



The Macquarie Memo

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Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 22 October
Board meeting 4:30pm

Wednesday 23 October
Year 5/6 depart to Camp Cooba

Friday 25 October
Grandfriends' Day
Year 5/6 return from Camp Cooba

Week 3—Ride safe to school week

Monday 28 October
Super Funky Artist workshop—kindergarten

Tuesday 29 October
Book fair begins

Wednesday 30 October
Assembly hosted by school captains
P&C meeting 6:30pm

Monday 4 November
Aquasafe program begins—Year 2s

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From our Principal

Dear Families and Friends

I feel like the spring weather might finally be here! It is good to see the flowers and plants budding after what feels like a long winter. This week we have several things happening across the school. Many of our year 5/6 students are attending Camp at Cooba, near Cooma. They are leaving early on Wednesday morning and returning on Friday afternoon. On Friday morning we are celebrating Grandfriends Day with lots of activities available during the morning session and Grandfriends are encouraged to eat their morning tea with their family members, this is our children's week celebration. Children's Week is celebrated in Australia on the 4th week of October each year. It is a time when we focus on the plight of many children across the world who are denied the basics of a happy childhood and education. Here we celebrate how lucky our children are, and tie it with Grandfriends day, for children to have an opportunity to talk with an older person about how the world has changed, and how childhood is different now than when they were young. I hope to see many of you there.

Included in this week's newsletter is the draft How it Works Portable Devices document. This document is the result of several months work and has been based on research, consultation with our local feeder high school and input from the school board members. The board has reviewed this and endorsed it and now it is coming out to the broader school community for further feedback. This document is scheduled to be implemented for the beginning of next year, so any feedback from community needs to be back at school by Monday 4 November. Please feel free to either annotate the document and send it back in or email me with any suggestions.

Last week we sent home the student placement hands to support class placements for 2020. This is not the only information we use to create classes but adds another layer to the creation of classes. While having a friend in your class is often helpful to learning, being with new people also opens the door to building new relationships and supports making new friends. This year we have subscribed to an electronic system which is designed to pick up any things we might have missed due to human error. It should enable classes to be year level and gender balanced so that we have a good mix in our classes. If you have any specific things you would like to discuss with one of the executive team to support your child please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of the executive team.

If you know of a family who have moved into the area, please remind them to enrol for school, as early enrolments help us with class creation for next year. If you are not returning to Macquarie next year please let the school know in writing with an email to admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au.

If you need to collect your child early it is helpful for you to let us know and we can make sure your child is in the front office ready for collection. It can be difficult to find a particular child during playtimes. We need you to sign your child in or out of school if you are arriving or leaving outside of the regular pick up and drop off times.

Earlier this year we held a parent session about supporting your child to manage peer conflict run by our then school psychologist Amy. This term our new psychologist is running a parent session on bullying for families. This will be held on Thursday 7 November at 5:30pm in the staffroom. If you are interested in attending please call the front office on 6142 1550 for catering purposes.

Have a great week,

Danielle

Grandfriends day

This Friday 25 October we will celebrate Grandfriends day. The day will commence with an opportunity to read together in the library from 8:30am until 9:00am

From 9:30-10:30 grandfriends and students can participate in a variety of activities followed by sharing a BYO picnic together at recess time.

We look forward to meeting many grandfriends from our community.



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LIBRARY NEWS



Book Fair

Only a week to go until our Book Fair will be here! All classes will be visiting the fair during school time but families are also warmly invited to visit our library before and after school to see the beautiful books for sale.

Book Fair dates: **Week 3 - Tuesday 29/10 – Friday 1/11**

Shopping hours: **8.30am – 3.30pm**

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! It's a great time to get Christmas presents with only 9 weeks left until Christmas. Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Book Club Issue 7

Due to the Book Fair event we will not be sending Issue 7 brochures home with students. We will, however, have a bundle of brochures in the library for any families still wanting to browse or purchase from Issue 7, and you will still be able to browse and purchase online via the Scholastic [website](#). Please email pamela.gaukroger@ed.act.edu.au to request a brochure.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

P & C MEETING

Wednesday 30 October 6:30pm in Library

This meeting will include a presentation by our Deputy Principal, Jodie, on the Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) program currently being implemented at Macquarie Primary. We welcome all members of the community who are interested in finding out more about our whole school approach to encouraging positive behaviours.

See you there!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is held each Friday morning from 8:45 am—9:00 am in Oasis for all students and their families. Please feel free to drop by for a piece of toast or some weetbix!

CANTEEN

Canteen is available every Friday - get your orders in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of 8.30am each Friday morning.

To avoid disappointment, after placing a Canteen order with Flexischools, be sure to open & view the confirmation email. If you don't see a confirmation email, the order will not be delivered.

If you have any enquiries or need to cancel an order please phone Healthy Kids Association at 6248 0857. Please cancel your order by 9am Friday morning.

For general enquiries please email dicksoncanteen@gmail.com

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

The SRC would like to thank everyone who participated in the end of term 3 Pyjama Day fundraiser for Buy-a-Bale.

Thank you for all the donations, as a school we raised **\$591.55**

This money has been donated to Buy-a-Bale, a registered drought relief organisation that delivers truck loads of hay around Australia. Our donations will help the farmers and their livestock.



Well done Macquarie Primary School!

CAMP REMINDER

Year 3/4 Camp Warrambui

A reminder that final payments were due on Friday 18 October. If you would like to arrange a payment plan please see Ann Walker, Business Manager.

GARDENING CLUB NEWS

Gardening Club runs on Tuesday and Thursday at recess. Students who attend Gardening Club learn about garden care, do trips to purchase plants and gardening goods and on occasion have guest speakers.

The Gardening Club students plant vegetables - water, fertilise and care for them...then cook them. We sell our cooking to teachers to make money to buy more plants to expand our garden. We grow many of our seedlings ourselves before transplanting them into garden beds. We hope in the future to have an orchard where we can also learn about growing fruit, pruning fruit trees and the different needs of fruit trees. Propagation is an area of interest and we hope to use propagation more in the future.



Our hard-working team regenerated the new Indigenous Garden at the back of the hall. All the plants in this garden have a traditional use to Aboriginal people. Adam Ship, a local Indigenous expert, came and spoke to our students, taught our students about how each plant was used and recommended plants for our garden. In the future we plan to label the plants and put steppingstones through the garden for our students to learn more about Indigenous plants.

Gardening Club maintain some garden beds - weed, water, fertilise and prune plants. We recently pruned the roses at the front of the school. We watched experts on YouTube and learnt the rose pruning rules.

We work really hard to make our gardens grow and look beautiful. Any students can come along to Gardening Club. We are always looking for willing gardeners.

I wonder if any of our parents have expertise in horticulture, propagation or other areas of gardening? If so, we would love to hear from you. We are always looking for guest speakers and people to provide further expertise to our group. Send me a message via email or catch me after school.

I huge thank you to those children who have brought in milk cartons to protect our seedlings. We very much appreciate your contribution.



Jodie Rowell

Garden Clubber

jodie.rowell@ed.act.edu.au

FRENCH NEWS

Between 27 August and 3 September 2019, students in years 3-6 participated in the *Language Perfect World Championships*. As new learners to French and as first-time competitors, our students did extremely well. The world-wide competition included 25 countries and as students answered questions about their Languages skills, they gained points. When students reached a certain threshold, they earned certificates. The competition extended, motivated and inspired our students to consolidate the language learning we have been doing in class.

Our overall results for the ACT were:

1st for French in ACT for the 101-250 students category

5th for French in ACT (out of 28 ACT schools)

The school received 2 Silver Awards (2,000 points), 3 Bronze Awards (1,000 points) and 8 Credit Awards (500 points).

Félicitations

A huge congratulations to all our students for such a fantastic effort. The students listed below will receive their certificates at the Assembly in Week 3.

Silver Award

Year 3 student

Year 5 student

Bronze Award

Saba B – Year 5

Jitshen C – Year 3

Zoe C – Year 5

Credit Award

Rai A – Year 6

James B – Year 5

Adrien H – Year 4

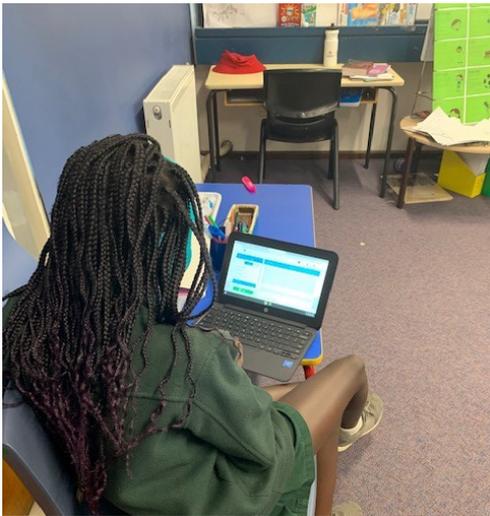
Xavier H – Year 4

Lucy M – Year 6

Maverick S – Year 4

Nina – Year 5

Tanush V – Year 5



NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Camp Warrambui	Year 3/4	Final payment due 18 October
Aquasafe program	Year 2	Permission was due 27 September
National Gallery of Australia	Year 1/2	Permission due 21 October
National Portrait Gallery	Kindergarten	Permission due 14 October
Language Perfect	Years 3-6	ASAP
Class Dojo	All families	ASAP
Class creator and ACER	All families	ASAP
Band payments	Members of band	Payment when possible
Voluntary contributions	All families	Payments always welcomed

**Macquarie Primary is an
ANAPHYLAXIS AWARE SCHOOL**

Avoiding all nuts and soft shell crab.

RECEIVE THE MACQUARIE MEMO VIA E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the Macquarie Memo via email, please email admin@macquarieps.act.edu.au or contact the Front Office.

Uniform Shop — Opening Hours

Monday: 8.45am—9.15am
Wednesday: 3.00pm—3.30pm
Friday: 8.45am—9.15am

Library

Open for families
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
8.30am—9.00am

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Office hours: Monday — Friday 8.30am — 3.30pm

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
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Under 12 Girls

Born 2009 / 10

Are invited to join us for Summer 2019/20 Season

West's Basketball Club welcomes all players ages 8 – 18.

We are specially looking for **under 12 girls** to join us for the summer season commencing in October

Parents are welcome to contact West's Basketball Club in relation to playing in the 2019/20 Summer Season.

www.westsbasketball.com.au

westsregistrar@gmail.com

Ph: 0421 074 408



Registration now open at **WESTON INDOOR SPORTS** westonis.com.au

2019-20 SUMMER REBOUND SOCCER

FOR KIDS AGED 5 TO 18

Season Starts: Sat 26 Oct 2019
 Season Ends: late Mar/early Apr
 Played: Saturdays - (break over school holidays and long weekends)

- * boys, girls and mixed teams
- * divisions for players of all skill levels
- * register as an individual or as a team (we will find you a team for you and your friends)

WHAT IS REBOUND SOCCER?

- * five-a-side game
- * played with a futsal ball
- * played on indoor courts with nets (more play time - the ball doesn't go out)

APPROXIMATE AGE GROUPS & KICK-OFF TIMES

Rooball Divisions	5 to 8 years	1:00pm – 4:00pm
Junior Divisions	9 to 12 years	8:00am – 12:00pm
Youth Divisions	12 to 18 years	9:30am to 1:30pm
Girls Divisions	8 to 18 years	10:00am – 2:00pm

Fees: \$180 per player (\$175 if paid by 12 September)
 (Discount of \$5 per child for 2 or more from the same family)

What to Wear? Shin pads, runners/futsal boots, long socks and team shirt.
Pre-season Training will be available. See westonis.com.au for more information.

REGISTER AT: westonis.com.au. Register online or download a form and email it to soccer@westonis.com.au or drop it in to Weston Indoor Sports, 45 Liardet St Weston.

Further Information – Contact Weston Indoor Sports
 Phone: 6288 0444 Email: soccer@westonis.com.au Website: westonis.com.au

Free to attend

positive partnerships
 Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your school

Canberra

Tuesday 22 October, 2019

9.15am - 3.00pm

Registrations open 22 Sept 2019

Location:
 Australian Institute of Sport
 Visitors Centre, Marathon room
 1 Laverrier street
 Bruce ACT 2617
 Morning tea and a light lunch provided

Interpreters available

To register, visit positivepartnerships.com.au

For help, call: 1300 881 971

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