



# The Macquarie Memo

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## From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

What a wonderful experience to hear the year 5 band play, to a real live audience yesterday at the senior assembly. It was nice to gather together and hear their accomplished playing, considering the year we have had and they have learnt to play brand new instruments, read music and play as a group. We are welcoming families to attend assemblies as long as you are able to social distance from people not in your household and please sign in when you attend in case contact tracing is ever needed.

I am sure many of your gardens have become overgrown with all the recent rain, just like our grounds. This has been compounded by the old ride on mower giving up the ghost. We have purchased a new mower, and as soon as the grounds dry out a little Kal will be on the mower tidying up our grounds. I can hardly believe that this time last year we were worrying about all the bare soil being blown away by the hot, dry winds, and this year we can't keep up with the mowing. If you happen to be in the school grounds waiting for children, please feel free to pull up a few weeds, you'd be doing us all a favour.

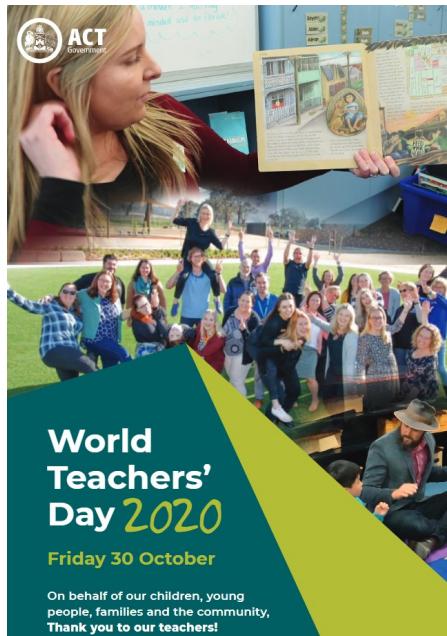
You may have noticed the hi-vis bunting up at the end of the Brindabella building, this is in preparation for the ground works for our new community garden, orchard, and meeting space with a pizza oven. There will be plenty of opportunity for members of our community to get involved with the construction, planting and ongoing gardening, keep your eye out for dates and times.

We are in the process of creating classes for 2021. If you know that you will not be returning to Macquarie Primary School next year please let us know. If there is any information we need to know to support your child to have a successful year in 2021 please email any of the executive team.

Tomorrow is World Teachers' Day. You might like to take this opportunity to celebrate teachers and education. The P&C have generously provided lunch for the staff to acknowledge our profession. We are all looking forward to it!

Have a great week,

Danielle



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# NEWS FROM THE P&C

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Great news, the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle held on 18 October raised a total of \$1460 for the school. A great result. Again, a very big thanks to Bunnings Belconnen, the team of volunteers who assisted to help make this event possible, and to the community who came along and supported Macquarie Primary School by buying a sausage.

We also held the cake stall at Belconnen Fresh Food Markets last Sunday, 25 October. We made an amazing \$878 for the school. A very big thanks to the Belconnen Fresh Food Markets for supporting us, our truly amazing bakers and the fantastic volunteers who helped out on the day. We couldn't have done it without any of you.



## Container recycling

Our next container recycling day is this **Friday, 6 November**. Golden wattles are still out in front with 402, but Rhys brought in 308 containers bringing the Winter Cress team to 379, but it is still anyone's game. The class with the most containers will win a pizza party for the second last week of Term 4. See our flyer for how to participate.

Brendan Ding

President, Macquarie Primary P&C

## P&C FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

### Readathon

The Readathon is under way. It started on Monday the 19th of October and finishes on Friday the 6th of November. Kids are asked to keep a record of all the books they read and ask their friends and family if they'd be willing to sponsor them for what they read. There is a prize for the most books read per year, and overall. How are the books going in your family? We're almost a week in at the moment and have 6 books read so far—and looking up words in the dictionary as well.



## 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](https://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](https://flexischools.com.au) or with cash and an order form will be sent home with students.

## LUNCH ORDERS

The canteen is back for Term 4 Friday orders, so be sure to get your order in via [Flexischools](https://flexischools.com.au) before the strict cut-off time of **8.30am each Friday morning**. Orders are accepted via [Flexischools](https://flexischools.com.au) only (sorry, no cash orders). Information about [Flexischools](https://flexischools.com.au) and the canteen, including the menu, is available from the front Office.

## NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held this **Wednesday, 28 October 2020 at 6.30pm** by video call. All are welcome. Please RSVP to [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com)

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### An invitation from Canberra High School P&C

Hi Macquarie P&C Committee –

I'm writing on behalf of the Canberra High School P&C Committee to introduce ourselves and invite you to join one of our upcoming meetings. This invitation may be of particular interest to parents whose children are planning to attend Canberra High in 2021.

The Canberra High P&C is a group of enthusiastic members who work with the school executive to support the school and students. We provide a forum for sharing information and ideas, we run the canteen and the second-hand uniform store, and fundraise for the school and students. The P&C welcomes all Canberra High families and community members. We are always keen to hear new ideas that support our school and students.

Our next meeting will be held as a virtual meeting on Tuesday 27 October (between 7.00-8.30pm), and our final meeting of the year will be held Tuesday 1 December 2020.

To RSVP please email us: [PandC.CHS@gmail.com](mailto:PandC.CHS@gmail.com). A meeting invite with log-in details and an agenda will be sent closer to the meeting time. You can also register for our mailing list to get updates about specific activities (eg fundraising, canteen, meetings): <https://mailchi.mp/00d805fa1696/chspandc>

We look forward to you joining us!

Thanks and regards,

Annette (McGuiness)

Canberra High School P&C President 2020

## YEAR 6 CANBERRA HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION VISIT

On Tuesday the 3rd of November (Week 4), Year 6 students will be walking to Canberra High School to participate in a transition visit and watch the annual drama production. Students will be leaving around 9am and will return at 11:45am. It will be a great opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with high school and experience some of the classes and activities available.

## MERIT AWARDS

Please congratulate the following students who will receive a merit award at the junior assembly next Wednesday:

Silky Wattles	Sarah & Felix
Golden Wattles	Shina & Alfie
Rainbow Gums	Jacob & Olive
Silver Dollar Gums	Elijah & Lily
Scribbly Gums	Dominique & Isabella
Red Gums	Adelina & Erdem
Snow Gums	Dante & Andaru

## LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week is over for another year but of course the reading continues. My 'to read' pile just seems to keep growing! Hopefully your children are still enthusiastically reading books to include in the read-a-thon. I'm sure you have seen lots of photos of last week's dress up fun in Class Dojo and we hope you enjoy some more evidence of the frivolities in the photos in this newsletter.

### Book Fair

**When?** Tuesday November 3 – Friday November 6

**Where?** Library (for students) and virtually (for families)

**How?** Classes will visit the Fair and complete a wish list. Students will also have brought a brochure home this week, and next Monday I will be sending home photos of the books for sale. If there is anything on the wish list/brochure/photos that you wish to purchase you can do so online, and I will send the books home with your child.

**Questions?** Monday's email will have very clear instructions but I will be checking my emails constantly as this is a very different procedure to our normal book fairs - [pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au)

### Overdue notes

Reminders for overdue loans will go home today. Term 4 is a great time to start tracking down missing books, ready for our annual stocktake. All books are due back by the end of week 8. Please email me with any questions or queries.

### Book Club

Orders for Issue 7 are due in tomorrow, Friday October 30. The catalogue can be found here <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TOPICS THIS WEEK

Preschool—This week our inquiring question is How do our bodies grow and change? As a springboard, we will read Bob Graham's story, 'The Red Woollen Blanket.' Together, we will order the different stages of the human lifecycle to demonstrate growth and change.

Kindergarten—This week, the Acacias continue their inquiry into our big questions 'What makes a body a body and how can I care for my body to keep it safe and healthy?' by looking at the question 'What are public and private body parts and why are some only for private?'. To prompt our thinking and wondering, be reading the book 'Everyone's got a Bottom' which talks about public and private parts. We will then be thinkers who connect their new learning when we label the parts of the body.

Year 1/2—The Inquiry Learning questions for week 3 are: What are my body parts called? How can I take care of my body and keep it safe? We will be reading Everyone's got a bottom by Tess Rowley. The central message of this text is: *From my head to my toes, I can say what goes.*

Year 3/4—During week 3, Year 3/4 will be focusing on the physical changes that occur during puberty and labelling body parts to assist in familiarising themselves with the human body.

Year 5/6—During week 3, female students will be learning about the changes that occur to males, and male students will be learning about the changes that occur to females.

## HELP WANTED: CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES (CRCS) GIVING TREE

Each year Capital Region Community Service (formerly Belconnen Community Service) provides Christmas Hampers to over 100 vulnerable individuals and families across Belconnen. These hampers contain some basic food items (which CRCS provides). They rely on donations from local schools and businesses to provide special Christmas cheer items such as gifts, treats, decorations etc. Our school is supporting this appeal and we encourage our staff, students, and families to donate a gift to help some of the less fortunate in our Belconnen community.

Gifts and items should be new and in sealed packaging. CRCS have recommended gifts of \$10- \$15 in value. These could include toys, games, vouchers, toiletries, books, puzzles and/or stocking fillers. There is always a shortage of gifts for teenagers and male adults. We encourage you to leave these gifts in the collection containers in your child's classroom. All donated gifts will be collected from our school at the end of November.

Thank you for supporting those in our local community who will do it tough this Christmas.

# Book Week

Can you recognise  
the characters that  
staff dressed up as?



## NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
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
Social Media and Website Permission	All year levels	As soon as possible
Mount Painter Excursion	Kindergarten	Friday 9 November
2021 5/6 Camp Wombaroo	Year 4 & 5	Friday 4 December
Year 6 Fun Day	Year 6	Wednesday 9 December

## 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?** Walk, bike and use public transport whenever possible. Walking and cycling is good for your health and the health of the environment. Think about walking or cycling to work, to make exercise and reducing carbon emissions part of your day. If neither of these are an option, think about taking public transport or carpooling.

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

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