



The Macquarie Memo

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From our Deputy

Hello Everyone

This is the last week the School Satisfaction Survey is open so please take a few minutes to complete the survey before the 30 August. You should have an email from EDU Surveys, it may have gone to your spam. If you can't find one, then email EDUSurveys@act.gov.au directly for help.

When it comes to reading it can be tricky to help children choose books. Supporting your child to access books of interest is very important. Teachers scaffold children into more complex texts using a variety of strategies. This is vital because reading rich texts helps students extend vocabulary, learn about the lives of others, laugh, cry, feel, develop insight, think more deeply, question, interpret and evaluate. Sometimes your child may bring home a book from library borrowing that is too complex for them to read alone. Reading to children models fluent reading and a love of books. It helps them access texts beyond what they can read alone. Reading aloud to your child provides the opportunity to talk about the vocabulary and deepen their knowledge about difficult concepts within the text. This is just as important, if not more important, than your child reading alone.

Kindergarten BASE assessments will be coming home today so please check your child's bag for this information.

With spring fast approaching a reminder that all children need their hats at school every day. As it gets warmer children will also start taking off jumpers so be sure to label all clothing items so they can be returned to families if lost.

Our bubblers are still not in use so bringing a drink bottle each day is essential. Children can refill drink bottles at school and are encouraged to drink throughout the day.

Jodie

Dates for the Diary

Friday 28 August

Wear it Purple Day

ICAS English test

National World Walk Mount
Painter Floral Emblems

Tuesday 1 September

ICAS Maths test

Touch Gala Day Floral
Emblems

Thursday 3 September

P&C meeting 6:30 pm

Friday 4 September

ICAS Spelling test

Friday 11 September

P&C Recycling Drive

Monday 21 September

Snuggle pots arboretum
excursion

Thursday 24 September

Cuddle pies arboretum
excursion

Friday 25 September

Athletics carnival

Last day of Term 3

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WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Tomorrow we will celebrate Wear It Purple Day. Wear It Purple's 2020 theme of **WE ARE THE CHANGE** envisions the importance of encouragement, empowerment and emphasis on making effective change for LGBTIQ+ folks and all minority groups. Wear it Purple strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for all young people.

LGBTIQ+ people exist in all diverse communities, ethnic backgrounds, religions, socio-economic status, genders, neuro-diversity groups. And it is our duty, as young people, to motivate, inspire and uplift our generation and future generations to create spaces for all minority groups to feel safe.

"WE ARE THE CHANGE" represents us, as a generation, implementing productive and inclusive changes in society. Now, more than ever, is a time to incorporate safety, inclusion and empowerment in schools and workplaces to fight adversity and marginalisation.

(from the Wear it Purple Website <https://www.wearitpurple.org/>).

Don't forget as the Safe and Supportive Schools Officers - Monique and Patrick are available for a chat at lunch times on Fridays in the Library.

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 ... that there are 11 languages taught in Australian schools? These are: Chinese, Italian, French, German, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Arabic, Modern Greek and Vietnamese.



ACT CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Did you know, that for every eligible container you recycle, the Macquarie Primary School can get 10 cents? This can really add up.

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

If you have eligible containers and can drop them off to a collection point, you can use the Macquarie Primary School P&C Code so the containers get credited to the P&C account.

Our code is:

0420499163

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/>

Your P&C is also running container collection drives during terms 3 and 4. The class with the biggest haul will win a pizza party! See the flyer included with your newsletter for the upcoming drive details.

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 online in 2020. To help make the online stall successful we still need several volunteers to help pack orders on Tuesday, 1st September. If you can assist, please get in touch at treasurer.mpspandc@gmail.com

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is to be held on **Thursday, 3 September 2020 at 6.30pm** by video call. Please RSVP to macquariepandc@gmail.com

LUNCH ORDERS

Don't forget that the canteen is open for Friday orders, so be sure to get your orders in via Flexischools before the strict cut-off time of **8.30am each Friday morning**.

Orders are accepted via Flexischools only (sorry, no cash orders). Information about Flexischools and the canteen, including the menu, is available from the front Office.

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	Dylan & Ajang	Blue Gums	Aroush & Edward
Golden Wattles	Rose & Toby	Waratahs	Kaitlin & Freya
Silver Dollar Gums	Lily & Xander	Royal Bluebells	Annika & Jason
Red Gums	Sireen & Marram	Desert Roses	Jitshen & Hadya
Snow Gums	Ella & Maia	Winter Cress	Kaylee & Elizabeth
Scribbly Gums	Qusay & Jasleen	Grevillia	Billy & Zoe
Rainbow Gums	Isabell & Neve	Lemon Myrtle	Henry & Noah
		Chocolate Lilies	Abby & Khoi

STRANGER SAFETY MESSAGE

This is reminder to help our children understand the importance of stranger safety and the need to report any unusual incidents or approaches to staff immediately.

If you become aware of an incident, or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or child, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness incidents or if you have any information that could assist Police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community and what to do if they ever feel unsafe. You may wish to visit the AFP website section on Child Safety for tips. In addition, the Safety4Kids is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The Constable Kenny website also has a number of tips for parents.

The school and the Education Directorate will continue to work with ACT Policing on this issue.

Contact: schooloperations@act.gov.au

Ph: 6205 3313:

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week - At this time each year we are normally in the midst of Book Week celebrations. This year, due to COVID, the Children's Book Council of Australia has postponed Book Week until October. While some schools are still having Book Week in August we have decided to wait for the official time; therefore Book Week for Macquarie Primary School will now be in week 2, term 4.

Book Club - Brochures for Issue 6 will go out this week. Orders are due in by Friday 11 September.

NOTES HOME & REMINDERS

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

EVENT DETAILS	YEAR GROUP	DATE DUE BACK
Arboretum	Preschool	7 September (Snuggle pots) 10 September (Cuddle pies)
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? If you leave your recycling in plastic bags it goes straight to waste in landfill – tip it in loose and put plastic bags in the rubbish bin.

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			



Tuesday 15 September 2020

7-8 pm

webinar

Transition to school

Tips and resources for parents supporting children who are starting school or preschool

Parents and carers are invited to hear about the research supporting transitions, and ways to help prepare children and families for starting school or preschool.

A resource kit will be available
To register (or request resources):

Facebook - ACT Council of P&C Associations
or phone: 02 6241 5759

Presented by the P&C Council and the ACT Education Directorate.



ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations



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ANU Tax Clinic

- » Trouble completing a tax return?
- » Not sure whether you need to lodge a tax return?
- » How do you access MyTax?

The ANU Tax Clinic provides guidance and information on income tax matters.

Book a Free Consultation

For eligibility criteria and bookings, visit

- » rsa.anu.edu.au/anu-tax-clinic

For any enquiries contact us at

- » taxclinic@anu.edu.au

Or call us on

- » 02 6125 4853