



# The Macquarie Memo

Issue 9: 31 March 2022

## From our Principal

Last weekend we had a great turnout to the garden and grounds working bee. I'm sure if you've driven by the school you will have seen the progress made on the covered orchard. You may also notice how great the garden beds are looking and how much we are currently growing. Did you know the community can access the gardens over the school holidays? It actually helps us out if people can pop in and do some picking and weeding and watering. There is a key lock on the gate between the community garden and preschool. We can email the process for opening the key lock and accessing the garden if you would like to do so. We currently have verbena lime (great to put in hot water and drink as a tea), sage, rosemary, strawberries, and a variety of other herbs ready for eating. We hope to seed the wicking beds over the next couple of weeks too with carrots, broccoli, some types of onion. Next term we can grow some garlic too.

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 28 March—Friday 1 April**

Year 2 Aquasafe

**Thursday 7 April**

Board meeting

**Friday 8 April**

Cross country carnival

Junior school 11.15am-12.15pm

Senior school 1.00-2.30pm

Term 1 ends

**Monday 25 April**

Anzac Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 25 April**

Term 2 starts

You may be wondering how we triage supports for students at Macquarie Primary School. Teams of teachers work together in professional learning communities to discuss the best approaches to meeting individual student learning needs and implement intervention in classrooms. They plan for whole class and flexible, small group instruction to do explicit teaching of concepts, allowing those students who require more time, additional teaching or more personalised support to build knowledge in specific areas of the curriculum. For example, there may be whole class instruction on improving cohesion in writing. Students demonstrate their understanding through a range of tasks. Teachers are constantly looking at the work and implementing scaffolds for students who require extra support. Teachers analyse what students produce and find some students have limited use or knowledge of the range of conjunctions and connectives they could use. Those students have additional instruction in a small group, this teaching may include additional explicit teaching, demonstration by the teacher or co-creation of a text to build understanding. Some students may require continued scaffolds with their writing such as conjunctions written on a whiteboard to remind them of writing options – this is called differentiation. While small groups of students are working with the teacher others may be continuing with their individual writing or accessing extension activities such as creating more sophisticated texts using a variety of referring words, substitutions, word associations and text connectives.

Sometimes we continue to see students not making expected progress. Teachers will organise meetings with parents to discuss concerns and work closely with their Team Leader to gather additional information. This may include information from the parent about a last eye check or hearing check, if they've been to a paediatrician recently, if there are any diagnosis that we don't know about... We try to eliminate other factors that may be contributing to the student's ability to make expected progress with their learning. Teachers and parents can refer students to the Student Support Team. This team consists of the School Psychologist, Principal, Deputy, Team Leaders and class teacher. Sometimes other professionals are included such as occupational therapists and speech therapists. The team look at all the data, work samples, historical information and start to formulate possible hypotheses. At this stage the team may have suggestions for teachers or parents such as different teaching methods, referral to specialists, more formal academic or cognitive assessments.

Sometimes it may be a wellbeing issue that is impacting on a student's ability to focus and learn at school. Each year our students complete Social Emotional Learning Programs and these can be adjusted based on the needs of students – for example they may have a stronger focus on identifying feelings to build students vocabulary and understanding or internal strengths and exploring how to solve conflicts with friends. We partner with services like Menslink to run programs such as 'It's not weak to speak' and E-Safety to look at cyberbullying impacts and responsibilities. When students need another layer we run a range of small group programs such as Cool Kids or art therapy (for students with anxiety), drumming program (is effective for children with trauma), Circus (mostly for students with ADHD). Supports may also be offered to families and can range from a check in chat, social worker support or food baskets.

In staffing news we say farewell to Shirley Larsen, our brilliant Arts teacher. Shirley plans to do some travelling over the next 12-18 months. We will be looking for a teacher to replace Shirley and I'll notify families once we have someone in that position. I have been in the Acting Principal role now for almost a term. I'm happy to say I will continue acting throughout term two, providing consistency for our community until we know more about Danielle's return or appointment to another school. Stacey will remain in the Deputy role and Mariam and Candice in the Team Leader roles. I've really enjoyed my first term as Principal and look forward to next term.

Next week is the final week of school before we have a two week break. On the very last day of term, Friday 8 April, we are running the cross country. We will run junior school separate to the senior school. Don't forget the canteen won't be open on Cross country day so pack plenty of food and a drink bottle, plus a hat for your child/ren. Children can wear their house colours on cross country day.

Jodie

CANTEEN  
CLOSED NEXT  
WEEK

No lunch orders  
next Friday 1  
April (week 10)

## In this Issue

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Students need to  
bring a drink bottle  
to school everyday.  
Our bubblers are  
currently unavailable.



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

**Working Bee:** A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Working Bee on Sunday. We got a lot done throughout the morning. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers and to Chris for coordinating the day.



**Uniform Shop:** For the remainder of Term 1 the P&C Uniform Shop is open:

**Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15, **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 3:30 and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15.

Term 2 opening times will be:

**Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15, **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 3:30 and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15.

Any questions can be sent to [uniforms.mps@gmail.com](mailto:uniforms.mps@gmail.com).

**Fundraising and Events:** Online Mother's Day Stall coming soon. An online Mother's Day stall will be setup on Flexischools shortly. Items ranging from \$1 - \$10 will be available for sale leading up to Mother's Day and will be sent home with the children on Friday 6th May. **If you are able to volunteer to help pack the items, please send an email to: [fundraising.mpsandc@gmail.com](mailto:fundraising.mpsandc@gmail.com)**

**Class Parent Reps:** We only need three more class parent reps for our classes this year: Electric Eels (year 3/4), Golden Galaxias (year 5/6) and Splendid Silver Perch (year 5/6). Please send an email to: [classparentrepsmps@gmail.com](mailto:classparentrepsmps@gmail.com) if you can fill one of the roles.

Cohort	Class	Teacher	Parent Rep	Rep Email
The Little Nippers	Red Crayfish	Maree Sweeting	Vince Craig	<a href="mailto:Vince.craig@anu.edu.au">Vince.craig@anu.edu.au</a>
	Green Yabbies	Maree Sweeting	Shane Emami	<a href="mailto:shane.emami@gmail.com">shane.emami@gmail.com</a>
The Water Birds	Proud Pelicans	Mary Pezzella	Sarah Wallach	<a href="mailto:sarahwallach77@gmail.com">sarahwallach77@gmail.com</a>
The Great Barriers	Shiny Sharks	Garima Singh	Celia Rideaux	<a href="mailto:rideaux.celia@gmail.com">rideaux.celia@gmail.com</a>
	Super Seahorses	Monique Darragh	Tajnin Lopa	<a href="mailto:tajninlopa@gmail.com">tajninlopa@gmail.com</a>
	Curious Crocodiles	Nicole Chapman	Dana Connan	<a href="mailto:daaanish333@gmail.com">daaanish333@gmail.com</a>
The Mangroves	Sweet Sea Stars	Lauren Green	Tina Apps	<a href="mailto:christina.apps@hotmail.com">christina.apps@hotmail.com</a>
	Great Ghost Crabs	Sean Gourlay	Rachel Sanderson	<a href="mailto:rachelsanderson787@gmail.com">rachelsanderson787@gmail.com</a>
	Sensational Sea Snakes	Brooke Behan	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Courageous Clams	Chlo Sutherland	Caroline Hatswell	<a href="mailto:carolinehatswell@gmail.com">carolinehatswell@gmail.com</a>
Coral Coliseum	Terrific Tiger Sharks	Nicky Kent	Matt White	<a href="mailto:mattwhite82@gmail.com">mattwhite82@gmail.com</a>
	Electric Eels	Eddie McCallum	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Magestic Mud Crabs	Patrick Kien	Katy Norman	<a href="mailto:Knorman@iinet.net.au">Knorman@iinet.net.au</a>
	Superb Stingrays	Rachel Appleby	Manda	<a href="mailto:mandakhtuya.ga@gmail.com">mandakhtuya.ga@gmail.com</a>
Freshwater Fish	Golden Galaxias	Jenelle Martin	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Splendid Silver Perch	Lauren Price	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Scintillating Saratogas	Ben White	Fleur Roddam	<a href="mailto:mfroddam@bigpond.com">mfroddam@bigpond.com</a>
	Magnificent Murray Cod	Emma Murphy	Lauren Clancy	<a href="mailto:lclancym@gmail.com">lclancym@gmail.com</a>
Class Parent Representative Coordinator			Alethea White	<a href="mailto:classparentrepsmps@gmail.com">classparentrepsmps@gmail.com</a>

# WORKING BEE TERM 1

A massive thank you to all those who turned up early on Sunday morning - what a day! We started at 9am, and before we knew it we had about 30 parents/teachers plus kids all working away in the gardens. It was a great to see such a big turnout for our first working bee for the year, the biggest turnout we've had for a working bee.

We managed to tackle some much needed work in the grounds, including pruning of all the roses in the rose garden and weeding of all the vege garden beds, perennial garden bed, and greenhouse. A massive pile of mulch was then scattered amongst all the weeded areas, including the new orchard. The orchard also saw the posts go in for the espalier lines and the massive net to cover the fruit trees.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out, awesome effort by everyone. And a special thank you to Mary for firing up the BBQ (after working hard all morning in the garden) and feeding all the volunteers.

If you are walking along Bennelong Crescent, make sure you check out some of the hard work the volunteers did. And if you have any suggestions for tasks for our next working bee, please let me know.

Working Bees are scheduled throughout the year, one per school term. If you're interested in joining the next one, keep an eye out in the newsletter/Dojo/Facebook for dates.

Thanks,  
Chris.



### 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.

### 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.



## CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

We will be holding our school cross country carnival on Friday 8 April, which is the last day of school this term.

A permission note will not be going home for this event, as it will be held in the vicinity of the school. All children are encouraged to participate to the best of their ability, however if your child is unable to participate in this event please inform your child's class teacher. Children are encouraged to wear house colours this day.

At this point it is our understanding that the Belconnen Regional carnival will go ahead, so if you believe your child would like to be selected to represent Macquarie Primary at this event please encourage them to train.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to watch their child run this year. Expect lots of Dojo posts to see the excitement.

## 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 2. 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
2022 Stationery supplies	All students	Payments welcome anytime
Band payment	Year 5 & 6 band	Payments welcome anytime
Year 6 shirts	Year 6	Thursday 7 April

## 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

Reuse paper or fabric for wrapping presents.

## SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

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

Macquarie Primary is an

**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

<b>Phone K-6 site:</b>	02 6142 1550	<b>Principal</b>	Jodie Rowell	jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au
<b>Phone preschool:</b>	02 6142 1570	<b>Deputy Principal (P)</b>	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
<b>Email:</b>	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	<b>Executive (K-Yr2)</b>	Candice Kingston	candice.kingston@ed.act.edu.au
<b>Website:</b>	www.macquarieps.act.edu.au	<b>Executive (Yr3-6)</b>	Mariam Hijazi	Mariam.hijazi@ed.act.edu.au
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<b>P&amp;C President</b>	macquariepandc@gmail.com	<b>Board Chair</b>	Amy McGuire	

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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## April 2022

### FOR THE KIDS

Special Story Times

Holiday Giggle & Wiggles

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Space & science fun

Paper pilots & bus stop makers

Native animals pick up pack

### FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Seated Yoga

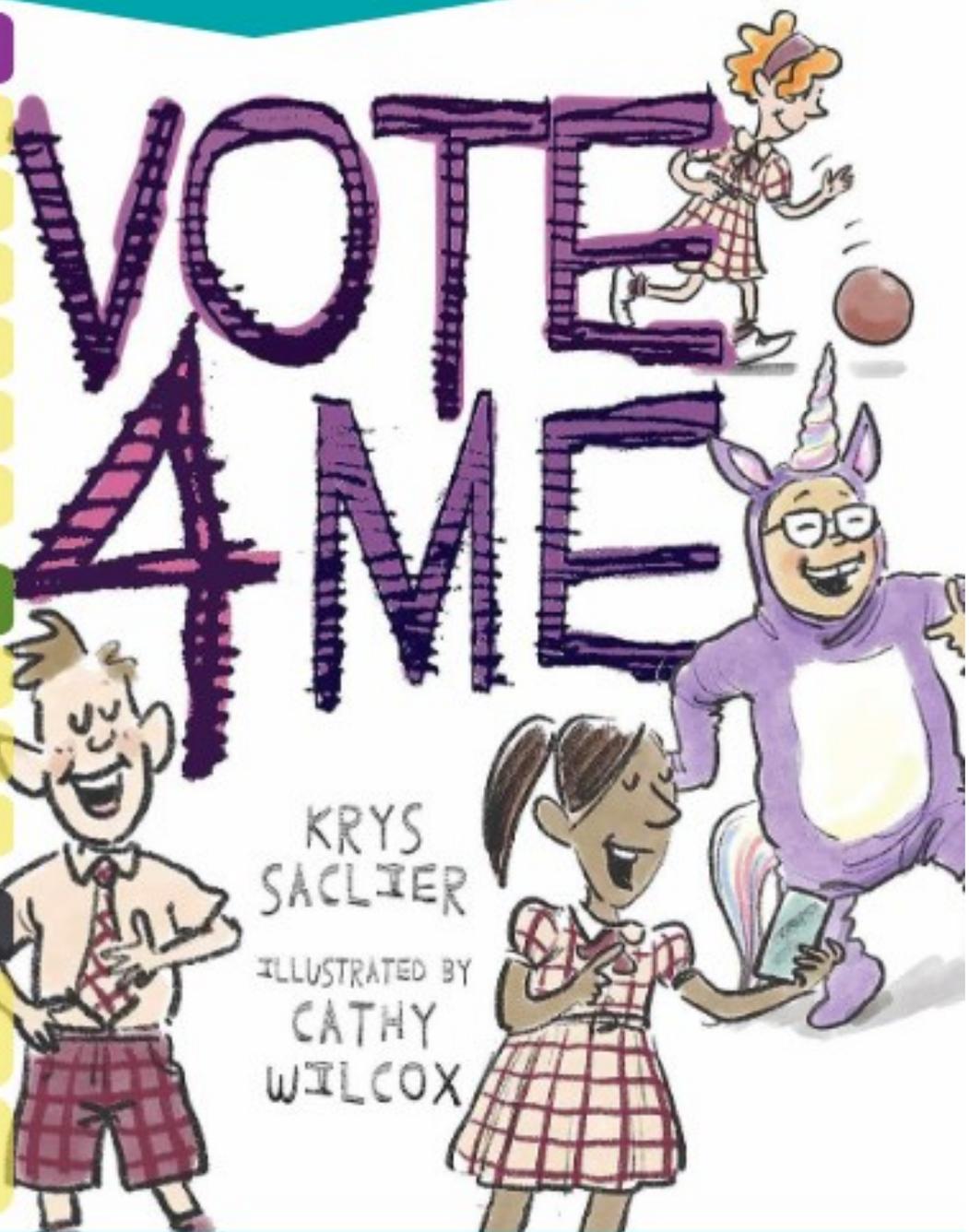
Using & Assessing First Readers

Look Who's Talking workshop

### WHAT ELSE IS ON?

Woden Library Open Day  
20 April | Woden

Mamie Story Walk  
3 April - 8 May | Haig Park, Braddon



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## FOR THE KIDS

### Popcorn & PJs - Kids' movies at the Library

14 April, 2pm | Woden - *Thumbelina*  
22 April, 6pm | Dickson - *Fantasia*

Put on your PJs (or your favourite onesie), grab your pillow and bring some snacks because we're off to the movies!

### Pom Pom Planets | 10.30am (unless indicated otherwise)

11 April | Woden  
13 April | Kippax  
19 April | Dickson  
20 April, 3pm | Woden  
21 April | Tuggeranong

Do you love space, planets, pom poms? Learn about the planets in our solar system by creating pom pom planets

### Solar Ovens | 10.30am

11 April | Belconnen  
12 April | Tuggeranong  
19 April | Woden  
20 April | Gungahlin

Learn how Aboriginal Australians cooked without gas and electricity and make your own solar oven.

### Planetary Landing | 10.30am (unless indicated otherwise)

12 April | Dickson  
13 April | Gungahlin  
20 April, 1pm | Woden  
21 April | Kippax  
22 April | Tuggeranong

Consider the challenges of landing a space probe and design a planetary landing craft using household materials.

### Paper Pilots | 2pm

Level up your paper plane making skills and learn how to make paper planes designed by the Australian Air Force.

Location	Beginner 6-8 years	Intermediate 8-12 years	Advanced 10+ years
Dickson	12 April	19 April	
Gungahlin	3 April	11 April	12 April
Belconnen	19 April	13 April	11 April
Tuggeranong	11 April	12 April	19 April
Woden		20 April	13 April

### Questacon Hands-on Exhibits | Opening hours

1-30 April | Belconnen

Confuse your brain with mirrors, check out your Jupiter weight and conquer even the most confusing mazes with Questacon.

### Pick Up Packs (available while stocks last)

Learn about Canberra's native animals with a take home pack from the following branches. Collect all four:

- Gang Gang (Woden)
- Sulphur Crested Cockatoo (Tuggeranong)
- Bogong Moth (Dickson)
- Wombat (Gungahlin)

## Make your own iconic Canberra bus stop

During the holidays, stop by any of our library branches (maybe even come by bus) to make and decorate your own iconic CBR bus stop.

## For parents & carers

### Seated Yoga | 12pm

20 April | Woden

### Using and Assessing First Readers | 11am

11 April | Woden  
21 April | Dickson

### Look Who's Talking workshop | 3pm

13 April | Woden - *Building Vocabulary*  
20 April | Woden - *Positive Language*

## Special Holiday Story Times / Giggle & Wiggles

### Story Time Holiday Edition | 10.15am

9, 11, 14 & 21 April | Dickson  
9, 12, 19 & 22 April | Gungahlin  
9, 13 & 20 April | Woden  
11 April | Tuggeranong  
13 & 20 April | Belconnen

Join us for stories, rhymes and songs for kids aged 3-5, that'll help kids with listening, language and pre-reading skills.

### Our Bush Capital - Story Time & craft | 11.15am

9 April | Woden  
11 April | Gungahlin  
19 April | Tuggeranong  
22 April | Dickson

Enjoy this illustrated picture book about the joy of exploring Canberra from local author Samantha Tidy.

### Story Time at Kippax with special guests from Questacon | 10.15am

12 & 19 April | Kippax

Get ready for a fun-filled science story followed by an exclusive preview of science kits from Questacon guests.

### Vote 4 Me - Story Time & Craft | 11am & 1.30pm

20 April | Woden  
21 April | Dickson  
22 April | Gungahlin

The federal election is coming. Find out all about voting with author and educator, Krys Saclier and a fun election role play.

### Sensory Story Time | 10.30am

22 April | Woden

Explore and engage the seven senses with a story time aimed at those living with autism or sensory challenges.

### Spanish Bilingual Giggle & Wiggle | 2pm

10 April | Belconnen

All the joy of our popular Giggle & Wiggles for babies/toddlers aged 0-2, but with a fabulous Spanish twist.

### Giggle & Wiggle Holiday Edition | 11.15am

11 April | Dickson  
12 & 19 April | Gungahlin  
13 & 20 April | Tuggeranong  
14 & 21 April | Belconnen  
14 & 21 April | Woden  
22 April | Kippax

Giggle the holidays away with your babies/toddlers aged 0-2. Boost language development with songs, dance and rhymes.

Macquarie Training Centre

Branch Instructor Stephen White

Macquarie Primary School, Bennelong Crescent, Macquarie ACT  
2614

Times: Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30pm and Thursday 6.30 - 7.30pm

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for Primary aged children

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10 am - 2 pm

Thursday 14 & 21 April 2022

Different craft, games, stories and  
activities each day

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more  
in a family (covers



**BYO lunch, drink bottle and hat. Do not attend if unwell.**

Bookings essential - 6254 1733

An activity of Kippax Uniting Church



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Aware event**





# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

## UPCOMING CAMPS

**11-13 April 2022**

<b>9am - 12pm</b> Ages 5-9 years		<b>1pm - 4pm</b> Ages 10-13 years
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**Belconnen Basketball Stadium**

**19-21 April 2022**

<b>9am - 12pm</b> Ages 5-9 years		<b>1pm - 4pm</b> Ages 10-13 years
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**Tuggeranong Southern Cross Stadium**

Further details about cost, requirements and registration at [www.basketballact.com.au](http://www.basketballact.com.au)



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