



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Principal

Tomorrow we will be cleaning up Australia - well maybe just Macquarie Primary School for now. On Friday 4 March we will be hosting a whole school event to clean up our community and consider how we can make more safe and respectful choices to conserve our environment. This year's theme is the same as last years – 'STEP UP TO CLEAN UP'. As our whole school inquiry into 'community' comes to an end soon which makes it fitting to empower students and the wider community to 'take action'. Taking action is the concluding stage of the inquiry process. It assists students to consider what they have learned and encourages them to respond, applying their new knowledge and skills. Students will be asked...if we have considered how we acknowledge Country and what we value in our community, then how can we apply this knowledge through our environmental lens and the concept of sustainability? We will be encouraging students and staff to make action pledges that can be shared with our community through Class Dojo.

Dates for the Diary

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 TBC

Friday 8 April

Term 1 ends

One of the goals in our Annual Action Plan is to 'improve student gain in literacy'. As a school we have been implementing 10 Essential Literacy Practices across the school over the past two years. These ten evidence based practices were developed through research conducted by Professor Nell Duke. While these practices are not the only literacy practices that should be used in the classroom, they are essential to improving literacy outcomes.

The 10 Essential Instructional Practices are:

1. Deliberate efforts to foster motivation and engagement within and across lessons
2. Read alouds of age appropriate books and other materials, print or digital
3. Small group and individual instruction, using a variety of grouping strategies, most often with flexible groups formed and instruction targeted to children's observed and assessed needs in specific aspects of literacy development
4. Activities that build phonological awareness (Years K and 1 and as needed thereafter)
5. Explicit instruction in letter-sound relationships
6. Research-informed and standards-aligned writing instruction
7. Intentional and ambitious efforts to build vocabulary and content knowledge
8. Abundant reading material and reading opportunities in the classroom
9. Ongoing observation and assessment of children's language and literacy development that informs their education
10. Collaboration with families in promoting literacy.

In addition to implementation of the above we also use a coaching model to upskill new educators and new staff to the school and use a teacher inquiry model to concentrate efforts on areas of need for our students in this unique setting. The inquiry model looks deeply at student data and evidence of learning to drive conversations about ongoing improvement and approaches to teaching.

Have a great week.

Jodie

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



NEWS FROM THE P&C

From the President: We still have a few vacant positions on the P&C for 2022. These include:

Secretary (Office Bearer)

Events and Fundraising Coordinator

Preschool Representative

These positions are all supported by other committee members and can be shared with another person - so feel free to join forces with a fellow parent or carer. Please contact macquariepandc@gmail.com asap if you are able to fill one of the roles.



Gardens and Grounds: SAVE THE DATE!!! Sunday 27 March for a Gardens and Grounds Working Bee. Further details to come.

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.

Here is a list of our **Class Parent Representatives** for 2022. A big thank you to those who have volunteered so far. As you can see there are still a few gaps to fill though and we would love to have 1 Rep for each class if possible. If you are able to help, please send an email to: classparentrepsmps@gmail.com

Cohort	Class	Teacher	Parent Rep	Rep Email
The Little Nippers	Red Crayfish	Maree Sweeting	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Green Yabbies	Maree Sweeting	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
The Water Birds	Proud Pelicans	Mary Pezzella	Sarah Wallach	sarahwallach77@gmail.com
The Great Barriers	Shiny Sharks	Garima Singh	Celia Rideaux	rideaux.celia@gmail.com
	Super Seahorses	Monique Darragh	Tajnin Lopa	tajninlopa@gmail.com
	Curious Crocodiles	Nicole Chapman	Dana Connan	daanish333@gmail.com
The Mangroves	Sweet Sea Stars	Lauren Green	Tina Apps	christina.apps@hotmail.com
	Great Ghost Crabs	Sean Gourlay	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Sensational Sea Snakes	Brooke Behan	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Courageous Clams	Chlo Sutherland	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
Coral Coliseum	Terrific Tiger Sharks	Nicky Kent	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Electric Eels	Eddie McCallum	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Magestic Mud Crabs	Patrick Kien	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Superb Stingrays	Rachel Appleby	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
Freshwater Fish	Golden Galaxias	Jenelle Martin	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Splendid Silver Perch	Lauren Price	CLASS REP REQUIRED	
	Scintillating Saratogas	Ben White	Fleur Roddam	mfroddam@bigpond.com
	Magnificent Murray Cod	Emma Murphy	Lauren Clancy	lclancym@gmail.com
Class Parent Representative Coordinator			Alethea White	classparentrepsmps@gmail.com

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.

MASK RULES REMAIN IN SCHOOLS

The mask rules for ACT schools and early childhood settings have not changed. Face masks must continue to be worn by staff and visitors in all indoor spaces at school and early childhood education and care settings.

Students in years 7 to 12 are also required to wear a face mask while in an indoor space at school.

The wearing of masks for primary school students is at the discretion of the student and their parents/carers but is not recommended for children in ECECs, or preschool to year 2.

The measures we have in place, including mask-wearing, are helping to limit the impact of COVID-19 and ensure continuity of learning for our students.

2022 STATIONERY SUPPLIES

Congratulations to the following families who have won the early bird prize for stationery. These families will receive a refund for one stationery pack.

The Little Nippers winner—Tilly

The Great Barriers—Millie

The Water Birds—Seeneen

The Mangroves—Naisyah

Coral Coliseum—Daria

Freshwater Fish—Ysabel

Payments for stationery can still be made at any time.
Payment options are listed on page 4 of the 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

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
Medical Consent Form	All students	Friday 18 February
2022 Stationery supplies	All students	Payments welcome anytime
Kindergarten Health Check	Kindergarten	ASAP

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

Clean up tomorrow for Clean Up Australia day.



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
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Email:	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (P-Yr2)	Candice Kingston	candice.kingston@ed.act.edu.au
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