



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Deputy Principal

It has been a chilly start to week 2 – let's hope for some warmer weather soon. This week you will receive a term overview for each of your children. The term overview gives information about what students will be learning this term and some important dates and reminders. It's well worth a read and may help you support your child to make authentic links to learning that is happening here at school while you are at home or out and about.

Years 3-6 began learning some tennis skills this week as part of their movement program. Teachers will work with external tennis coaches to facilitate this program. Maybe there is a future Ash Barty and Roger Federer in our student population.

A reminder that next week is the year 6 combined band on Wednesday. Don't forget to bring instruments on that day as it's not a regular band day. The combined band will be hosted by our band right here at school.

Also next week is the annual athletics carnival on Friday. Students can wear their house colours on the day. Be sure to pack plenty of water and food on Friday as there will be lots of activity (weather permitting).

Belconnen Gardening Club have offered to donate four trees to create a windbreak on the west side of our garden. We will be planting them in the spring. A huge thank you to them for their generosity and support.

We've had two Community Choir mornings this term and everyone I've spoken to who has attended have highly enjoyed the experience. Please come along and join us for some morning singing – each Tuesday in the large room near the library at 8.30am.

In August you will receive the annual School Satisfaction and Climate Survey link. This is very important data for us and we hope that all parents provide their feedback so we can ensure the school is continually improving. You will receive a link for each child you have in an ACT public school. Now is the time to let us know if you have any questions about your child's education and how the school runs. Please don't hesitate to contact Danielle or I if you would like this information in preparation for filling in the survey. Another source of information is the school website.

Jodie

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Order your sausage sandwiches through Flexischools and they will be delivered to your child at the oval. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available.

Orders need to be in by next Wednesday 28 July 5pm.



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 Acting President: The P&C are firing up the BBQ at the Athletics Carnival next Friday 30 July. Order your sausage sandwiches through Flexischools and they will be delivered to your child at the oval. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available. If you are able to help on the day, please email treasurer.mpspandc@gmail.com



Are you ready for the annual Macquarie Primary readathon? The Macquarie P&C are holding a readathon where every child reads as many books as they can (especially good fit books), and asks their family and friends to sponsor them - either per book read, or a set amount. The readathon will be held from 1 August to the 22 August, with prizes being awarded at the book week parade 27 August. All sponsorship money will be used to improve the school. There is a prize for the child who reads the most books in each year, and an overall prize for the child who reads the most books. Sponsorship and reading lists will be handed out soon.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 July at 6.30pm in the staff room. Everyone welcome.

Class Parent Rep: We still require a class parent representative for the Les Fruit de Dragon. It only takes a few minutes of your time once every couple of weeks if you are able to help. Please send an email to: classparentrepsmps@gmail.com

Calling all Year 6 parents. We are forming a committee to help coordinate the Year 6 farewell in Term 4. If you would like to be involved in the organisation, please send an email to Fleur: mfroddam@bigpond.com. The more the merrier.

Canteen: We are seeking a new canteen coordinator to help with our regular Friday canteen orders. If you are able to help coordinate the volunteers roster and manage our Flexischools page – we would love to have you. Please send an email to: canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com. A huge thank you to Tina for running this program for us so far this year.

Friday is lunch order day. Orders are made via Flexischools (<https://www.flexischools.com.au>) and need to be placed by 8:30am Friday morning.

Breakfast Club: Brekkie Club is on every Friday on the steps of the canteen between 8.45-9.00am. Come along for a piece of toast or bowl of weet-bix.

Uniform Shop: The P&C Uniform Shop is open on **Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15am, **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 3:30pm, and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15am.

Cash and card payments are accepted. Orders can also be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au. No need to collect online orders - they will be sent home with students.

Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times, or may be left at the front office. Any questions can be sent to uniforms.mps@gmail.com

Gardens and Grounds: We have another Working Bee scheduled in for this term. Please save the date on **Saturday 28 August**. Further details to come.

MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who will receive a merit award at the

Les Citrons Verts	Mary P & Kingson I
Les Oranges	Kianna S & Lucia C
Les Ananas	Qusay A & Lily T
Les Fruits de Dragon	Tatum P & Tila F
Les Kiwis	Alex D & Olivia H
Les Litchis	Margot M & Matthew G



ICAS

ICAS is coming up in term three. The revised sitting dates are listed below.

Digital Technology	Thursday 12 August at 9.30am
Writing	Friday 13 August 9.30am
English	Thursday 19 August 9.30am
Science	Thursday 26 August 9.30am
Spelling	Friday 27 August 9.30am
Mathematics	Thursday 2 September 9.30am

Unfortunately, there may not be opportunity for students to sit ICAS tests if they are absent on the sitting day due to the tight turnaround of testing submission. If you know your child will be absent on one of these dates please let the front office know early so arrangement can be made. The payment portal is closed so no more students will be able to participate in 2021.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS

Les Agrumes—We will be investigating 'How do our bodies change over time?' We looked at this concept earlier in the year, and will connect to our learning from earlier in the year and expand upon it by looking closer at all the ways our bodies change. We will be thinkers and investigate how using timelines and charts can help us organise our thinking.

Les Fruits Tropicaux— Next week we will be investigating how our bodies change and grow over time.

Les Baies— We will be exploring the topic of gender and discussing gender identities, norms and stereotypes. Students will be encouraged to question their thinking around this topic and detect and challenge the limiting nature of many traditional gender-norms.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for continuing to send back books borrowed before the holidays. Overdue notes will be printed next week, and as usual I'm keen to see books returned before the notes are printed to save paper.

Book Club

Issue 5 orders close tomorrow so please ensure your LOOP or cash orders are in by then. The online ordering link is www.scholastic.com.au/loop

If you wish to place an order after our school LOOP closes, you still can but you will be required to pay postage.

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
2021 Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Library Trust Fund donations	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Combined band	Year 5 band	Monday 2 August
Arboretum	Les Baies	Friday 13 August
Zoo	Les Agrumes & Les Pêches	Friday 13 August
Botanical Gardens	Les Petit Légumes	Tuesday 17 & Thursday 19 August
Camp Birrigai	Les Légumes & Les Pêches	Friday 27 August

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

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.

OUR CLASS NAMES

Preschool	Les Petit Légumes	Les Kalettes & Les Cucamelons
Kindergarten	Les Agrumes	Les Citrons Verts & Les Oranges
Year 1/2	Les Fruits Tropicaux	Les Ananas, Les Fruits de Dragon, Les Kiwis & Les Litchis
Year 3/4	Les Légumes	Les Brocolis, Les Aubergines, Les Citrouilles & Les Concombres
Year 5/6	Les Baies	Les Groseilles, Les Fraises & Les Sureaux
Learning Support Unit	Les Fruits à Noyaux	Les Pêches

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

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Conserve water. Turn off the water whilst brushing your teeth (if you don't already) and take shorter showers. Have a family competition to see who can take the fastest shower.

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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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Navigating the Aged Care System

Do you, or a loved one need help navigating the aged care system? We can help!!

The ACT Disability Aged Carer Advocacy Service (ADACAS) is proudly continuing to work with the Council on the Ageing (COTA) until December 2022 to see how people are navigating aged care home services and support through My Aged Care (MAC).

Eligibility to access MAC is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years or older, all non-Indigenous people aged 65 years or older and Prematurely Aged individuals (50 years or older for non-Indigenous people and 45 years or older for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples).

ADACAS Aged Care Navigators provides a free My Aged Care information service to eligible individuals, their families and carer's, in person, by phone or by video-link. We can also coordinate the help of the Translating Information Services for people from linguistically diverse backgrounds or with auditory impairments.

To start making enquiries about your aged care plans please contact Ken at ADACAS on 6242 5060 or AgedCareNavigator@adacas.org.au



Census



Schools: Please consider adding this into your School Newsletter if you have students and staff away on camp on Census night.

Information for students and staff away on camp

Census of Population and Housing 2021

On Census night (August 10), some of our students, parents and staff will be away on a school camp.

To make sure that everyone is counted once and only once in the Census, please ensure that you include your child on the Census form as if they were home on Census night, even though they are on a school camp or an overnight excursion. Your child will not be counted at the camp.

Any adults accompanying students on the camp or excursion, including teachers or parents, will complete a Census form for themselves at the camp.

Girls' Programming Network



Girls teaching girls how to code!

GPN is a community of women and girls who are interested in computer science, programming and IT.

Workshops are held for girls in Year 4-12, they are free and no prior coding experience is necessary!

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

Registrations open on Monday 12 July at 6pm

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Register here for more info:
canberragpn.github.io





WORKSHOP: TRANSITION TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Supporting school transition for students with disability and developmental delay

The ACT Education Directorate is hosting two workshops to support parents and carers of students with disability and developmental delay transition to a new school year.

While the workshop will focus on the transitions from preschool to kindergarten and year 6 to year 7, for students with developmental delay and disability, the sessions will provide ideas for parents to assist children at any transition time.

Attendees will leave the workshop with a toolkit of practical ways that they can support their child through school transition.

The workshops will be held at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling:

- Friday 13 August 10.30am-12.00pm
- Monday 16 August 6.00-7.30pm

Register for a workshop via Eventbrite at bit.ly/TransitionToolkitWorkshop

For more information contact jean.walker@act.gov.au