



# The Macquarie Memo

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## From our Deputy Principal

NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 wrapped up this week. Thank you to the senior teachers and Veronique for supporting our students so well during this period and being flexible with programs. Thank you also to parents for sending your children to school prepared for NAPLAN. We look forward to analysing the NAPLAN data later this year. Reports will come home to each family so you can see your child's results.

### Dates for the Diary

#### Monday 24 May

Year 5 combined band practice

Les Fruits Tropicaux excursion to Jerrabomberra Wetlands

#### Wednesday 26 May

Belconnen Regional Cross country

Assembly 2.15pm

Host: Les Sureaux including rostum final

#### Monday 31 May

Reconciliation day public holiday

#### Tuesday 1 June

Kindergarten health checks

Les Baies Sullivan Shield Gala Day (selected students)

#### Wednesday 2 June

Les Kalettes CMAG Excursion

Assembly 2.15pm

Host: TBC

#### Thursday 3 June

P&C Meeting 6.30pm hosted remotely

Speaking of reports, teachers are very busy writing semester one reports at the moment. Teachers collect evidence of learning across the year and we spend time in year level meetings looking at student progress and discussing practice that supports increased student learning. The semester one report gives parents information about how their child is progressing towards the year level Achievement Standard in Australian Curriculum. For students in years 1 to 6, if they receive a 'C' they are working at the expected level for that subject – a 'C' is a great result. Some students will be working above and below the expected level. Teachers will provide strategies to support all student's progress in the comment boxes so they are very important to read.

Yesterday our Year 6 students did a visit to Canberra High School. Thanks to our Wellbeing Grant there will be many more visits coming up throughout the year and teachers and students from the high school will be coming to Macquarie to work with and connect with our students. Don't worry if your child isn't attending Canberra High, the exposure to the high school setting will support their success wherever they go.

Students have been completing the *ACER Social Emotional Wellbeing Survey* this week. This is one data source that helps us build effective programs to support wellbeing. We use this data to inform our Social Emotional Learning Programs and interventions. As we are running more targeted programs this year and across the next three years, parents can refer their child to access a small group program. Programs include African Drumming, Art Therapy, Warehouse Circus and Cool Kids program. Pick up a referral form from the front office or email admin to receive an electronic copy.

National Simultaneous Story Time was on Wednesday. Students read *Give me some Space!* by Philip Bunting. Thank you to Pamela, Kathy and teachers across the school for providing this invaluable experience.

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Until next time, stay safe and enjoy your wonderful children (they grow up very quickly!)

Jodie

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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

**From the Acting President:** THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped out at the Mothers' Day Stall a few weeks' back. We hope all the mothers and mother figures in our Macquarie Primary School community enjoyed their day.



Thankyou also to the volunteers at our Working Bee on the weekend. We can all see the improvements to the play areas and green spaces being made by this hardworking team.

The P&C have been approached by a member of the Macquarie Community who is advocating that the Macquarie public oval (adjacent to the school) be properly maintained by the ACT Government. If you are interested in supporting this cause, please contact us at [macquariepandc@gmail.com](mailto:macquariepandc@gmail.com) and we can put you in touch.

**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](mailto: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.

**Class Parent Representative:** We still require a volunteer to represent the Preschool class: Les Cucamelons please contact Alethea via [classparentrepsmps@gmail.com](mailto:classparentrepsmps@gmail.com) for more info.

**Uniform Shop:** Get ready for winter! Red and green polar fleece beanies and scarves are available for \$5 each. 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](http://www.flexischools.com.au) which will be sent home directly with students.

Donations of pre-loved uniform items are gratefully accepted during open times, or may be left at the front office. Please contact [uniforms.mps@gmail.com](mailto:uniforms.mps@gmail.com) with any questions.



**FREE EVENT**

**Mon 31 May 2021**

# Reconciliation Day

National Arboretum Canberra  
10am -2pm

More than a word.  
Reconciliation takes action.

Artwork (detail):  
Lynnice Church  
(Ngumawal,  
Wiradjun & Kamilaroi).

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# WORKING BEE



The working bee on Sunday was a great success with 30 helpers. It was a great day to be in the garden and the sausage sizzle at the end was the icing on the cake!

The next working bee will be in term 3, on Saturday 28 August so please keep the date free!



## LIBRARY NEWS

### National Simultaneous Storytime

Yesterday was an amazing day as we joined thousands of children across Australia all listening to a brilliant picture book being read by an astronaut in space! There were many conversations happening across the school as we thought about how it was possible to hear a person reading from hundreds of kilometres above the Earth. It was also a great way to celebrate an inspirational book written by one of our favourite authors – *Give Me Some Space* by Philip Bunting.

### Family Borrowing

All families are welcome to join our library to enable you to borrow more books. Forms are available at the front office and library, or email [pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au) if you would like the form emailed to you. This is a good month to join, being National Family Reading Month, and Mem Fox has some more tips to inspire us to read every day.

7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.

8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, finding the letters that start your child's name and yours— remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.

## AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS (AEDC)

In June 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. If you do not want your child included in the census, please see Stacey Naden before Friday 28 May.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

If you have any questions, you can contact Stacey on 6142 1550 or [Stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Stacey.naden@ed.act.edu.au)

## MERIT AWARDS

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

Les Brocolis	Oscar B & Danny P
Les Aubergines	Kaitlin B & Zahra A
Les Citrouilles	Om K & Aroush T
Les Concombres	Luke I & Alyssa G
Les Groseilles	Aiden C, Sachiel R & Asha C
Les Fraises	Holly S, Ilan T & Edward B
Les Sureaux	Annabelle S, Milly S & Khoi L

# 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
2021 Voluntary Contributions	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Library Trust Fund donations	All year levels	Payments welcome anytime
Jerrabomberra Wetlands	Les Fruits Tropicaux	Friday 14 May
Camp Birrigai	Les Legumes & Les Pêches	Friday 21 May
Belconnen Region Cross Country	Qualifying students	Friday 21 May
UNSW ICAS	Year 3—6	Thursday 17 June

## 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.

## OUR CLASS NAMES

Preschool	Les Petit Légumes	Les Kalettes & Les Cucamelons
Kindergarten	Les Agrumes	Les Citrons Verts & Les Oranges
Year 1/2	Les Fruits Tropicaux	Les Ananas, Les Fruits de Dragon, Les Kiwis & Les Litchis
Year 3/4	Les Légumes	Les Brocolis, Les Aubergines, Les Citrouilles & Les Concombres
Year 5/6	Les Baies	Les Groseilles, Les Fraises & Les Sureaux
Learning Support Unit	Les Fruits à Noyaux	Les Pêches

## 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

## SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Grow your own food by creating a family garden!

## SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

**Office hours:** Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

Macquarie Primary is an  
**ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

*Avoiding all nuts.*

<b>Phone K-6 site:</b>	02 6142 1550	<b>Principal</b>	Danielle Porter	danielle.porter@ed.act.edu.au
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### Venue

ANU, Acton  
 29, 30 June & 1st July 2021

Call 1300 914 368 or visit  
[australiansportscamps.com.au](http://australiansportscamps.com.au)  
 to book or for more information.



The flu vaccine is safe and will help protect you and your loved ones from influenza this winter. This year, a lot of Canberra's over the age of 18 will also be eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccination. You can have both but you should allow at least 14 days between the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine.

It's particularly important for children to be vaccinated, as they are more likely to contract influenza and spread it around. They're also at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick.

The flu vaccine is free in the ACT for:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant women
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older
- people aged 6 months and older with some medical conditions such as severe asthma, heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems
- people 65 years of age and older.

If you're not eligible for a free vaccine, you can still get vaccinated through immunisation providers including GPs and pharmacies.



[health.act.gov.au/flu](http://health.act.gov.au/flu)

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**6.00 - 8.00PM  
 INFORMATION  
 NIGHT  
 THURSDAY  
 20 MAY 2021**

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