



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Deputy Principal

What a busy week we've had at Macquarie Primary School! I hope your children are excited and not too tired from all the events.

Last Thursday Coral Coliseum students went on an excursion to the National Arboretum. This excursion concluded their inquiry unit *'What is our responsibility to ensure the planets future?'* Students have been learning about biomes, how different environments around the world are connected, and how humans impact the environment. As a part of our learning students took a 'Walk Around the World' guided tour to explore and learn about trees from all over the world, from climates ranging from the desert to the tropics. The tour exposed students to how our climate is affecting these trees and how to keep them healthy.

On Monday our kindergarten students celebrated their 100th day of kindergarten learning. Many dressed up as 100 year old people; staff and students looked really fabulous. The day was filled with exciting activities and celebrations. We are so proud of the growth our kindergarten students have made in 100 days and know that you are too.

On Tuesday we held our annual Athletics Carnival. The day was cold and sometimes drizzly but everyone had a great day. There was a lot of loud cheering and displays of sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to all students who participated in events. Having a go makes every single student a winner in our eyes. Thank you to the staff who organised the day, the parent volunteers who helped run events and to the P&C volunteers who braved the elements to cook the sausage sizzle lunch. The effort that went in to running such a successful day was appreciated by everyone there.

On Wednesday afternoon the teaching staff participated in some professional learning with a focus on writing. This aligns to priority one in our School Plan which is *To improve student gain (growth) in writing and spelling*. At our school, students are taught the writing process THINK > PLAN > DRAFT > RECRAFT > EDIT > SHARE. Writing is a cyclical process and teachers support students to move through and between each part of the process. This week we commenced some work around the importance of writing conferencing with students and how this time can be used to target individual student needs and next steps in their development of writing. We are already buzzing with excitement about the direction our writing program is heading and can't wait for our second session of professional learning in a fortnight.

Today the Great Barriers and Water Birds went on an excursion to The National Zoo and Aquarium. This ties closely to their current pathway of inquiry *'Why Do Places Have Diverse Features?'* The students and staff had a fabulous day learning about different animals and the diverse features that different habitats need to ensure the living things located there can thrive. This learning will be continued in the classroom. This provocation will support the learning back at school.

Unfortunately due to the drizzly weather at the end of last week, we had to postpone the painting of the shipping container for NAIDOC Week. New dates for this will be advertised soon. Don't forget, on these days your child needs to bring an old top in their bag to wear whilst painting.

Don't forget that Friday next week, Friday 5 August, is a pupil free day. You received information about this from Jodie last term. If children are unable to stay at home next Friday you need to register your child/children by contacting the office. 6142 1550 or admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au.

Stacey

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 28 July

Kindergarten & Proud Pelicans excursion to the zoo

Board meeting 4.30pm

Monday 1 August

Hats on

P&C readathon begins

Friday 5 August

Pupil free day

Monday 8 August

ICAS Writing testing 12pm

Thursday 11 August

ICAS Digital Technologies testing 9am

Monday 15—Friday 19 August

Science Week

Thursday 18 August

ICAS English testing 9am

Monday 22—Friday 26 August

Book week

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



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NEWS FROM THE P&C

From the President: A big thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the sausage sizzle at the athletics carnival on Tuesday. The students (and staff!) greatly appreciated the opportunity to enjoy a sausage on the day. A massive thank you also to Lauren J for coordinating the BBQ.



Thank you also to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Tuesday night. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings throughout the year. Keep an eye out in the Newsletter for our next meeting – the more the merrier.

Uniform Shop: The P&C Uniform Shop will be closed on the staff planning day on Friday 5 August.

Regular open times are: **Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15, **Wednesdays** 2:55 - 3:15 and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15. Grab a bargain - discontinued items are available on flexischools in limited sizes with prices from \$10. Scarves and beanies are still available for \$5 each. Orders for new uniform items can be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au or flexischools app. Online orders will be sent home with students. Second hand items are available in the shop for \$2 and \$5, and donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times. Any questions can be sent to uniforms.mps@gmail.com

Readathon: 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 start on Monday 1st August and will run to 26th August, with prizes being awarded after all booklists are returned by the 2nd of September. All sponsorship money will be used to improve the school. There will be a book voucher for the person from each year who has read the most books (from pre-school through to year 6), a prize for one person selected at random from the people who submit their readathon form, as well as a special prize for the person who has read the most books in the entire school. Sponsorship and reading lists are included with the newsletter. Let's get reading.

Canteen: Canteen is back up and running in Term 3 with some new items on the menu including butter chicken with rice, chicken nuggets and milo cookies. There will be no Canteen on the pupil free days this term: Friday 5th August and Friday 9th September. Just a reminder that if you need to place or cancel a lunch order you can do that through flexischools until 8.00am Friday mornings, and make sure you receive a confirmation email.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mem Fox's Read-Aloud Commandments

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud. From birth!

2. Read at least three stories a day; it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read. Or the same story a thousand times!

Book Club

Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club has been distributed, and orders are due in by Sunday August 7. There is a free book offer for orders over \$30 BUT if you are using the LOOP app you will need to update to the latest version BEFORE placing your order. You can also place orders through www.scholastic.com.au/loop

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

Congratulations to Anika and Ryan Watterson who represented Macquarie Primary at the ACT and Regional NSW Interschools Snowsport Championships in Perisher last week. Anika placed 21st out of 43 in her alpine event and 22nd in the ski cross. Ryan placed 38th out of 50 boys in the alpine event and 34th in the ski cross.



CYBER SECURITY FOR KIDS

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) has launched a 'Cyber Security Instruction Manual: Kids Cyber Security Guide'. The guide is for parents, teachers and carers to teach children in primary school about basic cyber security steps and how to stay secure online.

To download the manual and cyber security resources and activities for children, visit [Cyber Security for kids | Cyber.gov.au](https://www.cyber.gov.au/cyber-security-for-kids).



RSVP using the QR Code or Link:

bit.ly/3nIdMIP



ACT Primary School Parent & Carer eSafety Online Webinar

Time: 6pm – 7pm

Date: 1 September 2022

RSVP: QR Code/Link

Topics:

- Understanding eSafety issues impacting young people
- Hard to have conversations with your child
- Where to go and how to report when things go wrong
- Current Trends and Updates

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Library Trust Fund donations	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2022 Stationery supplies	All students	Payments welcome anytime
Band payment	Year 5 & 6 band	Payments welcome anytime
Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	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

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	The Little Nippers	Green Yabbies & Red Crayfish
Kindergarten	The Great Barriers	Curious Crocodiles, Super Seahorses & Shiny Sharks
Year 1/2	The Mangroves	Sensational Sea Snakes, Courageous Clams, Sweet Sea Stars & Great Ghost Crabs
Year 3/4	Coral Coliseum	Majestic Mud Crabs, Terrific Tiger Sharks & Electric Eels
Year 5/6	Freshwater Fish	Magnificent Murray Cod, Splendid Silver Perch, Golden Galaxias & Scintillating Saratogas
Small Group	The Water Birds	Proud Pelicans

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

Carry a reusable drink bottle and coffee cup when you leave your home.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an
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