



The Macquarie Memo

Issue 2: 10 February 2022

From our Deputy Principal

What a wonderful start to the year we have had here at MPS. As Deputy Principal I am looking forward to working with all students, families, teachers and the community to continue the educational journey of your child. Feedback from across the school is that it has been settled and enjoyable for students and staff alike. Whilst I have majorly only been in contact with the preschool children and welcomed them on their first days, I have been in the carpark in the mornings and afternoons to be able to say hello and reconnect with many students and families. If your child is new to our school and I have not yet had the opportunity to meet you at drop off or pick up time I warmly welcome you and hope to meet you soon.

Dates for the Diary

**Monday 14 February—
Friday 18 February**

Getting to know you
Interviews

Thursday 17 February

Board Meeting online
4.30pm

Friday 4 March

Clean up Australia Day

Tuesday 15—18 March

Harmony Week

Friday 18 March

National day against
bullying

Friday 25 March

Ride or walk to school day

**Monday 28 March—Friday
1 April**

Year 2 Aquasafe

Friday 8 April

Term 1 ends

Teachers across our school talk about and explicitly teach students the learning assets which are embedded in the inquiry philosophy of our school. These assets are collaboration, self-management, communication, thinking and research. These are woven in to our way of being and fairly quickly students from preschool to year 6 are familiar with the learning assets and language that go along with them so make sure you ask your child about them and see how they can transfer in to your everyday life.

As teachers we:

- Encourage students to explore and discover answers to questions and support them through this process
- Encourage students to question the world around them and wonder about things they would like to learn more about
- Use open ended questioning and thinking prompts as teaching tools
- Support students to transfer their knowledge across multiple contexts
- Support students to access prior knowledge to construct new understandings
- Involve students in some of the decision making about aspects of learning and help students make connections between ideas, subjects and inquiries
- Encourage students to do more talking and thinking about focus areas of study
- Teaching students how to reflect on how, why and what they are doing in class.

To start the school year, we have a whole school focus on school values and expectations for the next 4 weeks. During this time students and classes look at our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) matrix and establish what the expectations and school values look like in different spaces around the school. At our school our PBL expectations are 'we are safe', 'we are respectful' and 'we are learners', and our values are 'excellence', 'integrity' and 'persistence'. We take a lot of time to unpack the meaning of each of these to support students to be learning ready and productive members of the MPS and broader communities. Teachers also focus on explicitly teaching our learning assets of collaboration, self-management, communication, thinking and research.

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Next week we are holding our getting to know you interviews. Each family will have received a form to complete with information about your child to support us getting to know them better, as well as details of how to book an appointment time with your child's teacher. This term all meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams. Once you have booked a time, you will receive an email from the teacher with a link to join the video call at your allotted time. We have chosen Microsoft Teams so you can see and connect with your child's teacher during this time where you are unable to come on to the school grounds. If you need help to book an interview time please email your child's teacher or call the front office.

Stacey

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



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Birthday Food

With current Covid restrictions we are unable to share food at school. This includes birthday cakes, lolly bags etc. We request families don't send in food to celebrate birthdays. We appreciate this is a change for families but hope you can understand the reasoning behind it. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible. Teachers are celebrating with students and making their day special in other ways.

Sunscreen

We are a SunSmart school. We are happy to give children reminders to wear sunscreen if they bring their own along in their bag. If your child brings sunscreen please let the teacher know.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

From the Acting President: Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Tuesday evening. Congratulations to everyone who has been appointed a position on the P&C for 2022.

- President (Office Bearer): Carlos Nunez
- Vice President – maximum of two (Office Bearer): Lauren Johnston
- Treasurer (Office Bearer): Belinda Ryan
- Assistant Treasurer (Office Bearer): Sheree Murray
- Secretary (Office Bearer): *vacant* – *Celia Rideaux (Acting)*
- Public Officer: Lauren Clancy
- ACT P&C Council Delegate: Naomi Sheehan
- Breakfast Club Coordinator: Fleur Roddam
- Canteen/Special Lunch Coordinator: Jess McDarmont
- Class Parent Representatives Coordinator: Alethea White
- Communications Coordinator: Fleur Roddam
- Events and Fundraising Coordinator: *vacant* – *Fleur Roddam (Acting)*
- Gardens and Grounds Coordinator: Chris Hollins
- Grants Coordinator: Lauren Johnston
- Preschool Representative: *vacant*
- Uniform Shop Coordinator(s): Liz Watterson & Sheree Murray.

Macquarie Community Netball Team

If your child (girl or boy) from year 2-6 is interested in playing Saturday morning Netball this year, please fill out the attached form and email it to: Deb - debstuhome@gmail.com. Forms must be returned by Friday 18 February 2022.

We still have a few vacant positions, so please contact macquariepandc@gmail.com asap if you are able to fill one of the roles.

Uniform Shop: The P&C Uniform Shop is located in the Tidbinbilla Building. It is run by volunteers and sells new uniforms as close to cost price as possible, and second-hand items for \$2 and \$5. Open times are: 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. Any questions can be sent to uniforms.mps@gmail.com. Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times.

**Volunteer needed. The Uniform shop is looking for a volunteer once a fortnight on Wednesday afternoons. Get in touch with Liz: uniforms.mps@gmail.com if you can help.

Canteen: Canteen is back up and running. Orders can be placed via Flexischools with a strict cut off of 8.30am Friday mornings. To top up your existing account or set up an account for new students head to flexischools.com.au or install the app to your phone. There has been some changes to the menu this year, so log onto Flexischools and check it out. Vegetarian, gluten free and halal dietary requirements are catered for.

Class Parent Representatives: If you would like to volunteer as class parent representative for your child's class in 2022, please let us know by emailing classparentrepsmps@gmail.com. Class Parent Reps communicate with their child's class every so often to advise on class or school activities, P&C events and information, as well as any other social events or opportunities that we can be part of with the Macquarie Primary Community. It really only takes a few minutes every couple of weeks to send an email out to your class. We currently have 6 classes with Parents Reps, but there are still 12 without one. Please consider this role if you can.

LIBRARY NEWS

Bookclub – Issue 1 orders are due by this **Sunday February 13**. We can only accept online orders, so please head to the parent payment page at www.scholastic.com.au/loop (also available as an app – “Book Clubs Loop for Parents”). You will need to create a login if this is your first order. Orders are sent to the school for distribution; there is also a home delivery option but postage costs will be added to your order.

IT'S THEIR TURN

There are many benefits of getting your children vaccinated against COVID-19:

- To protect them – although children are at lower risk of serious illness, they are not immune from COVID-19.
- To protect others – younger people and children experience the highest rates of COVID-19 and are one of the biggest spreaders of the virus. Children who are vaccinated are less likely to pass the virus onto others.
- Less disruption from school – being vaccinated will make your child less likely to experience disruption from school, socialising with others and doing other activities they love.

Find out more at covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinechildren



2022 STATIONERY SUPPLIES

Notes have been sent home 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.

Cashless payments are preferred. Payment options are listed on the following page.

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

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 2022 school photos.

Signed _____ Parent Name _____ Date ___/___/___

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
Medical Consent Form	All students	Friday 18 February
2022 Stationery supplies	All students	Payments welcome anytime
Getting to know you information sheet	All students	Friday 11 February

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	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, Superb Stingrays & Electric Eels
Year 5/6	Freshwater Fish	Magnificent Murray Cod, Splendid Silver Perch, Golden Galaxias & Scintillating Saratogas
Small Group	The Water Birds	Proud Pelicans

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Walk or ride instead of drive.

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	Jodie Rowell	jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au
Phone preschool:	02 6142 1570	Deputy Principal	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
Email:	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (P-Yr2)	Candice Kingston	candice.kingston@ed.act.edu.au
Website:	www.macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (Yr3-6)	Mariam Hijazi	Mariam.hijazi@ed.act.edu.au
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