



The Macquarie Memo

Issue 14: 19 May 2022

From our Deputy Principal

Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day. We are very privileged to have Education Minister, Yvette Berry, participating in the event with our students. We will be walking from both Macquarie and Cook shops, leaving at 8:40am. Staff will be available at both locations in hi-vis duty vests. Please do not leave your child unattended at either location. We encourage as many students as possible to participate in this great event with us.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16—Friday 20 May

National Road Safety Week

Thursday 19 May

Board Meeting

Friday 20 May

Walk safely to school day

Monday 23 May

Staff planning day

Thursday 26 May

Belconnen Region Cross Country

Monday 30 May

Reconciliation Day

Tuesday 31 May

2023 Information Session and School Tour 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 1 June

Hats off

Monday 6 June

Green Yabbies School Photos

Thursday 9 June

Kindergarten—Year 6 &

Next Monday 23 May we are having the first of our staff planning days. Our second pupil free day is on Tuesday 14 June. The Education Directorate has introduced two pupil free days at every school this term to provide our teachers with the much needed opportunity to catch up on their planning, work in teams to further moderate student work and develop specific student plans for the remainder of 2022. We encourage parents to find alternate care for children on these days, however school remains open for children of essential workers on both pupil free days. Students who attend will be supported to access the ACT Education Directorate's online learning portal for the day. You can register your child/ren to attend school on Monday 23 May or Tuesday 14 June by following this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSP4RbCXwBkR2XUe_3vqIW44rxxUDswFCOJ00-Zktg4I92w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Teachers are starting the process of writing semester one academic reports which are coming home in week 9 of this term, on Wednesday 22 June for the Green Yabbies preschool class and Friday 24 June for Red Crayfish preschool class and kindergarten to year 6. Preschool reports are given to parents and carers in hard copy, whilst kindergarten to year 6 reports are emailed to both preferred contacts. In the recent survey to parents about our academic reports, one aspect that was identified by many as being least informative was the subject outline that accompanies each subject area. On our current report template, this information is taken straight from the Australian Curriculum so you as parents have some information around the expectations set out about what students will learn for that subject. We have acknowledged that this information is not useful and are working as a whole staff to identify alternate subject outline information to use in the future.

I hope everyone has a great week.

Stacey

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

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



Interschools Snowsport Championships

Does your child ski or snowboard?

If they would like to compete in the Interschools Snowsports Championships to be held at Perisher from 18-22 July please get in touch with Liz Watterson - lizwatterson@hotmail.com

Every ACT public school is a great school

ENROL NOW FOR 2023

Enrol online by 3 June to receive an offer from 25 July 2022.

Need assistance?
Visit education.act.gov.au
or call the Enrolments Telephone Service 6205 5429.

ACT Government

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK—15 TO 22 MAY 2022

This National Road Safety Week, 15 to 22 May, the ACT Government is joining the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group to encourage the Canberra community to take the pledge to drive so others survive. However, as we know, road safety is everyone's responsibility.

To remind children about staying safe on the road, TCCS is running a colouring-in competition where children can win one of the activity tracker wrist watches. For more Information and colouring-in competition terms and conditions, go to [National Road Safety Week from 15 to 22 May 2022 - City Services](#).



National Road Safety Week 2022



PLEDGE TO DRIVE SO OTHERS SURVIVE
roadsafetyweek.com.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Election Day: Don't forget we are hosting an Election Day BBQ this Saturday. If you can please drop off any delicious cakes and treats you have baked on Friday 20 May to the front office at 3pm that would be great. Alternatively, you can drop your goodies to us at school on Saturday morning before 11am. We are also seeking donations of chocolate blocks for a game on Election Day, which can also be dropped off at these times. If you're free to help pack up on Saturday afternoon at 1.00pm or Monday morning (pupil free day), please send an email to fundraising.mpspandc@gmail.com



The P&C would like to thank all of our wonderful Macquarie Primary volunteers for all that they do. We couldn't do it without you all. Happy National Volunteers Week!

Class Parent Reps: We only have one more class needing a rep. Electric Eels still needs a volunteer, so if you are able to help out from that class, please send an email to: classparentrepsmps@gmail.com

Uniform Shop: The P&C Uniform Shop will be closed on the staff planning day on Monday 23 May.

Regular opening times are: Mondays 8:45 - 9:15, Wednesdays 3:00 - 3:30 and Fridays 8:45 - 9:15

Grab a bargain! Discounted discontinued items are available in flexischools (limited sizes), as well as scarves and beanies for winter. Orders for new uniform items can be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au or flexischools app. Flexischools orders will be sent home with students. Second hand items are available in the shop for \$2 and \$5, and donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times. Any questions can be sent to uniforms.mps@gmail.com

Gardens and Grounds: Our Term 2 Working Bee will be on Sunday 19th June. Pop the date into your diaries now.

NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022
VOLUNTEER
Better Together WEEK

National Volunteer Week 2022 Sponsors



CONGRATULATIONS ANIKA!

On Wednesday 4 May, the ACT School Sports Swimming carnival was held at the AIS. Macquarie Primary was lucky enough to have 1 student compete on the day. Anika from the Terrific Tiger Sharks competed in a total of 7 events on the day. All up, she came 1st in three of those events, plus a second, as well as another top 10 finish. As well as coming first in three events, Anika recorded two PBs in two of her events. Well done Anika, you should be really proud of your efforts.

Below is a list of Anikas achievements at the ACT School Sports swimming carnival held at the AIS.

200m IM Finals	1 st place (3:37.82 -New PB)
50m Freestyle Finals	1 st Place
50m Butterfly	1 st Place
50m Backstroke	2 nd place
50m Breaststroke	8 th Place
100m Backstroke	18 th Place (1:45.82 New PB)
100M Freestyle	33 rd place

If your child has made a significant achievement, please let us know so we can acknowledge this within our community.

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
Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Belconnen Cross Country	Selected students	Friday 20 May

Updating Contact Information

Please update the school office if you have any changes to phone numbers, home address or email address.

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

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, 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

Purchase recycled toilet paper with plastic free packaging.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

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Macquarie Primary School 2023 Information Session and School Tour

Are you interested in enrolling your child at Macquarie Primary School in 2023? Come along to an open afternoon with our Principal Jodie Rowell, and Deputy Principal Stacey Naden.

Tuesday 31 May - 3.30-4.30pm

Please RSVP via email admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au or 61421550.

