



The Macquarie Memo

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Dates for the Diary

Monday 19—Friday 23 October

Book Week

Wednesday 21 October

Assembly hosted by School Leaders

Thursday 22 October

Bush Tucker Touch Gala Day

Board Meeting 4pm

Wednesday 28 October

Assembly hosted by Royal Bluebells & Desert Rose

Wednesday 28 October

P&C meeting 6:30pm

Monday 2 November

Bush Tucker Boys Cricket

Tuesday 3—Friday 6 November

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 3 November

Year 6 visit to Canberra High School

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From our Principal

Dear families and friends

Welcome back to term 4. We have already had a busy week of getting back to the school routines. You may have noticed that our hardworking band of parent volunteers did an amazing job of filling the sandpits, weeding the garden beds and building an ornamental fence next to the terraced garden beds during the working bee held on Sunday 27 September.

Some restrictions have lifted for the beginning of this term and we can now have small assemblies. We will be starting next week holding an assembly each week alternating between the junior school and the senior school. As soon as we have the roster established we will let you know. Parents will be able to attend assemblies, so we look forward to seeing a bit more of you at school during those times. We will still need to maintain high hand hygiene and keep a record of attendance in case contact tracing is required. The other good news is that parents will be able to attend the year 6 farewell assembly scheduled for Wednesday 16 December.

On Monday we sent home the class placement hands with students for you to talk with your child about good working partners for next year's classes. We will retain the same structure as this year with kindergarten cohort as a single year level and the rest banded in two-year groups, 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. If you have any extra information that you need to support your child's placement for next year please don't hesitate to email or call any member of the executive team so we can be aware. We spend time putting students into the best class grouping and attempt to balance gender, academic needs, year levels and social complexities to create the best outcomes for learners. As in the past couple of years students will know their class grouping and teacher before the end of the school year.

The P&C are hosting the Bunnings BBQ this Sunday – I hope you can take a moment to swing by and grab a sausage from our hard working volunteers.

Have a great week,

Danielle

BE COVID-SAFE WHEN RETURNING TO SCHOOL

As students return to school from school holidays, it is as important as ever to be COVID-safe, especially if you have travelled interstate.

If students begin to feel unwell, they should stay home from school and if they have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms, they should get tested just in case and self-isolate until they receive their results.

If you travelled interstate over the school holidays, monitor the COVID-19 website of the state or territory you visited for two weeks after returning to see if there are any new cases where you visited. Keep up to date and follow the website's advice about testing and self-isolation, if required.

If you had interstate friends and family visit, ensure they keep you up to date if they are feeling unwell or if there are any new positive COVID cases reported in their area.

If we keep being diligent and follow the public health advice, we can continue to keep our schools, students and staff safe.

For more information about interstate areas that have had recent COVID-19 cases and what symptoms to monitor, visit www.covid19.act.gov.au

Arrived home with a

- fever
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- loss of smell and taste
- runny nose?

Keep CBR safe & strong

Get tested for COVID-19

Stay 1.5m apart

Wash your hands regularly

Stay at home if you're unwell

Get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms

ACT Government

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



NEWS FROM THE P&C

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear community,

Welcome to Term 4. There are some fantastic events coming up to kick off Term 4.

Bunnings sausage sizzle

Our Bunnings sausage sizzle is being held on **Sunday, 18 October**. Come on down to Bunnings and support your School P&C by buying a sausage on Sunday.

Container recycling

Our next container recycling day is **Friday, 23 October**. To date, we have collected nearly 1,000 cans—well done Team Macquarie. 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 very kindly 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.mpspandc@gmail.com

We need the help of parents/carers to make the stall a great success by preparing cakes and other delicious treats. A paper plate in a plastic bag will be coming home in each child's bag early in Week 2. Be sure to complete the ingredients list and 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.mpspandc@gmail.com

Please drop your cake/baked goods to the front office on **Friday, 23 October by no later than 3pm**, or if you drop your treats at the Belconnen Markets on Sunday 25 October from 8.30am, that would be wonderful. Just drop us an email at president.mpspandc@gmail.com to let us know.

Thank you all in advance for your help. We really do appreciate it.

Brendan Ding

President, Macquarie Primary P&C

P&C FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

In Term 3 the P&C completed two fundraisers: Zoom Kites and Picture Products. Both of these fundraisers were very popular, and together they raised just over \$1000 towards school projects.

The P&C would like to acknowledge Jess at the front office for being an amazing help with the picture product fundraiser. Thank you Jess.

Kites should arrive in the next few weeks, and picture products are due to arrive in Week 8 or 9.

If you have any questions regarding these fundraisers or your orders please contact mpspandcvc@gmail.com

Get ready for the Macquarie Readathon!

This year, the Macquarie P&C are holding a Readathon where every child reads as many books as they can and asks their family and friends to sponsor them—either per book read or for a set amount. The readathon will be held from Book Week on **19 October** and finish on the last day of the Book Fair, **6 November**. All proceeds will be used for school improvements.

Reading lists and sponsorship forms will be handed out shortly.

There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs including a prize for the child who reads the most books in each year (including pre-school and LSU), and an overall prize for the child who reads the most books.

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.com.au 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

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week

After a long delay Australia is finally celebrating Book Week next week! The theme is **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**. We are looking forward to bringing children and books together and highlighting the importance of reading. One of our events is a dress up day on **Thursday October 22 (or Monday 19 for Snugglepots)**, where children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. There will be no whole school parade or visitors from our community, but teachers will create videos and upload them to Class Dojo so you don't completely miss out on the fun. If you are sending a book from home as part of your child's outfit, please write a name in the cover.



Book Club

Due to our upcoming Book Fair we are **not** sending home brochures for Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club. Online orders are still available and are due in by Friday October 30. The catalogue and online payments can be found at <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

Please note that this is a big term for opportunities to buy books at Macquarie. For your information and planning:

- Book Club issue 7 – orders open in weeks 2 & 3
- Scholastic Book Fair at school in week 4 (Tuesday November 3rd – Friday 6th)
- Book Club issue 8 - orders open in weeks 6 & 7

A SPECIAL THANKYOU

The Pyjama Day organised by the SRC, raised over \$580 and a wide range of gardening tools, have now been donated to the Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre. The money raised will be used to purchase goods which people need, for example fencing and gardening tools.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS THIS WEEK

Preschool—Preschool will focus on stereotypes. Through stories and visuals, students are encouraged to enjoy what they love to do whether they are a girl or boy.

Kindergarten—The Acacia's inquiry will start by looking at the questions of 'What is a body?' and 'What makes a body a body?'. We will investigate our bodies and what makes them wonderful and unique. The Acacias will also be focusing on our learning assets, specifically being thinkers and communicators, by looking at how talking about what we are thinking and sharing this with others can help us with our learning.

Year 1/2—This week the year 1/2 classes will be naming parts of the body and describing how their body is growing and changing. We will read a book called: *IT'S MY BODY A Book about Body Privacy by Louise Spilsbury*.

Year 3/4—This week year 3/4 will be focusing on how our bodies grow and change. They will explore the human life cycle and unpack each stage of life.

Year 5/6—This week the 5/6 classes will exploring the question: "what is puberty?". This will involve students building their understanding of male and female reproductive anatomy and the changes that occur.

MERIT AWARDS

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

Silky Wattles	Jaiden & Habiba
Golden Wattles	Hira & Alex
Scribbly Gums	Ethan & Liam
Silver Dollar Gums	Timothy & Shahd
Red Gums	Oda & Haura
Snow Gums	Pedro & Larah
Rainbow Gums	Anwar & Aliza
Bottle Brushes	Benny & Callum

ACT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Secondary Student Extension Ensembles - 2021

The ACT Instrumental Music Program is seeking students who will be in Year 7 to Year 12 in ACT public schools in 2021 to audition for secondary extension ensembles.

Current year 6 students continuing to a public secondary school in 2021 can apply for -

Percussion Ensemble – Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2021

Junior Concert Band – Years 7 - 8 students in ACT public schools in 2021

Senior Concert Choir— Years 7-12 students in ACT public schools in 2021

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

Band auditions will be in Term 4, November 2-13.

Choir auditions will be held in Term 4, with audition times to be allocated in early Term 4.

All audition requirements and pieces will be available on the IMP website by the end of Term 3.

The ensembles are an excellent opportunity for talented, skilled and committed young musicians to work together in an enriching environment. The groups are active performance ensembles 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. 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/qT6UeQPX1rYeRUqp8>

or scan the QR code for a direct link



Applications are now open and close Monday 19 October.



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

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name of youngest child: _____ **Roll Group:** _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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

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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? Use reusable cups such as keep cups. Australians consume more than 50,000 cups of coffee every half hour, and an estimated 3 billion takeaway hot drink cups every year. Sadly these cups, which are made from virgin materials rather than recycled paper, cannot be put in your kerbside or workplace recycling bins. Take a cup with you or have your drink to stay.

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.

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