



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Principal

Dear families and friends

It is so lovely to be back at school after my extended absence. Everyone has settled into term 2 and is hard at work. We have a busy term ahead with the cross-country carnival, NAPLAN for students in years 3 and 5, Reconciliation Day, World Environment Day, ongoing enrichment sessions, semester 1 reports and parent- teacher interviews.

You may have noticed that the ACT Government has removed its support for in school banking. This was a decision that the Macquarie school board took several years ago, to avoid endorsing one bank over another. We provide students with financial literacy education as part of our Mathematics and Humanities and Social Sciences experiences and have access to a resource put out by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) called Monday Smart.

As part of our processes to access programs funded under our grant we will be implementing the Australian Council of Educational Research Wellbeing survey for students from kindergarten to year 6. Students in years 1-6 will complete the online survey individually and kindergarten teachers will complete for their students. The survey identifies areas including; Feelings and behaviours – positive and negative emotions and behaviours, emotional skills – resilience, coping social skills – friendship, conflict values – respect, trustworthiness, tolerance learning skills – work management, engagement perceptions of school, home and community life. We will use this information to direct whole school and targeted responses. A note to opt out of this survey is coming home today if you would prefer your child doesn't participate.

I would like to introduce our community to our newest staff member. Teiyanee Mosby has started with us in a full time capacity. Tei will be teaching across the school providing in house relief when people are away. Please make sure you say hi when you see her and help her to feel welcome.

The 2022 enrolment process has opened this week. If you have a child who is eligible for preschool, year 7 or 11 next year you are able to apply to enrol in ACT public schools via the Education Directorate's website. If you need any assistance please don't hesitate to contact us and we can help you out. We will be holding information sessions for preschool and kindergarten later in the year. Canberra High is holding their information evening on Thursday 20 May, more information about that will be coming out soon.

Have a wonderful week,

Danielle

Thursday 29 April

Les Cucamelon CMAG excursion

Tuesday 4 May

Les Kalettes CMAG excursion

Wednesday 5 May

Mother's day stall for Les Kalettes

Assembly 2.15pm

Host: Les Litchis

P&C Meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom

Friday 7 May

Mother's day stall for Les Cucamelons and K-6 students

Cross Country 1.30pm

Monday 10 May

Year 6 combined band practice at Aranda Primary School

Tuesday 11—Friday 21 May

NAPLAN

Wednesday 12 May

Assembly 2.15pm

Host: Les Aubergines

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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 Acting President: There will be a P&C meeting on Wednesday 5 May at 6.30pm located in the staffroom, everyone is welcome.



Vacant positions on the P&C:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary

If you can spare a little time this year to help with our P&C we would love you to join. It really is a fun and rewarding activity for you to be involved with. Please email treasurer.mpspandc@gmail.com if you would like to help out!

Fundraising and Events: Mother's Day stall volunteers needed for 7 May (Friday) as well as for Preschool on 5 May (Wednesday).

Please complete a form from the office or email fundraising.mpspandc@gmail.com if you are available to help out. **Please remind your child to bring a carry bag that day to take their goodies home**

Gardens and Grounds: Working Bee – Sunday 16 May 9am—12pm.

If you are able to volunteer some time to work on the school grounds at the Working Bee we will be working on:

- * the new community garden
- * the black top garden beds
- * preschool grounds
- * more if we get enough volunteers!

Refreshments will be provided during the working bee. Please RSVP to Chris if you are able to help: grounds.mpspandc@gmail.com

Canteen: Our Canteen is after more volunteers to help out this term please. If you are keen to help out for 1 hour at lunchtime on a Friday, please email canteen.mpspandc@gmail.com

Friday is lunch order day. Orders are made via Flexischools (<https://www.flexischools.com.au>) and need to be placed by 8:30am Friday morning.

Breakfast Club: Don't forget Brekkie Club is on every Friday on the steps of the canteen between 8.45-9.00am. Come along for a piece of toast or bowl of weetbix.

Uniform Shop: Get ready for the cooler weather. Scarves and beanies are available in red or green polar fleece for \$5 at the shop.

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

Cash and card payments are accepted. Orders can also be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au. Orders placed online will be sent home with students.

Contact uniforms.mps@gmail.com with any questions.

INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Does your child ski or snowboard? The Interschools Snowsport Southern NSW/ACT Regional Championships will be held at Perisher from 20 - 23 July 2021.

With an emphasis on fun and participation students compete for their school in skiing and/or snowboarding events. If your child would like to participate, please contact Liz Watterson via the front office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book club Issue 3

Brochures for Issue 3 were sent home today. Orders can be completed either online at www.scholastic.com.au/loop OR with cash (exact change please) and the paper order form in a sealed envelope to the front office. Orders are due in by **Friday 14 May**. As always there is a 'gift order' option if you order online, which just means the order will be kept at school for you to collect without your child knowing. If you have any queries email pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au

May is National Family Reading Month. You will find information in the brochure on the family challenge you can complete. Happy reading!

MANAGING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN MACQUARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The ACT Government is committed to ensuring all public school buildings are safe and have the infrastructure to support high-quality education.

Most ACT public schools were built at a time when asbestos and lead paint were widely used in the building industry. As [a recently published list of schools shows](#), 76 of our 89 schools have lead paint and/or asbestos. Nearly all asbestos in ACT public schools is non-friable, also known as bonded or sheet asbestos.

Macquarie Primary was opened in 1968 and both lead paint and asbestos are present at our school.

We know where these materials exist, or are likely to exist, we monitor the locations regularly and we have a management strategy in place to keep our school community safe. Detailed reports are kept at the front office in a Hazardous Materials Register which you are welcome to view.

If you have any general questions about how we manage hazardous materials drop by the front office, or come along to an information night at UC Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra on Thursday 13 May from 6-8pm.

The session will include members of the Education Directorate's Hazardous Materials Taskforce, and lead paint expert Professor Mark Taylor. He is one of the specialists guiding hazardous materials work in ACT public schools ensuring our management is informed by international best practice.

The ACT Government has committed \$15 million to remove hazardous materials from public schools during the next four years. This is in addition to a school upgrade budget of \$99 million which will also help manage lead paint and asbestos.

You can learn more about how hazardous materials are safely managed in our public schools [on the Education Directorate's website](#). It has a fact sheet about lead paint, details about the Directorate's commitment and approach to managing hazardous materials, and it links to a new [ACT Health fact sheet about lead exposure and your health](#).

MERIT AWARDS

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

Les Citrons Verts	Carter F & Freyja N
Les Oranges	Emily Z & Si Tha K
Les Ananas	Maryam A & Dylan W
Les Fruits de Dragon	Rachael R & Habiba M
Les Kiwis	Alfie J & Sarah S
Les Litchis	Shima S & Nyandeng B

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
2021 Stationery supplies	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Canberra Museum and Gallery	Les Petit Legumes	Friday 30 April
Combined band practice	Year 6	Friday 30 April
Year 6 shirt	Year 6	Friday 7 May
Jerrabomberra Wetlands	Les Fruits Tropicaux	Friday 14 May
Camp Birrigai	Les Legumes & Les Pêches	Friday 21 May

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

Conserve energy. Turn off lights and electronics when not in use. Make it a habit to use natural light in your home as often as possible.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL

Avoiding all nuts.

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