



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Deputy

Dear families and friends,

The end of term seems to be approaching very fast. Thank you for sending back the hands which inform our classes for next year. The staff have been working on class structures this week. There is considerable thinking that goes into the classes and decisions are made to enable the best engagement and learning possible across the school. Children will find out who their 2022 teacher is in week 11 and we will do a short outdoor 2022 class meeting to decide on class names during that week.

Speaking of 2022 we will be farewelling some staff and welcoming some new staff. Veronique Canellas, Bec Spoons, Tei Mosby, Casey Hill, Courtney Wowk and Mel Pollack will all be leaving us to go on new adventures. We wish them all the best. Joining us is Ben White who comes from Bonython Primary School, Nicole Kent from Neville Bonner Primary School, Eddie McCallum from Gold Creek School, Janelle Martin from Evatt Primary School and Garima Singh from Palmerston District Primary School. Our new staff bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with them and we look forward to them joining the MPS team.

The garden has had some more work and planting recently. We are weeding the perennial garden and putting in some bee attracting plants that were bought with funds from a grant we received from Junior Landcare. We would love families to access our garden during January as that is when so much of the produce will be ready for picking. We will be putting a coded lock on the gate and shipping container which will enable families to come down, do some watering and weeding and take some fresh produce. If you would like access to the garden in January please let me know (jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au) and I'll send out a code for you to use.

We are still looking for submissions for the Arts Showcase. If you've worked on something at home with your children we would love a photo or short video to include.

ICAS Maths will take place today and tomorrow for those children involved. Maths is the final ICAS we do for the year. Good luck to those taking the test.

The carpark is a busy place in the afternoon. For the safety of all children we ask that parents pull into the curb for pick up and don't allow children to run across the road to get in cars. It may take a little more time but safety is paramount so let's encourage and model road safety for all students.

Please be on time to pick up children in the afternoon. After school care is available if you are unable to get here at 3.00pm every day. Ask for enrolment information at the front office.

Jodie

DEVICES

If you borrowed a school Chromebook during the remote learning period, they are to be returned along with the charging cord next week (week 9). Children are to take them in their school bag and return to their classroom teacher.

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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:

Thank you to everyone who came to our final P&C meeting of the year last night.



Fundraising and Event: Cherry Drive - Our Cherry Drive is in its final week. Please ensure all orders are processed in Flexischools by midnight Thursday 2 December, or in paper form to the P&C box at school with payment by 3pm Tuesday 30 November.

Class Parent Reps: If you are interested in becoming a class parent representative for your child's class next year, please email classparentrepsmps@gmail.com with the year group your child(ren) will be in next year. As soon as class allocations are announced we will start to assign parent reps so that those important social connections can begin.

Canteen – Canteen services are now back up and running every Friday until week 10 with contactless procedures in place. Please use the Flexischools app to place your order before school on Friday mornings.

Uniform Shop: Attention Preschool families - get organised for 2022. Come and see us in the uniform shop to try on uniforms for next year. Orders can also be placed on flexischools.com.au and will be delivered to preschool for students to take home. We are happy to exchange sizes - just keep tags on. Second hand items are available for \$2 and \$5. Opening times are: **Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15, **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 3:30 and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15.

Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times. The last day shop will be open this year is Wednesday 8 December (week 10).

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Issue 8 ([click here](#)) has been reopened, still as a paperless, digital catalogue. Place orders via LOOP ([click here](#)) and choose **home** or **school** delivery at the ORDER SUMMARY page. The due date for free delivery to school is **Monday, November 29**.

GIFT option is available – select GIFT on the ordering page for secret orders. I will let you know when the orders are available for contactless collection from school.

Returning Library Books

This week has sadly been the last week for students to borrow books from our library. ALL books are due back next week, so a library stocktake can take place in weeks 10 and 11.

The end of year procedures will be tighter this year, with classes only able to visit the library on ONE day. Children will therefore receive a notice listing all current loans BEFORE their library day next week, in the hope that all 2000 books will be returned by next Friday. End of week preschool will return their books on Friday. Please help your child to start looking for books now so they will be ready to bring them back on library day next week.



Please email pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au if you have any questions.

PRESCHOOL PHILOSOPHY REVIEW

We are currently undertaking a review of our preschool philosophy to ensure it captures everything we believe in and do at our preschool. Community input is vital throughout this process to maintain the high community focus we value so much at our school.

The current philosophy is:

Macquarie Preschool offers the children of our community an environment to learn, play, grow and develop the skills to contribute to society.

We would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the following survey to guide the development of our updated philosophy.

<https://forms.gle/jvBXnPpcsBr36bG78>

The survey closes on Friday 26 November 2021.

2022 STATIONERY SUPPLIES

Notes will come home today regarding 2022 stationery supplies for students. Each year stationery supplies are ordered in bulk and delivered to your child's classroom prior to the commencement of the school year to assist in setting up students for learning success in 2022. The pack has all the necessary consumable items your child will need throughout 2022.

Families who pay for stationery packs before 4 February 2022 will receive a discount AND go into a draw to receive their money back. So get in early and tick one more job off your to-do list.

2022 year level	Price of Pack before 4 February	Price of pack after 4 February
Preschool	\$40	\$45
Kindergarten	\$70	\$75
Year 1	\$65	\$70
Year 2	\$55	\$60
Year 3	\$60	\$65
Year 4	\$50	\$55
Year 5	\$55	\$60
Year 6	\$45	\$50
Small group program	\$35	\$40

PRESCHOOL PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Starting preschool is an exciting time for your child and your family.

Each child's journey to preschool is different. Your child might transition from home or an early childhood education and care service, they might attend a public preschool or continue into their early childhood education and care preschool program.

The Preschool Pathways program is designed to assist you to support your child in starting preschool.

You know your child best – you are their first teacher – and you play an important role in helping them on their education journey.

A set of resources is available under the Preschool Pathways program, including:

- Preschool Pathways map
- Transition to Preschool and COVID-19
- What is the EYLF
- Great books to read with your child
- Talking to your child about their day.



For more information visit <https://www.education.act.gov.au/early-childhood/set-up-for-success-an-early-childhood-strategy-for-the-act/preschool-pathways>

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN ACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do you have an experience or view of disability and education in ACT Public Schools?

We want to hear from you! Students with disability (both current and former), carers, families, advocates, school staff and the broader community are invited to join the 'Community Conversation' survey and help shape how we strengthen inclusive education in ACT Public Schools. To complete the survey visit <https://services.contentgroup.com.au/inclusive-education-and-community-conversation>

For more information about the survey and this work visit <https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/students-with-disability/strengthening-inclusive-education>

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2021 Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Library Trust Fund donations	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2022 Year 5/6 Camp Cooba	Year 4 & Year 5	Friday 3 December
2022 Stationery supplies	Preschool—Year 5	Payments welcome anytime

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

Updating Contact Information

Please update the school office if you have any changes to phone numbers, home address or email address.

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

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

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

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Cutting your daily shower from eight minutes to four minute saves around 36L of water. Taking shorter showers is just one of many ways to reduce water use and conserve drinking water. It's also an easy way to reduce your water bill. Turn on your favourite song at the start of your shower. Know that when the song ends, it is time to finish up.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an

ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

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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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

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- PERFORMANCE
- R.A.D EXAMINATIONS

****NEW IN 2022****

- ACRO & TUMBLING
- MUSICAL THEATRE

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2022!



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