



The Macquarie Memo

Issue 19: 30 July 2020

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 30 July

Board meeting 4:30pm

Friday 31 July

Pyjama day

Wednesday 5 August

P&C meeting 6:30pm

10– 14 August

Winter walk to school week

Tuesday 18 August

ICAS Science test

Tuesday 25 August

ICAS Digital Technologies test

Friday 28 August

ICAS English test

Tuesday 1 September

ICAS Maths test

Thursday 3 September

P&C meeting 6:30 pm

Friday 4 September

ICAS Spelling test

Saturday 17 October

ACT Election—P&C sausage sizzle

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From our Deputy

Dear Families

The values, **integrity, persistence and excellence**, are the foundation for how we interact at school. The expectations on our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) matrix tell us what that looks like in action. The expectations are short, sharp and specific to help everyone remember them. The PBL matrix outlines how we - students, staff and the community - are **safe, respectful, learners** at school. Over the next term teachers will focus on working with students to consistently use the values and expectations, showing them, practising, providing positive feedback or corrective feedback when required. Last week teachers explored 'we are respectful' and this week the focus is on 'we are safe'. It helps to consolidate this learning at home so ask your children about the conversations they are having in class and what expectations they are learning about.

Interviews occurred this week and teachers are contacting parents to review Individual Learning Plans, Personal Learning Plans and Behaviour Support Plans. As the people who know their children best, family input into plans, setting goals and planning forward is vital. We look forward to working with you to achieve the best outcomes possible for students.

At Macquarie Primary School we encourage students to **wear school uniform** each day. Wearing school uniform shows pride in being part of our community, it helps with safety allowing us to quickly see if people from outside the school were to come on the playground and it also helps families with morning routine - always wearing the same clothes to school. Both new and second-hand uniforms are available through the P&C School Uniform Shop.

As part of our continuous effort to improve ACT schools, each year the Education Directorate invites all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 to give feedback through the **School Satisfaction & Climate Survey**. The survey opens on Monday 10 August and closes Monday 31 August. Your responses will help our school to identify what it does well and how it can improve. The data will also be used to underpin school improvement practices and inform government priorities, as well as in research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of education services in the ACT. A survey invitation, including a unique survey link, will be emailed to all parents and school staff before the survey opens on the 10 August.

The **school garden** is now growing broad beans and spinach. The recent rain will really help things move along. Maybe we will be tasting some of our produce soon. The school hens are laying eggs, we've now collected three eggs from the girls. The Waratahs are learning about composting and have collected leaves to start the process. We still need lawn clippings, pine needles, wood chips/saw dust, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds and sheep, horse or cow manure. If you have some of these things at home, why not send them in for us to recycle into something amazing.

On Friday, 31 July students can wear their pyjamas to school. We are raising funds for the victims of the summer bushfires. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and/or small gardening equipment such as garden forks, hand trowels, watering cans, gardening gloves etc. We will be donating all money raised and gardening tools received to the Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre.

Included with this newsletter is the How it Works - Responding to Violence Bullying and Harassment document which was reviewed by the board in April this year. We are now seeking community feedback which you can provide to us via email to admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au by Friday 14 August.

Please use the following link to keep up to date with arrangements for Term 3

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/School-arrangements-for-Term-3>

Jodie

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



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WINTER WALK

In week 4, Macquarie Primary School students are encouraged to put on their warm jackets, gloves and scarves and ride or walk to school. The aim of the week is to encourage physical activity through active travel to improve our physical and mental health.



NEWS FROM THE P&C

Did you know ... in 2019, nearly 297,000 children were enrolled in pre-school?

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C Uniform shop is open.

Opening times are:

Mondays 8:45 - 9:15

Wednesdays 3:00 - 3:30

Fridays 8:45 - 9:15

To maintain a COVID safe environment when visiting the shop, please ensure you practice physical distancing and leave your name on the 'contact register'.

As well as cash, we can now accept card payments with our new tap and pay system.

Red and green polar fleece scarves and beanies are available for \$5 each.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A big shout out to our wonderful parents/carers. Your P&C need volunteers for these events/opportunities:

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.

Father's Day Stall

The P&C will be holding the annual Father's Day Stall. Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

Pre-school— 25 August

K-Year 6—28 August

Keep an eye out for a flyer in your child's backpack shortly.



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NEWS FROM THE P&C continued

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

ACT Election Day is **17 October**. Pop the date in your diary and keep an eye out for further information closer to the event.

Colour Run

The Macquarie P&C is super excited to bring The Colour Run to Macquarie on **13 November**. We will need parents/carers to assist in manning checkpoints and stalls. Stay tuned for more information.

Next P&C meeting

The next P&C meeting is to be held on **Wednesday, 5 August 2020 (Week 3) at 6.30pm** by video call.

Please email Danielle at Danielle.Porter@ed.act.edu.au to RSVP and get the link.

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 using this link: <https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/z1yqzsjq0orxe0g/>

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. Please don't forget to mention our school when buying your next pair of shoes.

Class Parent 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.

Did you know that your year group may have a parent WhatsApp or Facebook group you can join to communicate with other parents and stay in the loop? Reach out to your Class Parent Representative for more information.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL PYJAMA DAY

The SRC will be hosting a Pyjama Day on Friday 31 July. Students and staff are asked to wear their pyjamas to school to raise funds for those impacted by the summer bushfires. People in the Cobargo community were severely impacted by the bushfires and many have only just had their land cleared. The *Cobargo Bushfire Relief Centre* are supporting the community to rebuild, and they are in urgent need of garden tools.

Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and/or small gardening equipment such as garden forks, hand trowels, watering can, gardening gloves etc.

We will be donating all money raised and gardening tools received to the COBARGO BUSHFIRE RELIEF CENTRE.

Thank you for your support

Veronique Canellas and MPS SRC

MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who received merit awards this week:

Silky Wattles	Thomas & Alfie	Blue Gums	Nika & Jude
Golden Wattles	Dante & Lewis	Waratahs	Hossain & Harriet
Silver Dollar Gums	Matthew & Geetika	Royal Bluebells	Akuang & Jai
Red Gums	Blake, Sireen & Tyler	Desert Roses	Hannah & Layarny
Snow Gums	Natalie & Kasmika	Winter Cress	Tobias & Sage
Scribbly Gums	Hope & Nathan	Grevillia	Ano
Rainbow Gums	Adam & Samara	Lemon Myrtle	Nina & Farisha
Bottle brushes	Alex & Liam	Chocolate Lilies	Mahtaya & Saba

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club has gone out to all students and orders are due in by **Friday August 7**. If you need another brochure they are available from the front office, library or your class teacher. Please send exact change in a labelled envelope or complete orders online at www.scholastic.com.au/loop

Book Week

FYI: Normally held in term 3, the Children's Book Council of Australia has postponed Book Week until week 2 of term 4.

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

This Friday sees the end of the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Our students have been set a challenge to read 30 books from term 1 until now. If they complete the challenge they will receive a certificate from our Chief Minister.

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

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

Burning coal or gas to make electricity releases carbon emissions. But Canberra doesn't use coal or gas electricity anymore. Our grid is powered by 100% renewables! You should still save power where you can so there's more green electricity for others.

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/>.

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
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Website:	www.macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (Yr3-6)	Veronique Canellas	veronique.canellas@ed.act.edu.au
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YOUTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Dear students and parents,

My name is Robert McGregor and I am from Capital Region Community Service (Rob from CRCS). We have a variety of programs to support people requiring assistance with: housing, education & employment, disability (NDIS), transport, parenting programs, playgroups and any other area in which people want to improve their circumstances. My role is to support families in these areas to improve access to services and assist you to achieve individual goals.

I am very easy to talk to and would be happy to have a chat with anyone; even if it has nothing to do with our service. Come and talk to me about mutual interests such as: sport, animals, television, food, tattoos, building things, fast cars or motorbikes. If you have other interests, please come and tell me about them too. I am new to Canberra so would appreciate any information about cool activities to do here in the ACT.

I will be here at school on Friday mornings at 9am in the school office and attending some classes within the school. Just ask school staff "where is Rob" on Friday mornings or tell them where I can find you if that's easier. I look forward to speaking with each of you as I become a more familiar face around the school. If Fridays don't suit you, please contact me on **0458 240 950** or email: robert.mcgregor@cracs.com.au during business hours.



Chat soon,

Rob

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PARENTLINE ACT

WE HELP
WITH
PARENTING

FREE TELEPHONE
COUNSELLING
INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE

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Piano Lessons

Piano teacher in the local Belconnen area.

Craig Mewett

All ages and all styles.

Beginners welcome.

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