



# The Macquarie Memo

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## Dates for the Diary

### Friday 24 July

Acacias excursion to Botanic Gardens

### Thursday 30 July

Board meeting 4:30pm

### Friday 31 July

Pyjama day

### Wednesday 5 August

P&C meeting 6:30pm

### 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

### Friday 25 September

Athletics carnival

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## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

Welcome back to term 3. It has been lovely to see everyone again after the break and hear about what families got up to over the two weeks. Unfortunately, due to the increased COVID-19 cases in other states the ACT Education Directorate has paused the easing of further restrictions in schools. This means that we are still trying to limit the number of adults on school grounds and if you do need to be at school you will need to sign in, so we have a record of attendance. School camps had already been cancelled and are not to be rebooked for this year. We have however booked next year's 5/6 camp for term 1 and the 3/4 camp in term 3.

As part of our need to minimise adults at school if you need to collect your child during the school day please let us know in advance and we can have your child ready for collection at the front office at the required time. Please understand that we are unable to get children from the playground during break times, so if you need to collect your child please be aware they are not able to be collected between 11-11:30 and 1:00-1:40.

I would like to draw your attention to the following consultation opportunity.

The *Disability Standards for Education 2005* (the Standards) help make sure students with disability in Australia can access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, on behalf of the Minister for Education, is undertaking a review of the Standards through an extensive community consultation process. The Standards are reviewed every five years to test if they are effective in achieving their objectives and whether any improvements could be made.

Current, former and prospective students with disability, their families and carers, advocates, educators and other members of the public are invited to share their experiences, views and ideas to inform the Review of the Standards. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, engagement activities will mostly be held online via a dedicated 2020 Review [Consultation Hub](#). To register to be involved or to make a submission visit the [Consultation Hub](#). The consultations are open until 11.59pm AEST on Friday, 25 September 2020.

We are looking forward to talking with you next week during parent teacher interviews, we have decided to make all interviews either via telephone or video call to maintain everyone's health. Teachers have lots of information to share about your children's learning this year and next steps. Today the term overviews will come home with your children so you can get a taster for the planned learning experiences this term.

If your child catches the 32 bus home in the afternoon, please be aware that bus time has changed, it now comes at 3:03pm and then again at 3:21pm.

Have a great week,

Danielle

## Disability Standards for Education — 2020 Review



[disabilitystandardsreview.education.gov.au](https://disabilitystandardsreview.education.gov.au)

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

*Did you know ... over three quarters of students stay in school until they are seventeen?*

## From the President

Welcome back to school everyone.

The P&C had managed to secure a spot at the Belconnen Bunnings sausage sizzle for 25 July, however, due to increased cases of Covid-19 in NSW, Bunnings have unfortunately had to postpone the sausage sizzle for a little while. The good news is they gave the school a \$500 gift card to make up for the inconvenience and have promised us a spot as soon as things get back to normal. I'll keep you posted.

Thanks to the generous donation from Bunnings we can now purchase plants and supplies to continue the renewal of the grounds.

During the break, your P&C has been busy planning other events. I'm pleased to announce we are working on:

- School Disco on 18 September
- Election Day Sausage Sizzle on 17 October
- Colour Run on 13 November

We urgently need anyone and everyone who would like to lend a hand to help us make these events successful. Not only do we hope to have fun events for the kids to enjoy, we hope that funds raised will support school projects such as improving the grounds and facilities.

If you would like to help, please text or call Brendan Ding on 0423069625 or email him at [president.mpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:president.mpspandc@gmail.com). With your help, we can really make a difference.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Brendan Ding

President

## 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](mailto:canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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](https://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](https://flexischools.com.au) or with cash and an order form will be sent home with students.

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## NEWS FROM THE P&C continued

### School grounds working bee

A working bee to improve the school grounds has been tentatively planned for the weekend of **August 8 and 9**. Watch this space 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** online.

So that everyone can participate, the school will also be hosting the meeting by video call. Please email Danielle to RSVP to the meeting at [Danielle.Porter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Danielle.Porter@ed.act.edu.au)

### 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/z1yqzsiq0orxe0g/>

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

## ICAS 2020

ICAS 2020 will occur on the following dates. Enrolment for testing has closed. If your child is enrolled to participate please ensure they are at school on time on testing days as we will start promptly in the morning.

If students are away on testing days they may miss out on participating due to the strict opening period for online assessments.

### Science

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am

### Digital Technology

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am

### English

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am

### Maths

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 9.15am

### Spelling

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am

For any further information please contact Jodie Rowell [jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au)

## 2021 and 2022 CAMP DATES

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions in semester 1 and the ACT Education Directorate advice, it was necessary to postpone all camps for both 3/4 and 5/6 students in 2020. Over the last few weeks we have been working closely with several outdoor recreation centres and have been able to secure dates for the 3/4 and 5/6 camps for 2021 and 2022.

The camp dates are as follows:

2021 3/4 Camp Birrigai: 16 to 17 September 2021

2021 5/6 Camp Wombaroo: 24 to 26 February 2021

2022 3/4 Camp Warrambui: 13 to 14 October 2022

2022 5/6 Camp Cooba: 7 to 9 March 2022

## 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

Second-hand toys and clothes release less carbon emissions than new ones. Buy fewer new toys. Swap and regift things you don't use. Shop at second-hand outlets like Gumtree, Buy Nothing, op shops or The Green Shed.

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/>.

## SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

**Office hours:** Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

**Macquarie Primary is an  
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

*Avoiding all nuts.*

<b>Phone K-6 site:</b>	02 6142 1550	<b>Principal</b>	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
<b>Phone preschool:</b>	02 6142 1570	<b>Deputy Principal</b>	Jodie Rowell	jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au
<b>Email:</b>	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	<b>Executive (P-Yr2)</b>	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
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<b>Facebook:</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary">http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary</a>	<b>Business Manager</b>	Ann Walker	ann.walker@ed.act.edu.au
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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Youth & Family Support Program



Hi I'm Rob,

I am a Youth & Family Support Worker with Capital Region Community Services that will be working out of Macquarie Primary School up to two days a week. I have experience working with a variety of young people and families to support them in accessing services and programs in the ACT. If you have an interest or need information about topics such as: cyber safety, parenting, housing, returning to work and many other areas, I am happy to meet with you to discuss them. I will be at school on Friday mornings for a coffee, if you are interested, feel free to drop in for a chat from 9:00am in the staff room.



### What supports are available?

The Family Support Program provides:

- Early Childhood Education groups
- Access to Parent Education groups
- Skill development and support groups
- Case management and case coordination

### When does the program operate?

The Program operates Monday to Friday from 9am till 5pm 50 weeks in the year from various locations in Belconnen. Rob is available on Fridays from 9am at the Macquarie Primary School Staff Room during school terms.

### How much will it cost?

The Family Support Program is a free service.

*Family workers can provide information; help families to identify goals; work with other services to achieve the best possible outcomes; and provide supported referrals to groups and programs that promote positive parenting, mentoring and personal development.*

For more information about our Youth & Family Support Program please call **0458 240 950** or email: [robert.mcgregor@crs.com.au](mailto:robert.mcgregor@crs.com.au)

For referrals to Youth & Family Support Case Management and other support services across the ACT, please contact Onelink on 1800 176 468 or visit [www.onelink.org.au](http://www.onelink.org.au)

The CRCS Youth & Family Support Program is an ACT Government Funded Initiative



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