



The Macquarie Memo

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Dates for the Diary

10– 14 August

Winter walk to school week

Tuesday 18 August

ICAS Science test

Tuesday 25 August

Touch Gala Day Floral
Emblems selected students

ICAS Digital Technologies
test

Friday 28 August

Wear it Purple Day

ICAS English test

Tuesday 1 September

ICAS Maths test

Thursday 3 September

P&C meeting 6:30 pm

Friday 4 September

ICAS Spelling test

Monday 21 September

Snuggle pots arboretum
excursion

Thursday 24 September

Cuddle pies arboretum
excursion

Friday 25 September

Athletics carnival

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From our Deputy

Dear families

Over the past few weeks teachers have been participating in professional learning about human development, relationships and protective behaviours with staff from Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT (SHFPACT). This professional learning will inform the development of our Personal, Social and Community Health learning across the school, based on Australian Curriculum outcomes. Each year students will participate in a range of Social and Emotional Learning which will include Personal, Social and Community Health, school expectations and values and the MindUP curriculum which supports students to understand how their brain functions, provides insight into their own minds and behaviours as well as those of the people around them.

This week students in years 4-6 will be completing the *School Satisfaction & Climate Survey* with their teachers. The information from the survey helps shape the direction of the school and system. It shows us what is going well and where the areas for improvement are. Parents should receive an email this week containing instructions on how to complete the survey. Please take fifteen minutes to complete the survey to help us be the best we can be.

Writing is a focus of our School Plan so I'd like to share some insights into our approach. Teachers work with students to build skills and knowledge across a number of elements that enable students to be more effective writers. Those elements include:

- generating ideas for writing and modelling how to do this
- organising ideas so they are sequenced and coherent
- selecting vocabulary carefully to create the impact intended
- writing sentences that make sense, are grammatically correct and flow well
- applying spelling knowledge in the context of writing
- applying punctuation knowledge
- editing
- handwriting and typing skills (typing in senior years and early years are focussed on developing fine motor control).

Our students write everyday as research tells us children need regular and sustained opportunities to practise and refine skills taught. Not all writing is in the literacy block but throughout the day teachers plan a writing opportunity.

We plan to do a modified Combined Band for band students this term. The groups will be smaller and unfortunately there won't be a parent audience due to COVID restrictions. Year 6 band will be on the 11 September at Macquarie Primary School. Year 5 band will have their Combined Band on 14 September at Weetangera Primary School.

Jodie Rowell



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

Did you know ... Newcastle East Public School is the oldest continuously running school in Australia, established in 1816 by a pardoned convict named Henry Wrensford.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Community,

With Covid-19 still preventing face to face activities, the P&C is looking at other non-contact ways we can help the school.

One way we can all support the school and help the environment is to participate in the ACT Container Deposit Scheme. For every eligible container we recycle, the school can get 10 cents. This can really add up.

Eligible containers include most plastic, cardboard and metal containers between 150ml and 3L.

We hope that we can soon organise a day when the kids can bring containers to school for us to send to recycling (maybe even make a competition between classes). In the meantime, if you have eligible containers and can drop them off to a collection point, you can use the Macquarie Primary School telephone number below so the containers get credited to the P&C account.

Our telephone number for this service is **0423069625**.

The closest collection points are at the Hawker Shops, the ACT Basketball Courts in Belconnen and Anglicare Retail store at the Jamison Centre.

Details of how to drop off containers, the kinds of containers that are eligible and lots of other information is available at <https://www.returnit.com.au/faq/>

I will be trying out the process this week and hope others will join me. I will also post a running tally of our efforts regularly in the newsletter once we get going.

Thank you all for your help.

Brendan Ding

President

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Fridays 8:45-9:15, and Wednesdays 3:00-3:30. Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gladly accepted. Donations may be left at the Uniform Shop during open times, or at the Front Office.

Purchases can be made in the shop during opening times, online via flexischools.com.au, or place cash and order form (available in the front office) in the P&C mailbox at the office. Orders placed via flexischools.com.au or with cash and an order form will be sent home with students.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A big shout out to our wonderful parents/carers. Your P&C need volunteers for these events/opportunities:

Father's Day Stall

The P&C will be holding the annual Father's Day Stall. Due to COVID-19 however, the P&C are investigating whether gifts may be purchased in alternate ways. If this occurs, we will still need the help of volunteers. More information will follow shortly.

Colour Run

The Macquarie P&C is super excited to bring the Colour Run to Macquarie on **13 November**. We will likely need parents/carers to assist in manning checkpoints and stalls. Stay tuned for more information!

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is to be held on **Thursday, 3 September 2020 at 6.30pm** by video call. Stay tuned for more details about how to join the meeting.

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NEWS FROM THE P&C continued

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

When you dine at the **Canberra Southern Cross Club (Jamison, Tuggeranong, Woden or the Yacht Club)**, 7.5% of your meal and beverage value could be donated to the school. Link your membership card to the school at your local Club or sign up using this link: <https://cscmarketing.wufoo.com/forms/z1yqzsjq0orxe0g/>

The **Athlete's Foot (Belconnen)** will donate \$5 to Macquarie Primary for every pair of shoes purchased in store—this includes all children and adult shoes. Please don't forget to mention our school when buying your next pair of shoes.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

If you haven't already, please email your Class Parent Representative and provide them with your email address so that they can add you to their class contact list and begin communicating with you.

Your year group may have a parent WhatsApp or Facebook group that you can join to communicate with other parents/carers and stay in the loop. Reach out to your Class Parent Representative for more information.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

As part of our continuous effort to improve ACT schools, each year the Education Directorate invites all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 to give feedback through the **School Satisfaction & Climate Survey**. The survey opens on Monday 10 August and closes Monday 31 August. Your responses will help our school to identify what it does well and how it can improve. The data will also be used to underpin school improvement practices and inform government priorities, as well as in research projects and longitudinal studies aimed at improving the quality of education services in the ACT.

Keep an eye out for the survey invitation, including a unique survey link, which was emailed to all parents before the survey opened on **Monday 10 August**.

MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who received merit awards this week:

Silky Wattles	Aariz & San	Blue Gums	Alex & Cheryl
Golden Wattles	Agam & Marcus	Waratahs	Emily & Jennie
Silver Dollar Gums	Charlie & Zahra	Royal Bluebells	Charlie & Dinar
Red Gums	Jackson & Layla	Desert Roses	Eva & Miguel
Snow Gums	Ryan & Maeve	Winter Cress	Maidah & Helena
Scribbly Gums	Harriet & Max	Grevillia	Alana
Rainbow Gums	Zac & Lucia	Lemon Myrtle	Julia & Gemma
		Chocolate Lilies	Anna & Lewis



Taste of Languages Competition

Free and open to students from preschool to Year 12

PRIZES (each category)

First	\$100
Second	\$50
Third	\$20

To Enter

1. Choose a favourite meal or dish which involves another language
2. Make a short video (up to 3 minutes) to illustrate how and when the dish or meal is prepared and/or eaten.
3. Write a short piece (in English) – maximum 250 words, which
 - briefly describes the dish or meal and why you chose it
 - explains the meaning of the non-English names/words/phrases in the video or associated with the dish/meal
 - explains how the meal or dish relates to your life in Australia and/or to a particular culture or cultures.

Eligibility

Open to all students in the ACT and neighbouring NSW schools from pre-school to Year 12.

Only ONE entry per student

Categories

1. Preschool – Year 2 (with help of parent/guardian)
2. Primary (Years 3-6)
3. Middle School (Years 7-9)
4. Senior High/College (Year 10- 12)

Prizes in each category

1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50, 3rd prize of \$20.

Other finalists will receive a Certificate

Submission process

Email canberrabilingual@gmail.com with

- a link to your video
- written piece (max 250 words) and
- completed [Student Declaration Form](#)

NOTE: If you do not have an app to share videos or to create a link on your device, you can use <https://wetransfer.com>. Or contact us by email or mobile (0408 089 235) to discuss alternative methods to submit your video.

All entries must be received by

1 September 2020

Judging criteria

The judging panel will evaluate entries based on how well they:

- Illustrate the dish or meal and identify how or when it is prepared and/or eaten
- Explain its name in the relevant language and other special terms related to the preparation and/or occasion when the dish or meal is eaten
- Show the relationship between the dish/meal and a particular culture or cultures and/or your family, identity or life in Australia.

Up to 20 finalists will be shortlisted.

Winners will be notified by email and/or phone, and results will be posted on the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance website (<https://actbilingual.weebly.com/>)



Organised by the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) with support from Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc.(CMCF) and an ACT 2019-2020 Participation (Multicultural) Grant

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Touch football gala day	Selected students Floral Emblems	Friday 21 August
2020 Stationery supplies	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2020 Voluntary contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
2020 Band	Year 5 & 6 band members	Payments due now

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.

SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Are you making common recycling mistakes? For example the Materials Recovery Facility can't sort anything smaller than a credit card. Small items like plastic lids fall through gaps and contaminate other recyclables. Nothing smaller than a credit card is a good guide and make sure all containers are empty.

For more common recycling mistakes go to <https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2019/april/are-you-making-common-recycling-mistakes>

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts.

Phone K-6 site:	02 6142 1550	Principal	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
Phone preschool:	02 6142 1570	Deputy Principal	Jodie Rowell	jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au
Email:	admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (P-Yr2)	Stacey Naden	stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au
Website:	www.macquarieps.act.edu.au	Executive (Yr3-6)	Veronique Canellas	veronique.canellas@ed.act.edu.au
Facebook:	http://www.facebook.com/macquarieprimary	Business Manager	Ann Walker	ann.walker@ed.act.edu.au
P&C President	Brendan Ding	Board Chair	Amy McGuire	
	macquariepandc@gmail.com			

Help us make a children's book about bushfire smoke

Researchers at the Australian National University are looking into how we can communicate difficult topics like the health effects of bushfire smoke to children.

We're developing a children's story book this year (2020) and want input from parents/carers and educators of children aged 6-12 years whose primary language is English, Turkish, Arabic or Persian. Short (15 min) interviews will be conducted in Canberra and an interpreter can be provided upon request.

Want to participate? For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/bushfire-book>

Spring Tennis Canberra coaching registrations are open!

Tennis Canberra's professional coaches are running junior tennis coaching programs at both South & North Canberra clubs this Spring. We welcome first time players and those who are ready to play competition tennis.

The 2020 Spring Season starts the week of August 24th however you are welcome to join at any time.

For more information and to book please visit www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis or email play@tenniscanberra.com.au



Piano Lessons

Piano teacher in the local Belconnen area.

Craig Mewett

All ages and all styles.

Beginners welcome.

Ph. (02) 6278 7382.

Mob.0409 151 887.