



The Macquarie Memo

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FINAL PAPER VERSION OF NEWSLETTER

As of next Thursday 13 February we will no longer be distributing paper copies of the Macquarie Memo. We will use our School Administration System (SAS) to send the newsletter via email in a similar way to the distribution of the 2019 Semester 2 reports. Using SAS will ensure that we are accessing the latest contact information for all families.

Should you require a paper copy of the newsletter we will continue to provide hard copies at the front office which you are welcome to collect.

To support us in this paper saving initiative please return your Student Information Checklist as soon as possible so we can ensure that we have your current contact details.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 12 February

School assembly—hosted by school leaders

P&C Welcome BBQ 5:30pm

P&C AGM in the library
6:30pm

17-21 February

Getting to know you interviews

Wednesday 26 February

Scribbly Gums & Rainbow Gums to Hall School Museum

Friday 28 February

School Clean Up Day 2pm

Red Gums, Silver Dollar Gums & Snow Gumsto Hall School Museum

Thursday 5 March

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 11 March

Assembly hosted by Desert Roses

Tuesday 17 March

Preschool photo day

Thursday 19 March

Whole school photo day

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From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to our new delivery day newsletter. We are hoping that by sending the newsletter home later in the week we are able to give you more advance notice of upcoming events and activities. We have had a wonderful settled start to the year. Students knew where they were going and who their teacher was (mostly). We are really pleased that we have been able to give families information well in advance of the year to help alleviate worries about where they are going, who will be teaching and who is in their class.

Many children will be tired with the beginning of the school year, and it is a good idea to schedule in some early nights and opportunities to take it easy until everyone's stamina is re-established.

This year our classes are named after native plants, and in addition the teams are grouped in a theme:

The Kindergarten classes are collectively Acacias

The 1/2 classes are collectively Eucalypts

The 3/4 classes are collectively Australian Emblems, and

The 5/6 classes are collectively Bush Tucker.

This helps us to describe the whole cohort groups.

This year we will continue to use our school Facebook page (Macquarie Primary School) and Class Dojo to communicate information and share learning and celebrations with you. During the getting to know you interviews to be held in the week commencing 17 February we will be checking that you have access to these communication channels.

I hope you are able to make it to the P&C Welcome BBQ next Wednesday afternoon, commencing at 5:30pm. It will be followed by the P&C AGM, all welcome.

One of the things we have talked about as a staff recently is birthday celebrations at school. We love to share celebrations and birthdays are a big event for lots of families. If you would like to provide a cake for your child's class to mark this occasion we ask that you pre-cut it, as we don't have knives in classrooms or choose individual cupcakes, or fruit or sugar free ice blocks. As a health promoting school we don't have lollies or high sugar content foods, so ask that you don't provide them to your children. We will continue to send birthday cards home this year to commemorate another year.

Have a wonderful week,

Danielle



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NEWS FROM THE P&C

MPS P&C AGM & Elections

The Macquarie Primary School P&C will hold their Annual General Meeting & Elections on **Wednesday 12th February 6:30pm in the Library** following the Welcome BBQ.

Many of our longstanding committee members are standing down, and this means we need you to think about how you can support the school community.

Details regarding positions are available on the separate P&C information flyers, or email president.mpsandc@gmail.com with any questions.

Macquarie Primary Welcome BBQ

5:30pm Wednesday 12th February

The P&C are pleased to sponsor the Welcome BBQ. Gluten free, halal, chicken and vegetarian options will be available or feel free to bring your own picnic.



Come along and meet your school community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MPS P&C Uniform Shop

Volunteers are needed for a half hour shift once a fortnight to help run the Uniform Shop. This is an excellent service that provides near-cost uniforms and pre-loved uniforms at bargain prices for our school community.

Volunteers are needed to help with shifts once a fortnight on Friday morning or Wednesday afternoon. Any questions or to register your interest, please email uniforms.mps@gmail.com

Friday Canteen Service

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the Friday Canteen Lunch Service. If you have time between 12 and 1 on a Friday, please help us by volunteering to help sort lunch orders.

Even once a term is a great help!

Any questions or to register your interest, please email: canteen.mpsandc@gmail.com

School
Clean Up



Macquarie Primary School clean up will be held on **Friday 28 February at 2:00pm**.

Community members and students are invited to meet on the Namadgi Blacktop to collect supplies before setting out to collect rubbish from the school grounds.

We have a limited amount of gloves so we encourage you to **bring your own gloves, tongs and buckets** to collect the rubbish safely and sustainably.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all got to enjoy some reading over the holidays. I always love catching up with the children to find out what their favourite holiday book was.

Here at Macquarie we find the children to be avid readers and we encourage them to use our library for borrowing and reading not only during their weekly library lessons but also at lunchtimes. Parents are welcome to drop in before school every day except Wednesdays; we also have family borrowing accounts (forms from the library or front office) which allow you to borrow up to 10 books at a time.

All students are encouraged to have a library bag. We find this is the best way to protect our books from being damaged and also from getting lost.

Please don't hesitate to pop in for a chat or email me if you have any questions (pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au)

SCHOOL PHOTOS: RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO MASTER SCHOOL PORTRAITS (MSP PHOTOGRAPHY)

On enrolment at Macquarie Primary School you provided the school with personal information that assists us to support the educational needs of your child/ren while they are enrolled in an ACT Government school. The ACT Information Privacy Act 2014 states that this information cannot be used or released without satisfying certain conditions. MSP Photography will be returning for school photos this year in term 1. They have requested your child's name, student ID and class. If you do not consent to include your child in this year's school photos please complete the slip below and return it to the Front Office as soon as possible.

I **do not** give permission for my child/ren _____ in class/es _____ to be included in the 2020 school photos.

Signed _____ Parent Name _____ Date ___/___/___

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Two members of our school board will reach the end of their appointment in February 2020 and one member will be resigning from their role. This has created two vacancies for parent members and one vacancy for a staff member.

Our school board provides valuable input into strategic planning and monitoring across many aspects of our school. If you are interested in nominating for a position, or would like to know a little more about what is involved with being on the board, please contact our Business Manager, Ann Walker or talk to one of our current board members. Further information can also be found on the Education Directorate website : https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/get-involved-in-your-childs-school/school_boards

The 14 day nomination period for vacant positions on our School Board opened at **11am on Monday, 3 February 2020**. Nomination form is attached to this newsletter.

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Hall School Museum & Heritage centre excursion	Eucalypts	Friday 21 February
Student information check sheet	All students	ASAP
Medical Information and consent form	All students	ASAP

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts and soft shell crab.

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am
Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm
Friday: 8.45am—9.15am

Library

Open for families
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
8.30am—9.00am

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
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/	Business Manager	Ann Walker	ann.walker@ed.act.edu.au
P&C President	Sheree Murray	Board Chair	Janet Hope	janetehope@gmail.com
	macquariepandc@gmail.com			

Are you back to school ready?



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As we start a new school year, we would like to remind you, parents and students about our services and how to best prepare for travel on both bus and light rail in the new year. Details of all school and regular services are available [online](#) for parents and students to begin planning their journeys.

School routes and services remain unchanged for 2020. Transport Canberra is here to support the safe passage of students to and from school using public transport and active travel options.

To assist in planning school bus travel, use our handy tips and checklist below.

Routes and timetables:

Check the details of services required for your child to and from school, also making sure your child is familiar with the times and stops. If your child is new to school or changing schools, please check available [school services](#) or [regular bus timetables](#) information.

Journey Planner:

The Transport Canberra Journey Planner includes school services, allowing you to plan out the most convenient mode of transport for your trip to school. Use Transport Canberra's [journey planner](#) to plan your travel, and use [NXTBUS](#) to track your awaited service.

MyWay cards:

MyWay is the cheapest and easiest way to travel with Transport Canberra services. A student [MyWay card](#) can be purchased online, over the phone, or at a MyWay Recharge Agent. Adding travel credit is even easier with the options of B-Pay or Autoload direct debit, attracting an additional 5% discount on all fares. Students can also top up their MyWay card or purchase a single or daily ticket at Transport Canberra's new [ticket vending machines](#), available at selected bus stations and Light Rail stops.

When travelling on Transport Canberra services, it is important for students to carry their concession entitlement in addition to their MyWay card as Customer Service Officers regularly check concessions.

Fares:

A single trip school student MyWay fare is now \$1.22 on school days and a single trip school student cash fare costs \$2.50. All information about MyWay and cash fares are available [online](#).

Public Transport Safety:

If your child is new to public transport or a regular user, don't forget safety is a top priority. Make sure your child is familiar with the safety rules for inside and outside their chosen bus or light rail service. For further information on Transport Canberra travel safety, please visit the [Etiquette and Safety](#) and [Staying Safe](#) sections on our website.

School Safety Tips:

A School Crossing Supervisor program has been in place since 2018. School crossing supervisors (lollipop people) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions. They also help to manage the flow of pedestrians and motorists at the busiest crossings. For further information on schools participating within the program please refer to our Active Travel page, under [School Crossing Supervisors](#).

Active Travel:

Walking, riding or scooting to school is also a great way to reduce congestion and increase safety around schools. There are several initiatives in place to support families wishing to walk or ride in 2020, including the Ride or Walk to School, Active Streets for Schools and School Crossing Supervisor programs. Part way drop off points near a school, like a local oval or the shops, can be a great option if walking or riding the entire trip is too far.

Further information:

Pick-up and set down guidelines, tips for parents, tips for staff/volunteers, tips for students, safe driving, safety tips, safe school travel plans and travel congestion information can be found under the [School Safety Tips](#) on the Transport Canberra website.

Staying up to date:

To keep up to date with Transport Canberra news and important service information, sign up for our email alerts or follow us on our social media channels: [Email Alerts](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Further information can be found under the [FAQ's section](#) on our website. For all other enquiries, please contact us on 13 17 10.



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2020 Term 1

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Teams 2 girls and 2 boys

Thursday 5 March	St Monica's Primary School
Thursday 12 March	Lyneham Primary School
Thursday 19 March	Maribyrnong Primary School
Thursday 26 March	Majura Primary School

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For more information visit <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/juniors/blue-sparks/sc-ore/>

Or call 0484 649 186



WODEN VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR

Woden Valley Youth Choir has provided a music education to hundreds of students from ACT and surrounding region for over 50 years. WVYC offers a dynamic choral programme for young people aged 8 to 25 and we are proud to provide so many positive benefits to our members: the value of learning to sing with confidence, positive self-esteem, and performance skills, which will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. WVYC is a not-for-profit community choir with a strong music education programme. We don't just sing – we become musicians.

OPEN DAY AND AUDITIONS

WVYC will hold an open day on Tuesday 18 February. Auditions will follow, for those interested, on Saturday 22 February. We have vacancies in all choirs although quite limited places in our high school/university age treble voice choir. We are especially keen to audition more young men for our changing and changed voices choir, *Centauri Voices*. For more information on open day times and auditions please go to <http://wvyc.org.au> and download an application form or email info.wvyc@gmail.com or phone 1300 599 655.