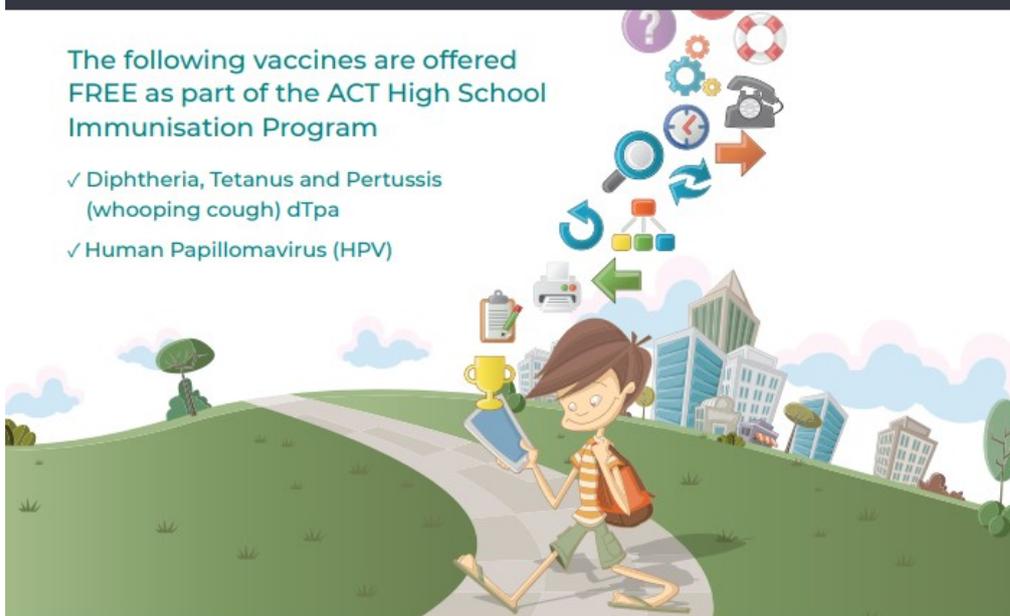
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Canberra Health
Services

With everything on their mind, make sure this is on yours.
Your child's vaccinations are due next year.

The following vaccines are offered
FREE as part of the ACT High School
Immunisation Program

- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa
- ✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV)



Keep an eye out for consent cards which are sent home with students during the first couple of weeks in Term 1

- 🔍 find
- 📄 sign
- ↻ return

Where can I get more information?

www.health.act.gov.au/services-and-programs/immunisation/adolescents