

Dates for the Diary

Friday 20 November

Kindergarten Mt Painter Excursion

Floral Emblems Hot Shot Tennis Day

Wednesday 25 November

Assembly hosted by Grevillea & Chocolate Lilies

Thursday 26 November

Board Meeting 4.30pm

P&C meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday 1 December

Floral Emblems & Bush Tucker Netball Gala Day

Wednesday 2 December

Assembly hosted by Kindergarten

Wednesday 9 December

Assembly hosted by Bluegums & Waratahs

Wednesday 16 December

Assembly Year 6 farewell

Year 6 fun day

Year 6 farewell dinner

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From our Deputy

As we move towards the end of term four, students will be participating in transition visits. Preschool came to visit kindergarten this week. They got to see the kindergarten learning space and talked with the teachers. Year six have already had their step-up visit to Canberra High School and for students attending other high school parents should have received an invitation to attend a step-up day. All other students will do step up visits in week nine where they will meet their 2021 teacher (where possible) and choose a class name.

This year we have been working closely with Capital Region Community Services. Rob McGregor has been available for parents who need some support accessing services, financial planning, looking for work, managing the challenges of parenting or just looking for someone independent to talk to. Rob also works closely with our teachers and presented at our staff meeting this week, sharing with staff the range of family and student support services within the Belconnen area. If you would like to meet with Rob, just send me an email and I can provide his contact details or grab a flyer from the front office.

Parents should have received the report test email on Wednesday. This is really important in ensuring everyone receives the electronic report for their child/ren. If you have not received the test email, please contact the front office so we can iron out any problems before the reports go home.

The *Community Garden* has begun. CIT students have been doing paving for our Meeting Area. We have the retaining wall, shipping container and greenhouse on order. The working bee will be a great opportunity for us to get some of the bits and pieces in the *Community Garden* done. A Yass winery has donated irrigation for the whole project, and we've sourced some tree stakes on the buy nothing Facebook page. We welcome donations for the project. Some of the things we could really use include – shade cloth, more tree stakes, large plant pots (can be broken as they will be for growing blueberries in a garden bed), plants, plants and more plants. Our *Food Forest* will include the following so we would love donations of these plants: Fig, Apple, Olive, Lime, Plums, Cherry, Pear, Pomegranate, Peaches, Mulberry, Orange, Feijoa, Quince, Apricot, Loquat, Almond. If you happen to be at the nursery and want to purchase a plant to donate to the school, we would be very appreciative. We will do all the work to grow it and you can come pick some fruit down the track. We are also doing a perennial garden which will include a range of berries, asparagus, rosemary and other herbs. Of course, we plan to fill our wicking beds with the annuals.

Have a great end to the week.

Jodie



NEWS FROM THE P&C

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Slower Streets

We now have several large 'Slower Streets' signs the Government has authorised the P&C to put up around Macquarie streets reminding drivers to slow down.

We need to decide where these signs will be most effective. I would love to have your input on this matter. If you are interested in participating, please drop me an email at president.mpspandc@gmail.com

Container recycling

Don't forget to bring your cans, bottles, juice containers and other drink containers to school this Friday (20 November) for the second last container recycling date. See our flyer for how to participate. The pizza party is up for grabs.

Have a great week.

Brendan Ding

President, Macquarie Primary P&C



P&C FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Readathon

A reminder that it is the last day to finalise your reading list and drop it in to the P&C collection box by tomorrow, **Friday 20 November**. Prizes will be awarded after the 20 November.

P&C COUNCIL COLOURING IN COMPETITION

To celebrate NAIDOC week, the P&C Council are holding a colouring in competition. There are Great Prizes up for grabs! For more information and how to enter, click [here](#). Entries close tomorrow, **Friday 20 November**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cherry Drive—volunteers needed

Macquarie Primary School has been generously offered a table to sell cherries at the Cook Shops on **Saturday, 28 November** from 9.30am -2.30pm. To make this a great success, we need volunteers to help out on the day. If you can participate, please email macquariepandc@gmail.com

School grounds working bee

The P&C are holding a working bee to improve the school grounds on **Saturday, 28 November 2020** from 9am to 12pm. If you can help out, please contact chris.hollins@gmail.com

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Preschool pop up uniform shop—last week!

Uniforms will be available to try on and purchase at preschool on Tuesday, 24 and Thursday, 26 November from 2:45-3:15pm.

Uniform Shop: Get organized 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 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 this **Thursday, 26 November 2020 at 6.30pm** by video call. All are welcome! RSVP to macquariepandc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

It's *YES-ember!* When you dine at the **Canberra Southern Cross Club (Jamison, Tuggeranong, Woden or the Yacht Club) this November**, 15 cents from every dollar from 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 cherry drive is back!

Cost of cherries

1 kg Box	\$20.00
2 kg Box	\$30.00
5 kg Box	\$55.00

Order via:

- *Flexischools* 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).



TRUCK DESIGN COMPETITION

Calling all students: design artwork for our waste trucks and you could win an ipad mini!

The ACT Government has two new collection trucks that are a blank canvas, waiting for a design that will inspire the community to think about recycling and resources. ACT school students are invited to pitch their design, with two themes to choose from. The winning designs will appear on the new ACT collection trucks for the whole community to enjoy. The two winners will also take home an iPad mini*!

*For competition terms and conditions see the entry form below.

<https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/recyclopaedia/design-comp>

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Issue 8 orders are due in by **Friday November 27**. It is a bumper issue, just in time for Christmas. If you need to place a secret order please make a note for me in your cash order OR select the 'Gift' option when placing an online LOOP order. Online orders can be made at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Returning Library Books

Thank you for helping your children find misplaced library books this week. Students will get another in-class reminder next week (week 7) and the last overdue notes will be sent home during week 8. **All library books are due back by the end of week 8, Friday December 4.**

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE BOOKINGS FOR 2021 NOW OPEN

To enrol for 2021 visit: <https://childrens-services.ywca-canberra.org.au/yc-childcare-service/macquarie-primary-school/>



Join us for the ...

MPS Grounds Working bee!

When: Saturday, 28 November 2020 from 9am to 12pm
RSVP to: chris.hollins@gmail.com

GIVING TREE DONATIONS—CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES (CRCS)

The school SRC are supporting the *CRCS Belconnen Christmas Giving Tree* and are asking our school community to generously donate items to help make the holiday season a little brighter for those less fortunate in our Belconnen community. Gifts and items should be new, in sealed packaging and unwrapped. CRCS have recommended gifts of \$10- \$15 in value.

Suggestions include: toys, games, vouchers, toiletries, books, puzzles, delicious Christmas treats, sports equipment, homewares, stationery gift packs, personal care gift packs and/or stocking fillers. Donations can be dropped off to your child's classroom or directly to the Front Office before Monday 30 November.

Bill Caddey from CRCS has prepared a video about the Belconnen Christmas Giving Tree

<https://youtu.be/0daJ3E2Hbxo>

Thank you for supporting those in our local community who will do it tough this Christmas.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS THIS WEEK

Preschool— In preschool we will be exploring the different people in our lives and the relationships we have with them. We will sort pictures of problems we have into small problems and big problems, discussing the people who can help us. The key message is that big problems need big people we know and trust.

Kindergarten—This week, the Acacias will be inquiring into the question what is a relationship and are all relationships equal? The key understandings we will be looking at how big problems need big people and identifying the trusted adults in their life.

Year 1/2— During week 6, Year 1/2 will continue their learning about consent. At school we talk about 'popping' someone's bubble - if we've given them a cuddle they didn't want, for example. This helps students understand personal space. Our inquiry learning questions will be: What is consent? How can I give or not give consent? How can I respectfully ask for consent?

Year 3/4—During week 6, year 3/4 will be exploring how to keep themselves healthy.

Year 5/6—During week 6, year 5/6 will be exploring the consent and relationships. They will be unpacking the concept of equal and not equal relationships and the power and influence that occur within these relationships.

MERIT AWARDS

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

Bluegums	Claudia & Ryan
Waratahs	Isobel & Lucas
Royal Bluebells	Umu-J, Gabriella & Eh Say
Desert Rose	Alicia & Alexander
Winter Cress	Harry, Ayok & Maverick
Grevillea	Sarah & Hanif
Lemon Myrtle	Sam & Kiara
Chocolate Lilies	Jacob, Natie & David
Bottle Brushes	Si P'True & Alex

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 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

Are you making common recycling mistakes? Say no to straws and plastic bags. Australians use around 10 million plastic bags every day, contributing to an estimated 8 million tonnes of plastic dumped into the ocean every year. Plastic straws are also to blame, and are one of the most common items found on beach shores all over the world. All of this plastic fills our landfill, harms our wildlife, and can take lifetimes to break down. Remember to say 'no bag please' in supermarkets and other shops, and 'no straws please' in bars and restaurants.

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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COMMUNITY NOTICES



AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CAMPS
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Dates before & after Christmas available!

Call 1300 914 368 or visit australiansportscamps.com.au to book or for more information.

The landscape around COVID-19 is changing daily however we will be strictly keeping in line with the current ACT/NSW Government Guidelines and the Cricket ACT & NSW training protocols.



CANBERRA CRICKET CAMPS & T20S

CAMP 1 11th - 15th January
Watson Oval, Knox Street, Watson

CAMP 2 18th - 22nd January
Watson Oval, Knox Street, Watson

CAMP 3 27th - 29th January
Watson Oval, Knox Street, Watson

TIMES: 9AM - 3PM EACH DAY
(8:30am early drop off, pick up no later than 3:30pm please).



\$450 FOR 5 DAYS
\$375 FOR 4 DAYS
\$295 FOR 3 DAYS
\$110 PER DAY

Catering for ages 7-15 we offer intensive individual and group skill development for all ages and stages across all facets of the game. With an excellent coach to player ratio and incorporating current and former first class cricketers it's the perfect environment for the kids to have heaps of fun, make new friends and take their gameto a new level.

PHILOSOPHY
We are passionate about helping each and every player achieve their goals and reach their potential through expert coaching in a fun, challenging, positive and professional environment. Through the game of cricket we ultimately aim to help our players learn, grow and develop into becoming better people.

Our camps include T20 games and high-quality coaching with specialists in batting, bowling, fielding & wicketkeeping focusing on the specific technical, tactical, psychological & physical skills required in each discipline. Players will be exposed to a variety of games and drills designed to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

SPECIAL GUEST COACHES HAVE INCLUDED:

- Steve Smith
- Peter Neville
- Daniel Christian
- Trent Copeland
- Geoff Lawson
- Pat Cummins
- Chris Tremain
- Scott Henry
- Ben Rohrer
- Kurtis Patterson
- Josh Lalor
- Jono Dean



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Radford Oval, 1 College St, Bruce

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