



# The Macquarie Memo

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## From our Principal

Dear families and friends,

Can you believe we actually made it to the end of the year! I feel like 2021 has been about 20 months long – not 12. We managed an awful lot of learning, celebrating as well as connecting online during our time apart this year. I have had a very mixed week this last week of term, seeing people and saying goodbye. Thank you to those who reached out by email, card, or in person – I have had a fair few tears from the very heartfelt messages. Macquarie is a wonderful community and I will miss it sorely.

Yesterday our year 6s had an action packed day, celebrating their end of primary school. In the morning we had our farewell assembly, which included a personalised video message from some Canberra Raiders just for our students, then they headed off to 10 pin bowling and pizza lunch and culminated the day with their farewell dinner and disco. The room looked beautiful, put together by a hardworking band of year 6 parents – thank you so much for sourcing the decorations, setting up the room, organising the meals and making the yummy brownies for dessert. Everyone had a great time. We finished off the night with music by our own DJ Pat! I have to say my highlight was the last dance – the Nutbush. Some things never get old.

This afternoon all students will have a class meeting with their next year's class. They will select their class name, and have a chance to see each other- this will be nice as we have been fairly separate this term due to 'cohorting'.

We are still a couple of teachers short for the beginning of next year. Jodie will be working hard to secure staff before the beginning of the year and will post any updates on the school Facebook page to keep you in the loop.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to have a break, recharge the batteries and celebrate over the summer. If I don't see you in person, thanks for all the support over the past 4 years.

Have a great week,

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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

**From the acting President:** Happy holidays everyone. We look forward to seeing you in the new school year. A massive thank you to all of the parents and teachers on the Year 6 Farewell organising committee for all their work putting together the dinner last night. Thank you also to the P&C for sponsoring the evening. The kids certainly had a wonderful night! Save the date: Welcome BBQ and P&C AGM on Tuesday February 8th 2022 (Covid restrictions permitting).



**Gardens and Grounds:** Thank you to all those who have helped out throughout the year on the Gardens & Grounds and the working bees we had in 2022. Unfortunately, we had to put a hold on the latest couple of working bees, but I'm hopeful we'll be able to get back into the garden early next year. Keep an eye out for the next working bee in Term 1 2022, we will post the dates when we return in the new year. Until then, Merry Christmas and all the best for 2022. Chris.

**Class Parent Reps:** Thanks to all our class parent representatives for 2021. We really appreciate the role you played in connecting class families and contributing to the MPS community. 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](mailto:classparentrepsmps@gmail.com).

## SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

One member of our school board will reach the end of their appointment in March 2022 creating a vacancy for a parent 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](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 will open at **11am on Monday, 7 February 2022**.

## 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.

Families who pay for stationery packs before 4 February 2022 will receive a discount AND go into a draw to receive their money back. So get in early and tick one more job off your to-do list.

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

## FAREWELL FROM VERONIQUE

I would like to say farewell and thank you to this amazing school and community. It has been the privilege of my professional life to be the Executive Teacher and Team Leader of the year 3-6 students and staff. Working alongside with our families to support our students has been a rewarding experience over the last three years. I have been fortunate to be able to work with such professional and caring staff.

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching French to the students in years 3-6, but like everything else this year, our French program looked very different due to the impacts of COVID. I truly hope that your children continue to enjoy learning French, about other cultures and becoming responsible global citizens who demonstrate persistence, integrity and excellence. I leave MPS with fond memories and I will miss you all. I wish you all a happy, safe and festive season.

Merci et au revoir.

Veronique Canellas

# NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2021 Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Library Trust Fund donations	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2022 Year 5/6 Camp Cooba	Year 4 & Year 5	Friday 3 December
2022 Stationery supplies	Preschool—Year 5	Payments welcome anytime

## 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	Les Petit Légumes	Les Kalettes & Les Cucamelons
Kindergarten	Les Agrumes	Les Citrons Verts & Les Oranges
Year 1/2	Les Fruits Tropicaux	Les Ananas, Les Fruits de Dragon, Les Kiwis & Les Litchis
Year 3/4	Les Légumes	Les Brocolis, Les Aubergines, Les Citrouilles & Les Concombres
Year 5/6	Les Baies	Les Groseilles, Les Fraises & Les Sureaux
Learning Support Unit	Les Fruits à Noyaux	Les Pêches

## SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Find alternatives to wrapping paper. Reuse gift wrap, ribbon and bows. Instead of using sticky tape reuse a ribbon.

## 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>	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Kippax Kids

### Holiday Happenings

for Primary aged children

presented at

### Kippax Uniting Community Centre

Hardwick Cres, Holt (opp Kippax Fair)

10 am - 2 pm

Thursday 20th & 27th January 2022

Different craft, games, stories and activities each day



Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more in a family (covers craft and morning tea).

BYO lunch and hat. Do not attend if unwell.

Bookings essential - 6254 1733

An activity of Kippax Uniting Church



This is a Covid Aware event



Ping Pong Throwers / Timber Swords / Bird Feeders / Clocks

## TWO SHEDS WORKSHOP WOODWORK FOR KIDS HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

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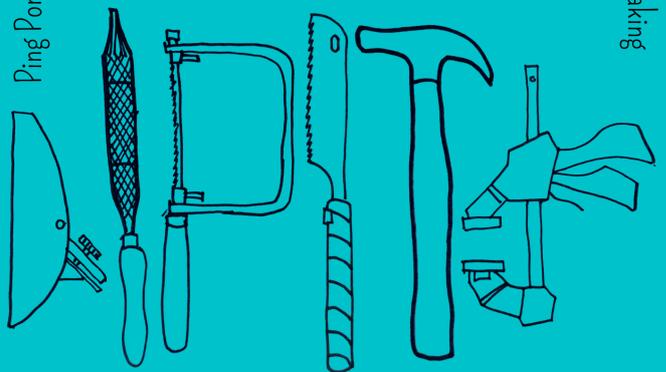
REAL TOOLS

REAL SKILLS

COOL PROJECTS



Spoon Carving / Nail & String Pictures / Present Making



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# RATS

## UNDER 10 COME N' TRY

WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2022, 5-6PM  
WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022, 5-6PM

BELCONNEN HIGH SCHOOL, MURRANJI ST HAWKER

FOR GIRLS AND BOYS BORN 2013, 2014 AND 2015  
COME MAKE RATS MISCHIEF WITH US!!

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INTEREST IN THESE FREE ACTIVITIES PLEASE EMAIL  
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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS™



The next Holiday Happenings edition is now available online.

To see the *Programs, Activities & Events* happening these holidays go to:

[www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet](http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet)

## MUSIC for CANBERRA

[www.musicforcanberra.org.au](http://www.musicforcanberra.org.au) | 02 6182 0030  
Ainslie Arts Centre, 30 Elouera St, Braddon ACT 2612

### WHO WE ARE

Music for Canberra is a community music school providing Canberra's widest range of high quality music tuition.

From Music Play classes for infants through to the Canberra Youth Orchestra, we have something for all ages, backgrounds and abilities!



### WHAT WE OFFER

- Choirs
- Group Lessons & Ensembles
- Orchestral Programs
- School Holiday Programs
- String Groups
- Private Instrumental Tuition
- Mixed Ability Programs

For more details, visit our [website](http://www.musicforcanberra.org.au)

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS ARE BACK!

Interested in developing your singing voice?

Canberra Children's Choir and Training Choir are back for 2022. With over 50 years of history in the Canberra community and led by world-renowned musician Tobias Cole, there's no better place to get those vocal words working.

[ENROL NOW](#)

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Looking for a fun, educational school holiday program over the summer?

Music for Canberra is running two two-day workshops in January jam-packed with musical activities, including interactive electronic music demonstration and musical instrument building!

[ENROL NOW](#)

## ATTENTION PRESCHOOL PARENTS!

Do you enjoy reading with your child?

- ❖ We are looking for volunteers to participate in our study examining the role of reading experiences on preschooler's learning
- ❖ Located at our specially designed children's SPLAT lab at the University of Canberra & sessions typically last 60 minutes
- ❖ Parents and children will be recorded engaging in book reading
- ❖ Children will play some fun, game-based activities while parents complete a questionnaire
- ❖ Participants receive a \$10 gift card and choice of toy
- ❖ Sessions resuming soon. Sign up now!
- ❖ Register your interest by going to our website [splatlab.com.au](http://splatlab.com.au) or emailing [serc@canberra.edu.au](mailto:serc@canberra.edu.au)

