



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Deputy Principal

It is hard to believe that next week we are half way through term 4. We are all very busy around the school at the moment; no doubt your children are coming home tired but happy.

On Tuesday this week our year 5 and 6 students went for a visit to Canberra High School as part of the transition program for our year 6 students. They went on a tour of the school and watched an entertaining drama performance. Students had the opportunity to ask questions to support their knowledge building in the lead up to their transition to year 7.

We also started our kindergarten transition program this week. On Tuesday the Green Yabbies visited kindergarten for an hour to see the environment, read a story and complete an activity. Some children who will be new to our school for kindergarten next year also joined us. These valuable opportunities allow children to have kindergarten experiences which support their transition at the start of next year. Each preschool group will visit kindergarten twice, with Red Crayfish visiting tomorrow and then both groups again in week 6.

Today we celebrated Grandfriends and Outdoor Learning Day (GOLD). It was a really fabulous morning. What a pure joy it was to be able to have Grandfriends back on school grounds to engage in such fun experiences with their precious grandchildren. Everywhere I looked there were children and adults having fun with a range of experiences on offer including portrait drawing, story reading, hat making, chalk drawing, bubble blowing, games, chess, skipping, nature art, a scavenger hunt, rock painting and more. Thank you so much to our staff who organised the morning, and to all the parents and grandfriends who attended. If you have any feedback on things we can do differently or better for next year please email your ideas to me at Stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au

At this stage of the term, teachers are busy collecting evidence of learning and starting to write semester 2 academic reports for your children. This is a complex process to ascertain whether your child has made appropriate growth in each area of the curriculum. We have rigorous moderation conversations to make sure our assessment is consistent and accurate across the school. Students in years 1 to 6 receive A to E grades as part of the reporting process. A 'C' grade will indicate that your child is operating at the expected grade level. If your child is going to receive a 'D' (partial understanding of the concept) or 'E' (limited understanding of the concept) overall for a subject, you will receive a phone call from the class teacher by the end of week 6 to discuss this before reports are emailed to all parents on Friday 2 December.

As previously communicated, teachers will not be writing comments on the semester 2 academic reports. This is in line with the ACT Education Directorate's suggested workload reduction for teachers. Instead, we will be offering optional parent teacher interviews in week 9 (5-9 December). You will receive information about how to book in for these in week 7. Again, PTO will be the platform we use to book these interviews. If your child currently has an ILP, PLP or PBSP we will also review these during this time in readiness for setting new goals at the start of next year.

Have a great week.

Stacey

Dates for the Diary

Friday 4 November

2023 Kindergarten transition visits 10.10-11am

Year 1/2 Brumbies clinic

Sunday 6 November

P&C working bee 9am-12pm

Friday 11 November

Remembrance Day Assembly

Monday 14—Wednesday 16 November

Year 5/6 Camp Cooba

Tuesday 15 November

2023 Kindergarten transition visits 10.10-11am

Friday 18 November

2023 Kindergarten transition visits 10.10-11am

Year 1/2 Brumbies clinic

Monday 21 November

Year 6 Passport to Success Program 9-10am

Year 3/4 National Gallery Excursion

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NEWS FROM THE P&C

Fundraising and Events: Cherry Drive! The P&C are holding a cherry drive this term, with funds raised going toward P&C projects. Prices for Cherries are \$20 for 1kg, \$40 for 2kg and \$70 for 5kg. Cherry orders are now available for purchase on Flexischools. Orders close Thursday 24 November at 5pm and delivery will be Wednesday 30 November. If you are able to help receive and disperse the cherry orders 30 November, please send an email to: fundraising.mpspandc@gmail.com



Term 4 Working Bee: This Sunday 6 November 9am - 12pm

Please come along for all or part of the last working bee for 2022 - and as an added bonus the Cafe will be open for your morning coffee! Please RSVP to grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com

Uniform Shop: The P&C Uniform Shop opening times are: **Mondays** 8:45 - 9:15, **Wednesdays** 2:55 - 3:15 and **Fridays** 8:45 - 9:15

We need you! Can you spare half an hour once a fortnight? Volunteers are needed for Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Contact Liz.uniforms.mps@gmail.com

Orders for new uniform items can be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au or via the flexischools app. Flexischools orders will be sent home with students.

Grab a bargain! Discontinued items such as bootleg pants, bike shorts, polar fleece vests and winter pinafores are available on flexischools. Prices from \$5. Limited sizes so get in quick!

Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times. Contact: uniforms.mps@gmail.com for further information.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club is back every Friday in the school café. Come along and enjoy some toast, cereal and a hot or cold milk drink. Please let your children know to line up outside the café and food will be served from the trestle table at the double doors. Children are welcome to come alone, but adults are most welcome to join their children too.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help the P&C with the Arts Festival Tuesday 29 November between 4:00pm and 7:30pm for the sausage sizzle, assisting with picnic orders and more. Please contact Celia Rideaux at crideaux@nla.gov.au or on 0478 578 282 if you can lend a hand for a bit or for the entire time.



Your P&C Uniform Shop needs you!

Can you spare half an hour once a fortnight?

We need a volunteer once a fortnight on a **Wednesday** afternoon, and another volunteer once a fortnight on a **Monday** morning.

Working in the uniform shop is a great way to be involved in the P&C and the Macquarie Primary community.

Contact Liz
uniforms.mps@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

2022 STATIONERY PACKS

At the start of each year, students are provided with all the stationery items they require for the school year. These are ordered and delivered direct to the school in bulk at the start of the year. Every effort is made to ensure that the cost of the packs remain affordable for families.

If you are unsure if you have paid for your child's 2022 stationery items, please give the front office a call or email admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au and we can let you know. Asking for contributions to cover the cost of these consumable items allows the school budget to go towards other educational resources for use in classrooms including books, educational games and technology.

This year we have received the following from families across the year groups. It would be wonderful to see these amounts getting closer to 90 percent across the school.

Year group	Percentage of packs paid
Preschool	64 percent
Kindergarten	60 per cent
Year 1	59 percent
Year 2	77 percent
Year 3	58 percent
Year 4	71 percent
Year 5	58 percent
Year 6	51 percent

The 2022 costs of stationery for each year level is listed below and payment details can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

2022 year level	Price of pack
Preschool	\$45
Kindergarten	\$75
Year 1	\$70
Year 2	\$60
Year 3	\$65
Year 4	\$55
Year 5	\$60
Year 6	\$50
Small group program	\$40

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
Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
National Gallery visit	Year 3/4	Friday 11 November

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.

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.

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

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Walk or ride a bike instead of driving the car.

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 (P)	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
Email:	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (K-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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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Grants for women returning to work

Did you know there's a Women's Return to Work Program that supports Canberrans looking to get back to work or study?



The Office for Women provides grants of up to \$1,000 and can connect you with a mentor to support you on your pathway to employment.



Grants can be used for courses and training that increase work skills, study equipment such as textbooks or a laptop, clothing, transport and childcare costs to help you return to work.



Workshops are run regularly and cover resumes, applying for jobs and interview skills. You also get free individual sessions with a career mentor!



Who can apply? ACT women on low incomes who have been out of the workforce for more than 6 months.



Scan the QR code with your phone camera to get information about the Return to Work Program.

You can also email rtw@act.gov.au to ask questions and get advice.



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- High-Quality programs for 5 to 15 year old's
- 9 am to 3 pm each day
- Delivered by qualified coaches
- For children of all skill levels
- Bring friends along and we will group you!



The Australian National University. ANU Sport
Fitness Centre. 19 North Rd, Acton 2601.



1300 914 368
admin@australiansportscamps.com.au
<https://australiansportscamps.com.au>



NOT APPLICABLE TO PARTNER PROGRAMS



Imagining, Discovering and Finding Work

School to Work Foundational Webinars

It's never too early or too late to support your family member to start thinking about what life after school could look like by having meaningful employment.

Our foundational School to Work webinars guide families to help their young family members to imagine, discover and find valued work roles.

Imagining Work

- Monday, 14 November 2022, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm AEDT
- Relevant for students in or soon to begin Years 7-8

Discovering Work

- Monday, 21 November 2022, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm AEDT
- Relevant for students in or soon to begin Years 9-10

Finding Work

- Relevant for students in Years 11-12 and recent school leavers (2 sessions)
- Getting started - Thursday, 17 November 2022, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm AEDT
- The next steps - Thursday, 24 November 2022, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm AEDT

Where

- Online via zoom.
- Recordings of the sessions will be available for one month

Cost

- The workshop is free, thanks to funding from the Department of Social Services

Who

- Secondary school students with disability, their families and the professionals who support them

Register at [imaginemoore.org.au/events](https://www.imaginemoore.org.au/events)



School To Work
for Secondary School
Students with Disability

This project was made possible as part of the Community Inclusion Capacity Development program through the Department of Social Services

Volunteers Morning Tea
TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS
ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS
MAKE TO MPS, PLEASE JOIN US:

Wednesday 23 November
8.30-10am in the Garden Side Cafe
RSVP: admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au